



FROM COAST TO COAST

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Day One

Mount Stuart

Mount Stuart is a 19th century country manor house with extensive gardens on the Isle of Bute. Mount Stuart is an award-winning attraction featuring magnificent Victorian Gothic architecture and design together with contemporary craftsmanship, surrounded by 300 acres of gloriously maintained grounds and gardens. The visitor centre houses a gallery, audio-visual presentation shop and restaurant. Guided tours are also available upon request. There is also an adventure play area and a scenic picnic area in the grounds of the house.

Mount Stuart

Isle of Bute,
PA20 9LR

W: <https://www.mountstuart.com/>



Rothesay Castle

Survey a fortress linked to high stewards turned royal dynasty. A circular sandstone wall encloses this mighty castle, famous for its long and close association with the Stewart Kings of Scotland. Your clients can step inside the great hall in the gatehouse, restored in 1900, to see a display about the castle and its royal owners and walk around the moat to view the stone curtain in all its glory and the resident ducks.

Rothesay Castle

Castle hill Street,
Rothesay,
Isle of Bute,
PA20 0DA

W: <http://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/Rothesay-castle>



Ardgowan House, Castle & Gardens

Unlike most other country houses that have changed hands during the course of their lives, Ardgowan has remained in the possession of one family: the Shaw Stewarts, since 1406. Sir Ludo Shaw Stewart, the Laird of Ardgowan, cordially invites your clients to visit his 76 room Baronial mansion for a private guided tour exploring the extraordinary story of Ardgowan.

Ardgowan House, Castle & Gardens

Ardgowan Estate
Inverkip,
Renfrewshire,
PA16 0DW

W: <http://www.ardgowan.co.uk/>

Glengoyne Distillery

Glengoyne Distillery is open all year around for guided distillery tours, whisky tastings, special events and a superb whisky shop. It is easy to reach, situated at just 40 minutes' drive from Glasgow or 30 minutes from Stirling and Loch Lomond. Glengoyne Single Malt is distilled more slowly than any other malt whisky. The spirit is nursed through the stills at one third the usual rate to create this complex, fruity, award-winning spirit. Glengoyne Distillery has also been featured in the Ken Loach film *The Angel's Share*.

Glengoyne Distillery

Dumgoyne,
Near Killearn,
Strathblane,
Glasgow,
G63 9LB

W: <https://www.glengoyne.com/>



The Kelpies

Standing at 100ft tall and weighing more than 300 tonnes each, the magical Kelpies are a man-made wonder and a feat of engineering. The works of art, created by artist Andy Scott, have become iconic on the landscape after being modelled on real-life icons of times gone by — Clydesdale horses Duke and Baron. The Kelpies represent the lineage of the heavy horse of Scottish industry and economy, pulling the wagons, ploughs, barges and coal ships that shaped the geographical layout of Falkirk.

The Kelpies

The Helix,
FK2 7ZT

W: <https://www.thehelix.co.uk/>



Day Two

Scone Palace

Scone Palace was the crowning place of Scottish kings where Macbeth, Robert the Bruce and Charles II were once crowned. Scone Palace breathes history like nowhere else in Scotland. It is the family home of the Earls of Mansfield and the ancient crowning place of Scottish kings on the stone of Scone. Your clients will see where the Stone of Scone, known as the Stone of Destiny, once stood and will discover why it now resides in Edinburgh Castle. During the Jacobite rebellions, the 'Old Pretender' spent three weeks at Scone while his son, Bonnie Prince Charlie, visited in 1745.

Scone Palace

Scone,
Perth,
PH2 6BD

W: <https://scone-palace.co.uk/>



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V&A Dundee

V&A Dundee is Scotland's first design museum and newest world-class visitor attraction. A ground-breaking centre for design innovation, a place of inspiration and enjoyment, it is the first V&A museum anywhere in the world outside London. V&A Dundee is the first building in Britain to be designed by Kengo Kuma, the renowned Japanese architect now designing the Tokyo 2020 Olympic stadium.

V&A Dundee

1 Riverside Esplanade,
Dundee,
Angus,
DD1 4EZ

W: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee>



RRS Discovery

In 1901 Captain Robert Falcon Scott set sail in the tall ship Discovery. As part of the epic voyage Scott and his men spent two long harsh winters frozen into the crushing Antarctic ice. Discovery returned home in 1904 to a hero's welcome and a place in maritime history. Your clients can also visit an award-winning attraction and museum that tells the story of RRS Discovery. The exhibitions are a mix of state-of-the-art audio visual and computer-based multimedia, alongside displays of actual artefacts that belonged to Scott and the brave crew who sailed with him.

RRS Discovery

Discovery Quay,
Dundee,
Angus,
DD1 4XA

W: <https://www.dundeeheritagetrust.co.uk/>



Day Three

St Andrews Cathedral

The remains of St Andrews Cathedral, which was Scotland's largest cathedral and most magnificent church, show how impressive it used to be. The museum houses an outstanding collection of early and later medieval sculptures and other relics found on the site, including the magnificent St Andrews Sarcophagus of Pictish date. The precinct walls are particularly well preserved. Your clients can also visit St Rule's Tower, in the precinct, is part of the first church of the Augustinian canons at St Andrews built in the early 12th century. There are splendid views from the top.

St Andrews Cathedral

The Pends,
St Andrews,
Fife,
KY16 9QL

W: www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/st-andrews-cathedral



British Golf Museum

The British Golf Museum is a 5-star Museum at the heart of the home of golf. Visitors are now welcomed by a re-modelled reception, shop and entrance galleries and a spectacular 80 seat café on the roof. Over 500 years of golfing history is displayed in the British Golf Museum in an impressive collection featuring some relics of the early game and a large section dedicated to The Open Championship. The Café at the Museum offers local produce in a superb setting, with unrivalled views of the famous Old Course and West Sands beach. This is a must visit attraction for your stay in St Andrews or Scotland.

British Golf Museum

Bruce Embankment,
St Andrews,
Fife,
KY16 9AB

W: <https://www.britishgolfmuseum.co.uk/>



Royal Burgh of Culross

Wandering around this charming town is about as close to stepping back in time to the 16th century as possible. The whitewashed, red-tiled buildings are well preserved, such as the Town House, where witches were tried and held while awaiting execution. The nearby ochre coloured Culross Palace, built by wealthy coal merchant George Bruce in the late 16th century, is in fact not a palace but a grand and impressive house. Your clients can explore the small rooms and connecting passageways, with wonderful painted ceilings, pine panelling, antique furniture and curios. This unique setting stood-in for Inverness when filming the first season of Outlander.

Royal Burgh of Culross

Fife,
KY12 8JH



W: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/culross>



Queensferry Crossing

The Forth Bridge, a railway bridge which was completed over 25 years ago, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a spectacular feat in engineering. The neighbouring Forth Road Bridge opened in 1964, and Queensferry Crossing, to the west of South Queensferry, opened in 2017.

Queensferry crossing

South Queensferry,
Edinburgh

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VisitScotland's Themed Years

Year of Scotland's Coasts and Waters 2020

In 2020, Scotland celebrates its Coasts and Waters with a year-long programme of events and activities which will shine a spotlight on these vital elements of our landscape.

From our beautiful natural features including coasts, lochs and rivers to our industrial heritage such as our canals, mills and the creation of our national drink – whisky, Scotland's Coasts and Waters have shaped our culture, our stories and our way of life.

So, whether you want to navigate your way around distant isles or canals, experience Scotland's maritime heritage at a visitor attraction, enjoy Scotland's abundant natural larder or discover Scotland's wildlife on a local boat trip - Scotland's coasts and waters are perfect for get-away-from-it-all adventures.

For more info www.visitscotland.com/ycw2020 and join the conversation using #YCW2020



Year of Scotland's Stories 2022

Scotland's Year of Stories 2022 will shine a spotlight on the richness of our stories, past and present; celebrating our literary Icons and heroes, diverse voices, stories that have leapt from page to screen and stage, the richness of our myths, legends and local tales - and the places that have inspired them.

The words of Robert Burns are known and celebrated across the world, as are works by Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson, while stories by modern Scottish authors, such as JK Rowling's Harry Potter tales, are inspiring today's generation.

The story of real-life legends such as King Robert the Bruce, Sir William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots have inspired poems, books and even Oscar winning movies.

Stories of magic, ghosts, witches, haunted castles and tales of mystical figures such as Kelpies abound, and there are the oral traditions handed down through generations in Scotland's many diverse communities. We invite visitors to join us in exploring the rich history of Scotland's stories in 2022, including a programme of events which will take place across the year



VisitScotland Websites

Our travel trade website offers the travel industry a one-stop-shop for **Scotland information, inspiration and tool kit**. The site is designed to assist tour operators and agents to sell destination Scotland more effectively to their clients.

Travel trade website **www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com**

Destination Education Programme **www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent**

VisitScotland consumer site **www.visitscotland.com**

Information on travel trade website

- Inspirational itineraries
- Downloadable e-brochures and maps
- Link to multimedia library for images and videos
- Online destination education programme
- Opt-in to receive our monthly travel trade e-newsletter.
- A comprehensive directory of Scottish companies who have committed to special rates, discounts and commissions exclusively available for the travel trade.

General websites

Britrail	<u>www.britrail.com</u>
News & Weather information	<u>www.bbc.co.uk/weather</u>
British Train information	<u>www.nationalrail.co.uk</u>
Scottish Train information	<u>www.scotrail.co.uk</u>
Bus information	<u>www.citylink.co.uk</u>
Historic Environment Scotland	<u>www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</u>
National Trust for Scotland	<u>www.nts.org.uk</u>
Scottish Tourist Guides Association	<u>www.stga.co.uk</u>