



CLASSIC SCOTLAND

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day One

Dinner and overnight stay at Grant Arms Hotel

In the fine Scottish country town of Granttown on Spey, not far from the famous Spey River in the Heart of the Cairngorm National Park, lies the handsome stone-built Grant Arms Hotel, specialised in Bird Watching and Wildlife. With a VisitScotland Taste Our Best accredited menu, the Grant Arms' restaurant will show off the best Scottish ingredients through a diverse choice of local and international dishes.

Grant Arms Hotel

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09:00 Depart for Culloden Battlefield

10:00 Arrive at Culloden Battlefield

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Visit the powerfully moving site of the final Jacobite Rising – the last and most harrowing pitched battle to be fought on British soil. Explore the interactive visitor centre, view fascinating artefacts from both sides of the confrontation, and experience the battle in our immersive surround cinema.

Culloden Battlefield

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11:00 Depart for Johnstons of Elgin

12:00 Arrive at Johnstons of Elgin

Johnstons of Elgin is a unique five-star visitor centre at our original 220-year-old mill on the banks of the River Lossie in Elgin. One of the world's leaders in luxury cashmere and fine woollens, your clients can take a guided tour around the mill to discover outstanding quality in the making. Browse the clothing & accessories range's in our Millshop before heading to The Courtyard to experience homewares and fabrics. Visit the Taste Our Best accredited Coffee Shop to enjoy breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.

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14:15 Depart for Rothiemurchus Estate, Cairngorm National Park**15:30 Arrive at Rothiemurchus Estate, Cairngorm National Park**

Step into traditional Highland estate life in one of the most picturesque spots in Scotland. Rothiemurchus is the jewel of the Cairngorms National Park and has been recognized throughout history as a special place for its beauty, magnificent pine forests and abundant wildlife. They can provide luxury tailored experiences for your clients: tours with a Ranger service, meet the Highland cattle, feed the deer, bespoke picnic lunches and a wide range of outdoor activities.

Rothiemurchus Estate

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16:45 Depart for Fishers Hotel

The Fishers Hotel has 141 guest rooms, 2 restaurants: Castle & Ballroom, 2 bars: Coach House & Gladstone's Whisky and Mr Fisher's Coffee Lounge. They have a mix of singles, twins, doubles and upgraded rooms. The Restaurants have the traditional Scottish touch, the food menu has been designed with Scottish local produce. Fisher's Hotel is in a great location for car, train or bus being right in the centre of Pitlochry and the heart of Scotland.

Fishers Hotel

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Day Two

09:00 Depart for Scone Palace

10:15 Arrive at Scone Palace

Walk in the footsteps of ancient ancestors and stand where once 42 Scottish kings were crowned on the famous Stone of Scone, also known as the Stone of Destiny. Explore the vast grounds in which the Palace sits, rich in their own magnificent history. This splendid historic location caters for both group and FIT visitors, exclusive use, private dining and events. Fishing, shooting, product launches, film and photo shoot location enquiries are invited.

In addition, luxury self-catering accommodation in the west wing and exclusive use of the private wing of the Palace are also available.

Scone Palace

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11:15 Depart for Royal Yacht Britannia

12:30 Arrive at Royal Yacht Britannia

Royal Yacht Britannia was home to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family for over 40 years. Take a fascinating audio tour of five decks in 27 languages. The tour is also available by British Sign Language tablet and English Braille script. Enjoy stunning waterfront views in the Royal Deck Tea Room and visit our fabulous gift shop. Private early morning and evening tours also available.

Royal Yacht Britannia

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14:30 Depart for Rosslyn Chapel

15:30 Arrive at Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel was founded in 1446 as a place of worship and services continue to be held here weekly. The Chapel has also been a popular destination for visitors for generations. By the late 18th-century, it was starting to appear on itineraries and its profile greatly increased after the publication of Dan Brown's novel, The Da Vinci Code, in 2003, and the subsequent film. Rosslyn

Chapel Trust was established in 1995 to care for the Chapel and oversee its conservation and public access.

Rosslyn Chapel

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16:30 Depart for Penicuik

16:45 Arrive at Craigie Hotel for show round

A very warm welcome to you from The Craigie Hotel, a beautiful and newly refurbished hotel located at the foot of the Pentland Hills, just 20 minutes from Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. With 16 elegant bedrooms, a first-class restaurant, a friendly bar, lovely grounds, and superb facilities for weddings and other occasions, The Craigie Hotel is the ideal choice.

The Craigie Hotel

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17:30 Depart for Dalhousie Castle

18:00 Arrive at Dalhousie Castle

A fortress fit for a king or queen with blissful spa facilities, award-winning fine dining and 35 beautifully appointed bedrooms (some with four poster beds, naturally). Standing within its own 11-acre parkland estate on the banks of the River Esk a mere 8 miles south east from the bright lights of Edinburgh, our 13th century castle is a truly enchanting place to visit whatever the season. Brimming with over 700 years of history, Dalhousie Castle is the kind of place that could have been plucked from the pages of a fairy-tale.

Dalhousie Castle

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Day Three

09:00 Depart for Abbotsford House

10:00 Arrive at Abbotsford House

Abbotsford, the home that Sir Walter Scott built in his beloved Scottish Borders in the early 19th century, is the enduring legacy of one of the world's greatest writers. On the banks of the River Tweed, his Scottish Baronial creation lies at the heart of the stunning landscape which inspired the poetry and novels that introduced Scott – and Scotland – to the world. This 5-star 'Palace of the Imagination' offers wonderful facilities – visitor centre, restaurant, nature walks, accommodation and of course Abbotsford House itself – a museum for living in.

Abbotsford House

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11:00 Depart for Thirlestane Castle

11:30 Arrive at Thirlestane Castle

One of the oldest and finest inhabited castles in Scotland. Your clients can experience the 17th-century plasterwork ceilings, one of the largest collections of family portraits in Scotland and a historic toy collection. On offer at Thirlestane are: Guided or Free-flow Group Tours, Tea Room & Gift Shop, Exclusive Use Opportunities, Luxury apartments with eight ensuite bedrooms for up to 16 people, State Rooms & rustic spaces for private and corporate events and Gardens and Parkland for outdoor activities.

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13:00 Depart for Edinburgh

14:00 Arrive in Edinburgh

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>