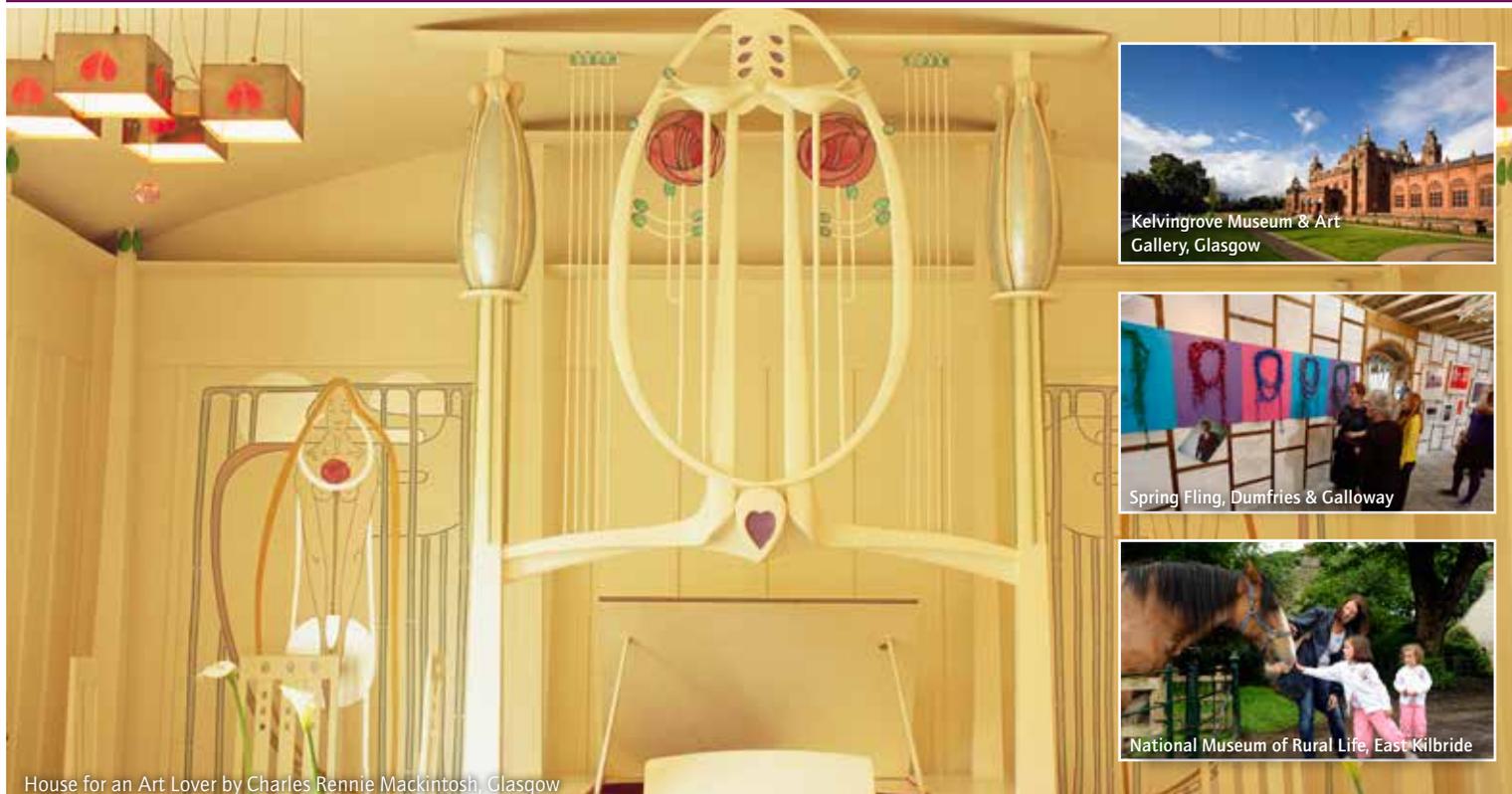


2016 - Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design



House for an Art Lover by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Glasgow



Kelvingrove Museum & Art Gallery, Glasgow



Spring Fling, Dumfries & Galloway



National Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride

Ideas to inspire

Glasgow, Ayrshire and Arran, Dumfries & Galloway, and Argyll

In 2016 Scotland will celebrate and showcase its historic and contemporary contributions to Innovation, Architecture and Design. We'll be celebrating the beauty and importance of our built heritage, modern landmarks and innovative design, as well as the people behind some of Scotland's greatest creations.

Glasgow is a city of contrasts. Nowhere is this more striking than in its architecture, from the celebrated Art Nouveau-inspired designs of the city's favourite son Charles Rennie Mackintosh to the remnants of the ship building industry that once thrived along the Clyde, and on to the thoroughly contemporary styling of some of the city's newest museum and visitor centres

Dumfries and Galloway boasts some of Scotland's most stunning castles as well as the UK's first dark sky park where you can view the cosmos with the naked eye or by telescope.

Ayrshire and Arran was the homeland of our national poet Robert Burns, one of the key figures in the famed Scottish Enlightenment, as well as Scotland's craft town, West Kilbride.

Beautiful Argyll offers glorious gardens and breathtaking stately homes, as well as one of the country's best kept technological secrets!

Events:

Festival of Architecture - throughout the Year – Since 2016 is our Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, we'll celebrate our rich architectural past and present with a Festival of Architecture taking place across the nation.

Burns An' A' That Festival - May – Head for the town of Ayr and join the celebrations of our national poet Robert Burns at this annual festival featuring live music, visual and performance art, family entertainment, food and drink and much more! www.burnsfestival.com

Spring Fling - late May – Taking place at various venues throughout Dumfries & Galloway, Spring Fling is Scotland's premier art and crafts open studios event. With up to 100 artists and makers opening their studios or setting up temporary studio spaces, the event is a unique chance to see the latest arts and crafts being created in Scotland. www.spring-fling.co.uk

Doors Open Days - September – Every weekend throughout September, buildings not normally open to the public throw open their doors to allow visitors and exclusive peak behind the scenes at museums, offices, factories, and many more surprising places, all free of charge. www.doorsopendays.org.uk/opendays

Mackintosh Festival - October – Glasgow celebrates the legacy of Charles Rennie Mackintosh in this month-long programme of lectures, workshops, music and performances, many of which take place in buildings designed by the great man himself. www.glasgowmackintosh.com/festival

Cowalfest - October – Argyll's scenic Cowal Peninsula is the perfect setting for this 10-day festival which in addition to celebrating the area's walking opportunities and the great outdoors, also gives visitors a chance to explore its art, history, heritage and great houses. www.cowalfest.org

Glasgow, Ayrshire and Arran, Dumfries & Galloway, and Argyll

Day 1 - Glasgow



1 CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH SITES – Celebrated architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh was one of Glasgow's favourite sons and his legacy can be seen in the stylish and unique architectural designs of various buildings around the city open to the public. These include Glasgow School of Art, House for an Art Lover, The Lighthouse and the Willow Tearooms.



2 GLASGOW MUSEUMS – Glasgow boasts some of Scotland's best loved museums. Kelvingrove Art Museum and Art Gallery houses one of Europe's great art collections and the Burrell Collection houses Impressionist artworks plus excellent examples of late medieval art, Chinese and Islamic art. The Riverside Museum has won architectural awards and houses a fabulous exhibition of some of the world's finest cars, bicycles, ship models, trams and locomotives.



3 NEW LANARK WORLD HERITAGE SITE – The award-winning New Lanark Visitor Centre tells the fascinating story of the cotton mill village of New Lanark which was founded in the 18th century. Explore the village and go back to 1820 to hear young Annie McLeod magically tell the amazing story of her life in this unique community. Woodland walks plus a shop, café and hotel are also on the site.



4 TITAN CRANE – One of Scotland's most unusual attractions, the Titan Crane is Clydebank's only grade A' listed structure and recalls the rich traditions of Glasgow's shipbuilding past. Visitors are transported 150ft above ground level where they can use viewfinders to enjoy the fabulous views down the Firth of Clyde. An exhibition in the wheelhouse sits alongside the magnificent, original workings of the Crane where guests can watch archive footage of shipbuilding on the Clyde.



5 GLASGOW SCIENCE CENTRE – From its eye-catching, futuristic architecture to its fascinating planetarium giving a fascinating insight into the heavens, Glasgow Science Centre puts Scottish design and innovation centre stage. The site includes the world's tallest fully rotating freestanding structure, providing panoramic views over the city and beyond.

Day 2 - Dumfries & Galloway



1 DRUMLANRIG CASTLE – The seat of the Dukes of Buccleuch, Drumlanrig is locally known as the 'Pink Palace' due to its red sandstone construction. Visitors will explore grand reception rooms, magnificent staircases, ornate period features, cosy parlours and a superb art collection, providing an intimate taste of life at the castle through the centuries.



2 HIDDEN TREASURES - MUSEUM OF LEAD MINING – Set in the picturesque village of Wanlockhead, the highest village in Scotland, the museum tells the story of the innovative mining techniques used in this real 18th century lead mine. The Visitor Centre has a fantastic display of rocks, minerals, gold, mining and local artefacts and in July and August you can even try your luck at panning for gold!



3 CAERLAVEROCK CASTLE – With its moat, triangular structure, twin-towered gatehouse and imposing battlements, Caerlaverock Castle is the epitome of the medieval stronghold. The castle's turbulent history is reflected in the onsite siege warfare exhibition. There's also a nature trail, shop and café.

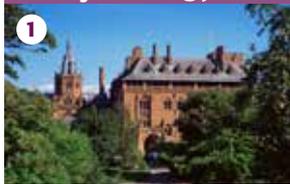


4 DARK SKY PARK – As well as being an excellent scenic spot to explore in daylight hours, Galloway Forest Park is the UK's first Dark Sky Park. It's one of the best spots in the UK to stargaze – even the Milky Way can be seen with the naked eye. The Scottish Dark Sky Observatory also sits within the park and offers two impressive telescopes, and a roof observatory. A downloadable guide is available online.



5 LOGAN BOTANIC GARDEN – Often described as Scotland's most exotic garden, Logan Botanic Garden has a fascinating history. Built on land inherited by the MacDougal family from caretaker king John Balliol in 1295, the garden is very distinctive in that the vast majority of plants and trees come from the southern hemisphere, where they were collected by member of the family and plant hunters employed by them in the 19th Century.

Day 3 - Argyll



1 MOUNT STUART, ISLE OF BUTE – Mount Stuart, situated on the Isle of Bute, is Scotland's most unusual stately home. Inside this Victorian Gothic masterpiece you'll marvel at the internal design, inspired by the 3rd Marquess of Bute's interest in the fields of astronomy, astrology, science and nature. There's also an award-winning visitor centre and 300 acres of gardens and woodlands to explore.



2 GLORIOUS GARDENS OF ARGYLL AND BUTE – Plants and flowers brought back by pioneering Scots who travelled to all corners of the globe in search of the world's most exotic species can be seen in many of these 18 spectacular gardens. They range from large mainland gardens with spectacular viewpoints to enchanting gardens on the islands of the Inner Hebrides.



3 HILL HOUSE, HELENSBURGH – The Hill House is universally regarded as Charles Rennie Mackintosh's finest domestic creation. The Hill House is a visually arresting mix of Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau, Scottish Baronial and Japonisme architecture and design. Mackintosh designed nearly everything inside the Hill House too, from the decorative schemes and the furniture to the fittings and contents.



4 CRUACHAN HOLLOW MOUNTAIN POWER STATION, DALMALLY – Situated amongst some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery, lying deep within Ben Cruachan, on the shore of Loch Awe - is one of the country's most amazing engineering achievements - Cruachan Power Station. Make the fascinating journey into the hollow mountain to see how some of Scotland's electrical power is generated from within this stunning landscape.

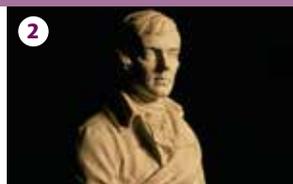


5 CRINAN CANAL, NEAR LOCHGILPHEAD – Described as both an outstanding piece of engineering and Britain's most beautiful shortcut, the Crinan Canal is the ideal stop off point in mid-Argyll. Admire the splendour of the surrounding scenery, take a stroll along the towpaths, and watch the yachts and fishing boats navigate the locks.

Day 4 - Ayrshire and Arran



1 BRODICK CASTLE, GARDEN AND COUNTRY PARK – Brodick Castle, Garden & Country Park on the Isle of Arran has so much to explore. The grand red sandstone Scottish baronial-style castle is packed with treasures and has stunning views over Brodick Bay to the Firth of Clyde. There are also landscaped gardens, woodland trails, wildlife ponds and waterfalls to explore.



2 ROBERT BURNS – Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, was one of the leading lights of the Scottish Enlightenment - a period in the 18th Century characterised by an outpouring of intellectual and scientific achievements which spread throughout the world. Find out more about the man and his works at the Burns Birthplace Museum.



3 CULZEAN CASTLE – A remarkable vision of turrets and battlements, the castle is surrounded by surging seas, lush forests and secret gardens. Marvel at the fine collection of paintings and furniture that adorn the interior and seek out the park's hidden treasures such as the ice houses, the Camellia House, the pagoda and the caves.



4 WEST KILBRIDE – CRAFT TOWN SCOTLAND – West Kilbride is Scotland's only designated craft town and samples the wealth of Scotland's craft and design talent. In the nine studios, including the award-winning Barony Centre, visitors can see innovative exhibitions, choose from a range of exquisitely crafted objects and take part in creative activities, as well as meeting the makers in their studios. Terrace is a popular feature for visitors.



5 DUMFRIES HOUSE – Saved for the nation by HRH The Prince of Wales, Dumfries House is a stunning 18th Century stately home at the heart of a 2,000 acre estate. Highlights include portraits of former members of the household painted by celebrated Scots artist Sir Henry Raeburn and a superb collection of Chippendale furniture. Saved for the nation by HRH The Prince of Wales, Dumfries House is a stunning 18th Century stately home at the heart of a 2,000 acre estate.