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**Day One**

**16:30 Depart for Glenesk Hotel**

**18:00 Arrive at Glenesk Hotel**

Glenesk Hotel is situated in the beautiful village of Edzell at the foot of the Angus Glens. The Guinness World Record holder for the most varieties of whisky commercially available, offers over 1000 malts, 200 gins, 80 rums, large choice of ales. Traditional Scottish Menu is served in Fairways Restaurant and Golf View Cafe Bar; all ingredients are delivered daily by local butchers, fishmongers and farmers. Plenty of public Lounges, Swimming pool, Games Room, full size snooker table, spacious Car Park, large Gardens, special rates at adjoining Edzell Golf Club.

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Edzell,
Angus,
DD9 7TF

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**09:00 Depart for JM Barrie’s Birthplace**

**10:00 Arrive at JM Barrie’s Birthplace**

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Explore the birthplace and childhood home of Peter Pan creator, J M Barrie, and see how his early life inspired his work. Visit the exhibition, complete with original theatrical costumes and manuscripts. Stop by the wash-house where the young author performed his first play at the age of seven.

**JM Barrie’s Birthplace**
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DD8 4BX

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**11:00 Depart for Grandtully Hotel**

**12:00 Arrive at Grandtully Hotel**

The Grandtully Hotel by Ballintaggart is a newly transformed, vibrant eight-bedroom hotel with a 30-cover restaurant, bar, outdoor terrace and private dining room. Taking its lead from Ballintaggart Farm, The Grandtully Hotel by Ballintaggart is focused on an exceptional Scottish
food and drink experience. The former grandeur of the space has been restored with passion and an eye for contemporary design. Antiques sit comfortably next to today’s foraged bounty, cocktails together with tempting bar snacks. A sophisticated yet welcoming experience at any time of day or night.

**Grandtully Hotel by Ballintaggart**
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13:30 Depart for The Scottish Crannog Centre

14:00 Arrive at The Scottish Crannog Centre

Your clients will walk in the footsteps of the original Crannog dwellers and immerse themselves in village life with original artefacts; demonstrations of textiles, cooking and ancient crafts & technologies; paddle into prehistory in one of our replica log boats and take in the atmosphere inside the Crannog Roundhouse. Opened following the reconstruction of an Iron Age Crannog as an archaeological experiment, the Scottish Crannog Centre has evolved over the years to become a unique insight into life in the Iron Age. Throughout the visit, your clients will find a team of passionate, knowledgeable and friendly interpreters to help transport you through your Iron Age adventure.

**The Scottish Crannog Centre**
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PH15 2HY

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15:00 Depart for Dunkeld

16:00 Arrive at Dunkeld and Birnam, for visit to Beatrix Potter Exhibition

Your clients will step back in time in the world of a Victorian classroom, put on your own puppet show featuring Peter Rabbit and friends or experience a wash day in the style of Miss Tiggywinkle! Just a few of the treats in store for your clients when they visit our delightful interactive exhibition of Beatrix Potter.

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Beatrix Potter Exhibition
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Dunkeld,
PH8 0DS

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16:30 Arrive at Dunkeld House Hotel

The Dunkeld House Hotel is steeped in history and was originally built as the country retreat of the 7th Duke of Atholl. Today it boasts one of Scotland’s most enviable hotel settings and offers guests all the decadence and period features of a country house hotel with the modern-day amenities and luxuries you’ve come to expect of a four-star Scottish accommodation provider. Perthshire is also an excellent choice for a Scottish touring holiday or vacation and from Dunkeld House Hotel, you will find yourself just 90 minutes from 90% of Scotland. Stay for a few days, stay for a week and enjoy the very best in Scottish hospitality: spa facilities, award-winning food and drink, fishing beats, geocaching and so much more.

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PH8 0HX

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BlueSky Experiences: Offering Highland Games and Archery

BlueSky Experiences is one of Scotland’s leading event companies. Every year they welcome groups from across the globe who are looking for authentic and unique Scottish experiences. With exclusive use venue in Perthshire, secondary site in Edinburgh and partnerships with venues across Scotland, they can deliver tailored activities both indoor and outdoor, and cater to small and large corporate, incentive and leisure groups and can deliver events on a budget to VIP Scottish experiences. Activities include Scottish-themed adventure races, Highland Safari, Highland Games, Falconry, 4x4 Driving Experience, Whisky Tasting, Ceilidhs, and many more.

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**Day Two**

**09:00 Depart for Doune Castle**

**10:00 Arrive at Doune Castle**

The formidable Doune Castle was built for the Regent Albany. The striking keep-gatehouse combines domestic quarters including the splendid Lord's Hall with its carved oak screen, musicians' gallery and double fireplace. This was used as a film location for the BBC production of Ivanhoe and Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Doune Castle was also used for the castle known as Winterfell in the pilot of the award-winning TV series Game of Thrones as well as Castle Leoch in Outlander.

**Doune Castle**  
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Doune,  
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**11:00 Depart for Stirling**

**11:30 Arrive at Golden Lion Hotel for show round and lunch**

For over two hundred years, guests have been welcomed in through the handsome stone entrance of the Golden Lion, with royalty and Scotland’s national bard, Rabbie Burns, among them. Nowadays a sought-after setting for leisure, business and special occasions, the family-owned, family-run Golden Lion provides traditional Scottish hotel hospitality in modern style. From the contemporary comforts of the 67 rooms to the timeless grace of the magnificent Regency Ballroom, this is a Stirlingshire hotel with personality as well as professionalism.

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**12:30 Depart for Culross**

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13:00 Arrive at 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.

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14:00 Depart for Dunfermline

14:30 Arrive at Dunfermline Abbey

Situated in Scotland’s original capital city, Dunfermline Abbey is a site of major significance in Scottish history. It is also the final resting place of King Robert Bruce, notably minus his heart, along with seven other Scottish kings. More recently, the Abbey stood in for Westminster Abbey in the Netflix epic about Robert the Bruce, Outlaw King.

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15:30 Depart for Broomhall House

15:45 Arrive at Broomhall House

Broomhall House is one of Scotland’s grandest stately homes. The Family of Bruce, a name linked to valour and legend throughout Scottish history, has lived at Broomhall House for centuries. For the first time, this extraordinary home is available for exclusive private and corporate events and as an unparalleled film location. Lord Bruce will be taking a tour round his ancestral home and showcasing the powerful history of Broomhall and the Bruce family which has inspired countless adaptations in film, tv and literature.

Broomhall House
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Dunfermline,
KY11 3DU

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16:45 Depart for DoubleTree by Hilton – Queensferry Crossing

17:00 Arrive at DoubleTree by Hilton – Queensferry Crossing

DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh - Queensferry Crossing is located just outside the historic village of North Queensferry, on the picturesque North shore of the River Forth, and walking distance to the iconic Forth Road Bridge. Located on the outskirts of Edinburgh, this hotel enjoys excellent road and rail links to Edinburgh’s city centre as well as all cities North. Edinburgh Airport is only 15 minutes’ drive from the hotel. You don’t have to leave our hotel to enjoy an evening of stylish dining; savour fresh seafood and succulent steaks in The Shore Grill and Fish House restaurant and enjoy an after-dinner cocktail or your favourite single malt in The Forth Bar.

DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh – Queensferry Crossing  
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North Queensferry,  
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Day Three

09:00 Depart for Hopetoun House

09:20 Arrive at Hopetoun House

Hopetoun is a place of outstanding natural beauty with Scotland’s finest stately home at its heart and has been home to the Hope family since 1699. Explore the historic ancestral home, the 150 acres of gardens surrounding the house or relax in the licensed tearoom. As a five-star visitor attraction Hopetoun is the perfect location to visit, take part in outdoor activities or as an exceptional hospitality venue. Situated only 30 minutes from the centre of Edinburgh and 15 minutes from Edinburgh Airport. The house and estate are frequently utilised as a filming location and has been used extensively in the filming of Outlander.

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10:30 Depart for Garleton Lodge

11:30 Arrive at Garleton Lodge for show round and lunch

Your clients are welcomed to Garleton Lodge, this luxury B&B/small hotel and home in the Heart of East Lothian. From a hilltop position offering spectacular 360-degree panoramic views, they offer our guests a choice of eight ensuite rooms (four double/twin, two one-bedroom suites and our recently completed two-bedroom cottage suite – The Bothy) with full facilities including lounge with fully stocked bar, restaurant, BBQ hut, outside bar, spa/treatment room, hot tub and golf facilities including club storage, drying room, practice bunker and putting green.

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13:00 Depart towards Edinburgh

14:00 Arrive in Edinburgh

VisitScotland’s Themed Years

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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

VisitScotlandWebsites

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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

Brittrail 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

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