



# **CLASSIC CITIES**

## **SAMPLE ITINERARY**

## **Day One**

### **12:00 Meet at Mharsanta Restaurant**

### **12:15 Lunch at Mharsanta Restaurant**

Located in the heart of Merchant City, Mharsanta brings a taste of Scotland to your clients. Mharsanta has a passion for using seasonal, local produce from Scotland and are here to ensure guests have the very best experience from start to finish.

#### **Mharsanta Restaurant**

26 Bell Street,  
Glasgow,  
G1 1LG

Contact: Sophie Mallon  
T: +44 (0) 1415529900  
E: [sophie@mharsanta.co.uk](mailto:sophie@mharsanta.co.uk)  
W: <https://www.mharsanta.co.uk/>



### **13:30 Glasgow Music City Tours**

Picking the group up from Mharsanta Restaurant is one of Glasgow's most unique and entertaining walking tours. Celebrating the musical heritage of the city, Glasgow Music City Tours tell the stories behind the artists and venues that made Glasgow one of only two UNESCO Cities of Music in the UK.

#### **Glasgow Music City Tours**

3F3, 95 East Claremont Street,  
Edinburgh,  
Midlothian,  
EH7 4JA



Contact: Jonathan Trew  
T: +44 131 558 2715  
W: <https://glasgowmusiccitytours.com/>  
E: [info@glasgowmusiccitytours.com](mailto:info@glasgowmusiccitytours.com)

### **14:30 Arrive at The National Piping Centre**

The National Piping Centre serves as a national and international centre of excellence for the Great Highland Bagpipe. The Museum of Piping hosts three hundred years of piping heritage and consists of artefacts from the rich collections of National Museums of Scotland. It is the most authoritative display of its kind anywhere in the world. Meet the piper and have a go yourself!

#### **The National Piping Centre**

30-34 McPhater St,  
Glasgow  
G4 0HW



Contact: Natalie  
T: +44 141 353 5556  
E: [hotel@thepipingcentre.co.uk](mailto:hotel@thepipingcentre.co.uk)  
W: <https://www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/>

### **16:00 Depart from The National Piping Centre**

### **16:15 Arrive at Tennent's Brewery**

First produced by Hugh Tennent at Wellpark in 1885, this flagship brand has long been established as Scotland's best-selling pint. Tennent's Lager is brewed to meticulously high standards, using exceptional ingredients and characterised by its clean taste and refreshingly crisp finish – best served ice cold. Having maintained its popularity in the face of changing tastes and fashions, Tennent's Lager has also earned widespread acclaim for its staunch commitment to football and music in Scotland. With a modern visitor centre and a variety of tours, Tennent's have a variety of options for your clients.

#### **Tennent's Brewery**

161 Duke St,  
Glasgow,  
G31 1JD



Contact: Sean O'Hagan  
M: +44 141 202 7145  
E: [manager@tennentsvisitorcentre.co.uk](mailto:manager@tennentsvisitorcentre.co.uk)  
<https://www.tennentstours.com/>

### **17:15 Leave Tennent's Brewery**

### **17:30 The Glasgow Food and Drink Tour**

A food and drink tour company that allows people to experience and enjoy not only the food, drink and atmosphere of Glasgow's West End but also explores the culture and history of Glasgow itself. They offer tours ranging from three to six hours long that explore Glasgow's West End, Finnieston and elsewhere. They can also book separate food and drink tastings.

#### **Glasgow Food and Drink Tour**

5 Canariesburn Toll,  
Bearsden,  
G61 2QU

Contact: Gillian Morrison  
T: +44 7925 049 252  
E: [glasgowfoodndrinktour@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowfoodndrinktour@gmail.com)  
W: <https://www.glasgowfoodndrinktour.co.uk/>



### **19:45 Tour finishes in Kelvingrove Park**

### **20:15 Arrive at Hotel IBIS Glasgow City Centre**

For business trips or leisurely pleasure, ibis Glasgow City Centre puts everything within easy reach, including the SSE Hydro Complex, SEC Armadillo, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Sauchiehall Street, one of the best night's out you've ever had. The hotel is kitted out with modern décor and staffed by some of Glasgow's finest people, so your clients can explore this buzzing cultural hub with all the creature comforts they need, at prices that suit all budgets. Book the hotel for easy access to the train stations, restaurants and nightlife of central Glasgow. The major attractions, shopping and entertainment of Glasgow city centre are all within walking distance.

### **Hotel IBIS Glasgow City Centre**

220 W Regent St,  
Glasgow,  
G2 4DQ

Contact: Megan Downie

T: +44 141 222 2775

E: h3139-re@accor.com

W: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/3139/index.en.shtml>



## **Day Two**

### **09:00 Depart Hotel IBIS Glasgow City Centre**

### **10:30 Arrive at The Scotch Whisky Experience**

A 'must-visit' Edinburgh attraction, The Scotch Whisky Experience will make your guests 'Whisky experts', with an unforgettable whisky tasting within The World's Largest Collection of Scotch Whisky. Tours, held in 18 languages, and tasting options are available to suit every group, with a superb array of group dining options in the award-winning restaurant Amber Restaurant.

### **The Scotch Whisky Experience**

The Royal Mile,  
354 Castlehill,  
Edinburgh  
EH1 2NE



Contact: Pietro Cecchini

P: +44 131 220 0441

E: [p.cecchini@scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk](mailto:p.cecchini@scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk)

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

### **11:30 Depart from The Scotch Whisky Experience**

### **11:45 Arrive at Edinburgh Castle for visit and afternoon tea**

Edinburgh Castle is one of the oldest fortified places in Europe. With a long rich history as a royal residence, military garrison, prison and fortress, it is alive with many exciting tales. When you climb Castle Hill, you will walk in the footsteps of soldiers, kings and queens – and even the odd pirate or two. Though parts of it remain in military use, the castle is now a world-famous visitor attraction. It's also an iconic part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site.

### **Edinburgh Castle**

Castlehill,  
Edinburgh  
EH1 2NG



Contact: Rebecca Symonds

T: +44 131 668 8732

E: rebecca.symonds@hes.scot

W: <https://www.edinburghcastle.scot/>

### **14:00 Depart to Cobble Tales Tour**

#### **14:15 Cobble Tales Architecture Tour of the New Town**

One of Edinburgh's most unique and inspiring features is the city's architecture. Edinburgh University architecture tutor Olga Gogoleva set-up Cobble Tales Architecture Tours to enlighten visitors about what lies behind some of the city's most famous buildings. It has since become one of Edinburgh's most popular walking tours. Olga will be taking the group on a highlights version of the New Town tour. This tour includes a visit to the highly exclusive Queen Street Gardens.

### **Cobble Tales Architecture Tours**

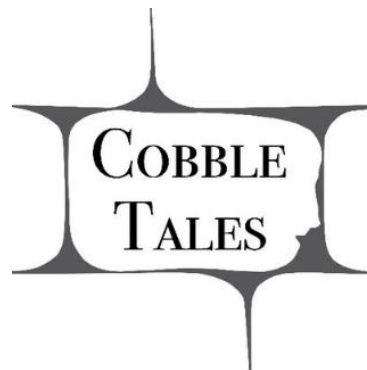
4 Hunter Square,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 1QH

Contact: Olga Gogoleva

T: +44 131 210 0091

E: hello@cobbletales.com

W: <http://www.cobbletales.com>



### **15:45 Depart for the Old Town**

#### **16:15 Historic Underground Tour with Mercat Tours**

Mercat Tours are the original five-star history and ghost tour company in Edinburgh. Established over 32 years ago, Mercat Tours' accredited guides bring Edinburgh's stories to life every day. Your clients can explore Edinburgh Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the National Museum of Scotland and Blair Street Underground Vaults. Mercat Tours offer Edinburgh experiences in English, French and German.

### **Mercat Tours**

28 Blair Street,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 1QR

Contact: Deborah Taylor

T: +44 (0)131 225 5445

E: Deborah.Taylor@mercattours.com

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





### **17:15 Travel to Crowne Plaza Hotel Edinburgh – Royal Terrace**

### **17:45 Arrive at Crowne Plaza Hotel Edinburgh – Royal Terrace for dinner and overnight stay**

Crowne Plaza at Royal Terrace is a 97-bedroom central Edinburgh hotel with sophisticated dining, bar and function spaces located near The Royal Mile. The elegant Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace hotel is about a 10-minute walk from Edinburgh Waverley railway station in an attractive location and features a rooftop terrace restaurant and courtyard garden.

#### **Crowne Plaza Hotel Edinburgh – Royal Terrace**

18 Royal Terrace,  
Edinburgh  
EH7 5AQ

Contact: Alexandra Armstrong-Crews

T: +44 131 557 3222

E: alexandra@royalterracehotel.co.uk

W: <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/edinburgh/edite/hoteldetail>



### **Day Three**

### **09:00 Depart Crowne Plaza Hotel Edinburgh – Royal Terrace**

### **10:30 Arrive at V&A Dundee**

The first V&A museum in the world outside London and the first ever dedicated design museum in Scotland, V&A Dundee welcomes your clients to the world of design and encourages them to explore how design creativity can be provocative, ingenious or simply breath-taking. Visitors can experience the remarkable story of design past, present and future and the vital contribution design makes to all our lives, through permanent displays and changing exhibitions showcasing the very best of design from around the world.

#### **V&A Dundee**

1 Riverside Esplanade,  
Dundee  
DD1 4EZ

Contact: Jennie Patterson

T: +44 (0)1382 411613

E: jennie.patterson@vandadundee.org

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



### **11:30 Depart V&A Dundee**

### **11:45 Arrive at Malmaison Dundee for lunch**

Whether you're visiting Malmaison Dundee hotel for business or a romantic weekend getaway, take your pick from 91 sumptuous rooms and suites spanning six fabulous floors. Handily located on Dundee's up-and-coming Waterfront along the River Tay, Malmaison Dundee hotel is just a

two-minute walk from Dundee Station and with viewing distance of Discovery Point and the V&A. The perfect place to stay in the City of Discovery.

### **Malmaison Dundee**

44 Whitehall Cres,  
Dundee,  
DD1 4AY

Contact: Claire McFarlane  
P: +44 778 878 5553  
E: cmcfarlane@malmaison.com  
W: <https://www.malmaison.com/locations/dundee/>



### **13:00 Depart Malmaison Dundee and walk to Verdant Works: Scotland's Jute Museum**

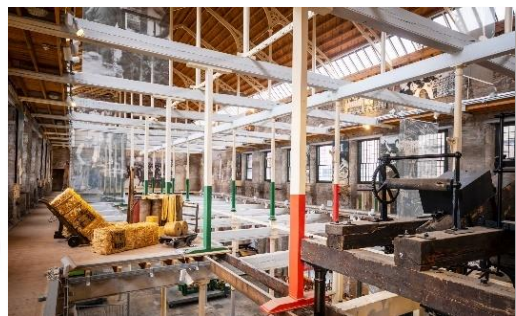
### **13:30 Arrive at Verdant Works: Scotland's Jute Museum**

Verdant Works is a world class visitor attraction which tells the story of Dundee's industrial textile heritage in the atmospheric setting of a beautifully refurbished mill building. Hear the tales of the mill workers, see how they lived and worked in an industry which enveloped Dundee. Explore this amazing building, see (and hear) the machines at work, and step back to a time where the Mills were the heart of Dundee. With extensive facilities for function and venue hire, this is a versatile and historic attraction.

### **Verdant Works**

West Henderson's Wynd,  
Dundee,  
Angus,  
DD1 5BT

Contact: Scott Munzie  
T: +44 (1382) 309 060  
E: scott.munsie@dundeeheritage.co.uk  
W: <https://www.verdantworks.com/>



### **14:30 Depart and walk to McManus Art Gallery and Museum**

### **14:45 Arrive at McManus Art Gallery and Museum**

The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum offers a fascinating insight into Dundee and with 8 stunning galleries to explore, there is a wealth of information to discover in our exhibitions of art, history and the environment. Visitors can enjoy a tour of the permanent displays with an Audio Guide Handsets - available for hire in 6 different languages - English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Mandarin.

### **McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum**

Albert Square,  
Meadowside,  
Dundee,  
DD1 1DA



Contact: Kevin McGinley  
T: +44 1382 431 538  
E: kevin.mcginley@leisureandculturedundee.com  
W: <https://www.mcmanus.co.uk/>

#### **15:45 Depart and walk to RRS Discovery**

#### **16:00 Arrive at RRS Discovery**

Experience life in the Antarctic with Captain Scott and his crew on the RRS Discovery at Discovery Point. Uncover the tale of one of the most heroic voyages of exploration ever undertaken. Follow in the footsteps of Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton aboard the Royal Research Ship Discovery at the multi award-winning Discovery Point, and experience one of the greatest stories ever told.

#### **RRS Discovery**

Discovery Quay,  
Dundee,  
DD1 4XA

Contact: Kim Adamson  
T: +44 (0) 1382 309 060  
E: kimadamson@dundeeheritage.co.uk  
W: <https://www.rrsdiscovery.com/>



#### **17:00 Depart RRS Discovery**

#### **17:15 Arrive at Sleeperz Hotel Dundee for dinner and overnight stay**

Sleeperz Hotel Dundee is a new 120-bed design-led hotel located directly above Dundee Railway Station, the gateway to the city. Guests will enjoy views over the nearby V&A Museum Dundee, the River Tay and onto the new Waterfront Plaza. With a modern and stylish design to rooms as well as the restaurant/bar, Sleeperz Hotel Dundee is a fresh take on the city centre hotel.

#### **Sleeperz Hotel Dundee**

2 S Union St,  
Dundee  
DD1 4BF

Contact: Aimie Beasley  
T: +44 746 985 8725  
E: aimiebeasley@sleeperz.com  
W: <https://www.sleeperz.com/dundee/>



### **Day Four**

#### **08:45 Depart Sleeperz Hotel Dundee**

#### **10:00 Arrive at Arbroath Abbey**



Site of the signing of one of Scotland's most famous documents, the Declaration of Arbroath, this ruined Abbey is an important site in the history of the Scottish nation. With a brand-new visitor centre opening in April, see the story of Scotland's fight for independence and the history of this remarkable mediaeval building. The year 2020 marks the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath, with a series of events and commemorations taking place across the year.

**Arbroath Abbey**

Abbey St,  
Arbroath,  
DD11 1EG

Contact: Rebecca Symonds

T: +44 1241 878756

E: [customer@hes.scot](mailto:customer@hes.scot)

W: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/arbroath-abbey/>

**11:00 Depart Arbroath Abbey**



HISTORIC  
ENVIRONMENT  
SCOTLAND

## **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](http://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](http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com)**

Destination Education Programme **[www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent](http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent)**

VisitScotland consumer site **[www.visitscotland.com](http://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	<b><u><a href="http://www.britrail.com">www.britrail.com</a></u></b>
News & Weather information	<b><u><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather">www.bbc.co.uk/weather</a></u></b>
British Train information	<b><u><a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a></u></b>
Scottish Train information	<b><u><a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk">www.scotrail.co.uk</a></u></b>
Bus information	<b><u><a href="http://www.citylink.co.uk">www.citylink.co.uk</a></u></b>
Historic Environment Scotland	<b><u><a href="http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk">www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</a></u></b>
National Trust for Scotland	<b><u><a href="http://www.nts.org.uk">www.nts.org.uk</a></u></b>
Scottish Tourist Guides Association	<b><u><a href="http://www.stga.co.uk">www.stga.co.uk</a></u></b>