



CLASSIC CITIES

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Day One

Glasgow Music City Tours

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



W: <https://glasgowmusiccitytours.com/>

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

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

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,
G3 1JD

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



Kelvingrove Art Gallery

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is one of Scotland's most popular free attractions and features 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8000 objects. The collections at Kelvingrove are extensive, wide-ranging and internationally significant. They include natural history, arms and armour, art from many art movements and periods of history and much more.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery

Argyle Street,
Glasgow,
City Of Glasgow,
G3 8AG

W: www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/kelvingrove-art-gallery-and-museum



The Glasgow Food and Drink Tour

A food and drink tour company that will allow your clients to experience and enjoy not only the food, drink and atmosphere of Glasgow's West End but also the culture and history of Glasgow itself. The company offers tours ranging from three to six hours long that explore Glasgow's West End, Finnieston and anywhere else in Glasgow and can also arrange separate food and drink tastings.

The Glasgow Food and Drink Tour

5 Canariesburn Toll,
Bearsden,
G61 2QU

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



Day Two

The Scotch Whisky Experience

A 'must-visit' Edinburgh attraction, The Scotch Whisky Experience will make your clients 'Whisky experts', with an unforgettable whisky tasting within The World's Largest Collection of Scotch Whisky. Tours are 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

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



Edinburgh Castle

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 your clients will climb Castle Hill, they will walk in the footsteps of soldiers, kings and queens – and even the odd pirate or two. The castle is now a world-famous visitor attraction and an iconic part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site.

Edinburgh Castle

Castlehill,
Edinburgh
EH1 2NG

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



Cobble Tales Architecture Tour

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. The New Town tour includes a visit to the highly exclusive Queen Street Gardens.

Cobble Tales Architecture Tours

4 Hunter Square,
Edinburgh,
EH1 1QH

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



Palace of Holyrood House

Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of Her Majesty The Queen in Scotland, stands at the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile. They offer group, special and private morning or evening visits. With free coach parking, discounted group rates, a group-friendly café and shop, the Palace is a magnificent visit for groups all year round.

Palace of Holyrood House

Canongate,
Edinburgh,
EH8 8DX

W: <https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse>



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

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

Day Three

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

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



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. Your clients will hear the tales of the mill workers, see how they lived and worked in an industry which enveloped Dundee and 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

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



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. Your clients 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

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



RRS Discovery

Your clients will experience life in the Antarctic with Captain Scott and his crew on the RRS Discovery at Discovery Point and uncover the tale of one of the most heroic voyages of exploration ever undertaken. Visitors can 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

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



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 700th 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



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



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