

INNOVATION, ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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



Q House for an Art Lover by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Glasgow



Q Kelvingrove Museum & Art Gallery, Glasgow



Q Spring Fling, Dumfries & Galloway



Q National Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride

Find historic and contemporary contributions to Innovation, Architecture and Design in Glasgow, Ayrshire & Arran, Dumfries & Galloway and Argyll. Discover 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 & 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 & 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

JANUARY

Big Burns Supper, Dumfries
www.bigburnssupper.com

MAY

Burns An' A' That! Festival, Ayrshire
www.burnsfestival.com

MAY

Spring Fling Open Studios, Dumfries & Galloway
www.spring-fling.co.uk

JULY

ButeFest, Argyll
www.butefest.co.uk

SEPTEMBER

Doors Open Days, all regions
www.doorsopendays.org.uk

OCTOBER

Mackintosh Festival, Glasgow
www.glasgowmackintosh.com/festival

DAY 1 - GLASGOW & CLYDE VALLEY



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 House for an Art Lover, The Lighthouse, Scotland Street School Museum and Mackintosh at the Willow.
T: 0141 276 5365
E: information.thelighthouse@glasgow.gov.uk
www.glasgowmackintosh.com



2
Glasgow Museums – find some of Scotland's best loved museums. Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum houses one of Europe's great art collections and the Gallery of Modern Art displays fascinating contemporary works by local and international artists. The Riverside Museum has won architectural awards and houses a fabulous exhibition of cars, bicycles, ship models, trams and locomotives.
T: 0141 287 4350
E: info@glasgowlife.org.uk
www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums



3
New Lanark World Heritage Site – the award-winning New Lanark Visitor Centre tells the fascinating story of the cotton mill village 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.
T: 01555 661345
E: trust@newlanark.org
www.newlanark.org

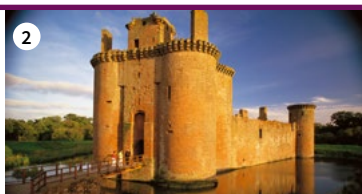


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Glasgow Science Centre – from its eye-catching, futuristic architecture to its amazing planetarium giving a fascinating insight into the heavens, Glasgow Science Centre puts Scottish design and innovation centre stage. The site includes the world's tallest fully rotating freestanding structure, providing panoramic views over the city and beyond.
T: 0141 420 5000
E: contact.us@gsc.org.uk
www.glasgowsciencecentre.org

DAY 2 - DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY



1
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!
T: 01659 74387
E: info@leadminingmuseum.co.uk
www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk



2
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.
T: 0131 668 8831
E: trade@hes.scot
www.historicenvironment.scot



3
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 offers two impressive telescopes, and a roof observatory. Or book a bespoke stargazing experience with a UNESCO Biosphere Dark Sky ranger.
T: 0300 067 6900
E: enquiries.south@forestryandland.gov.scot
www.forestryandland.gov.scot

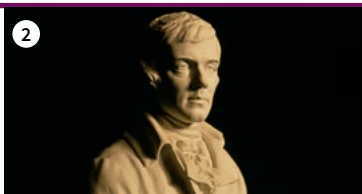


4
Logan Botanic Garden – often described as Scotland's most exotic garden. Built on land inherited by the MacDougal family from caretaker king John Balliol in 1295, the garden is very distinctive in that the vast majority of plants and trees come from the southern hemisphere, where they were collected by members of the family and plant hunters employed by them in the 19th century.
T: 01776 860231
E: www.rbge.org.uk/contact-us
www.rbge.org.uk

DAY 4 - AYRSHIRE & ARRAN



1
Brodick Castle, Garden & 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.
T: 01314 580204
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
www.nts.org.uk/brodickcastle



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 Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.
T: 01314 580204
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
www.burnsmuseum.org.uk



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.
T: 01314 580204
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
www.nts.org.uk/culzeancastle



4
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.
T: 01290 427975
E: tours@dumfries-house.org.uk
www.dumfries-house.org.uk

DAY 3 - ARGYLL & THE ISLES



1
Mount Stuart, Isle of Bute – 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.
T: 01700 503877
E: contactus@mountstuart.com
www.mountstuart.com



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.
T: 01499 600261
E: info@gardens-of-argyll.co.uk
www.gardens-of-argyll.co.uk



3
The Hill House, Helensburgh – 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.
T: 01314 580204
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
www.nts.org.uk/thehillhouse



4
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.
T: 01546 603210
E: enquiries@scottishcanals.co.uk
www.scottishcanals.co.uk

Please note some attractions have seasonal opening hours. Please check opening times with the attraction.

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