



# **FOOD AND DRINK**

# **SAMPLE ITINERARY**

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With over 30 years chauffeur drive and coach hire experience is working in partnership with worldwide Travel Agents, Event Organisers and Corporate Clients. They have been offering a valuable one-stop-shop solution, providing coach hire in Edinburgh and chauffeur driven car hire when bringing clients to Edinburgh, Scotland.

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## **STGA: Scottish Tourist Guides Association**

The STGA has over 400 members based in Scotland listed under different categories including Blue Badge Guides, Green Badge Guides and Yellow Badge Guides. Each guide brings a host of different skills ranging from languages to specialist areas of interest but what they all have in common is that they are great communicators.

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## Day One

### **11:45 Meet your guide Ronnie Berri at The Grand Central Hotel Glasgow.**

Directly adjoining Central Station, The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow was originally built in the late 19th-century as a great British railway hotel. One of the city's most prestigious buildings. Today, this iconic hotel is still a very much-loved landmark in Glasgow's skyline, sat within the hub of the Style Mile and at the centre of the city's many attractions. Perfectly suited for meetings, conferences, events and weddings, Grand Central Hotel is home to 21 flexible event spaces, each with its own style that complements the original character of the building. Following a recent refurbishment, the hotels largest space, The Grand Room at the hotel has undergone a full decoration. With capacity for up to 400 people, it is one of the grandest event spaces in the city.

#### **The Grand Central Hotel Glasgow**

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### **12:05 Depart from The Grand Central Hotel**

### **12:15 Arrive at Clydeside Distillery for lunch and tour**

Glasgow's stills are flowing again at the Clydeside Single Malt Scotch Whisky Distillery. Located close by the Queen's Dock you watch the craftsmen distil pure new spirit by hand, the time-honoured way. There is more than expected, with so many of Scotland's finest single malts to enjoy in the Whisky Shop and whisky tasting. You can even immerse yourself in Glasgow history as your clients wander around the fascinating Dockside Story.

#### **Clydeside Distillery**

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### **14:15 Depart Clydeside Distillery**

### **14:30 Arrive at Riverside Museum for Tipple cider tasting with Scottish award winning Thistly Cross Cider**

Riverside Museum is Glasgow's award-winning transport museum. With over 3,000 objects on display there's everything from skateboards to locomotives, paintings to prams and cars to a

Stormtrooper. Travel back in time with a whistle stop tour of Glasgow history in the iconic Riverside Museum before retiring to the infamous Mitre Bar for an exclusive cider tasting with Scottish award winning Thistly Cross Cider.

### Riverside Museum

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### Thistly Cross Cider

Thistly Cross, Scotland's award-winning farmhouse ciders, was born out of a passion for making cider in the best possible way, combined with belief in the quality of Scottish produce. Established in 2008 as a collaboration between farmer, Ian Rennie, and artist-turned-cidermaker, Peter Stuart, Thistly Cross has gained a reputation for making ciders that people rave about.

### 16:00 Depart Riverside Museum

### 16:30 Arrive at Pollok House for a guided tour

The Maxwell family lived for six centuries on the site, but the main part of the present house was built in the mid-18th century – an example of Georgian grandeur that would be at home in a Jane Austen novel. The house was extended in the early 20th century, but the 18th-century features were sympathetically preserved. Inside, Pollok's crown is its art collection. Sir William Stirling Maxwell amassed an extraordinary number of Spanish paintings, and portraits of the Habsburg rulers of Spain hang alongside powerful religious scenes.

### Pollok House

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### 17:45 Depart Pollok House and travel to Grand Central Hotel Glasgow

### 18:00 Check in at Grand Central Hotel Glasgow

### 18:45 Meet at the hotel reception for a short walk to Mharsanta Restaurant

### **19:00 Arrive at Mharsanta Restaurant for Tennent's pairing and Scottish Dining Experience at Mharsanta**

Located in the heart of Merchant City, Mharsanta brings a taste of Scotland to you. Mharsanta Restaurant 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.

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

First produced by Hugh Tennent at Wellpark in 1885, their 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.

### **20:45 Depart Mharsanta Restaurant**

### **21:00 Arrive at Grand Central Hotel for overnight stay**

#### **Day Two**

### **09:00 Depart Grand Central Hotel**

### **10:00 Arrive at Stirling Castle to meet Walking In Scotland for a walking tour of Stirling**

A city that has always been known for its castle and dark past, which has turned into a city very interesting to walk around. Walking in...Stirling is will show Stirling in all its glory to your clients. The company is a Scottish-run walking tour company built by locals offering visitors a variety of walks around different cities in Scotland, also including Glasgow, Inverness and St Andrews.

#### **Walking in...Scotland**

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### **11:00 Arrive at Stirling Castle for visit and lunch**

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's most historically important sites and was once a favoured residence of the Stuart kings and queens who held grand celebrations at the castle. Knights, nobles and foreign ambassadors once flocked to Stirling Castle to revel in its grandeur with its superb sculptures and beautiful gardens. It was a favoured residence of the Stuart kings and queens who held grand celebrations from christenings to coronations.

#### **Stirling Castle**

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### **13:15 Walk to Stirling Distillery**

### **13:30 Arrive at Stirling Distillery**

Stirling Gin was founded in October 2015 by husband and wife team June and Cameron McCann. Their vision was to produce a spirit that reflected the unique countryside of Stirlingshire and by using locally foraged nettles as well as fresh basil, they created a distinctly smooth and spicy herbal gin. What began as a project of passion quickly became a national treasure and June and Cameron took over the “Old Smiddy” in 2018 to build Stirling's first legal distillery. Situated at the foot of Stirling's beautiful castle, the distillery building has existed since 1888 and began life as a church temperance hall. From its humble roots, Stirling Distillery now produces a variety of spirits from gin to liqueurs and whisky.

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### **14:45 Depart Stirling Distillery**

### **15:15 Arrive at The Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre**

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Prepare for battle at our multi-award-winning visitor centre. The Battle of Bannockburn experience puts you at the heart of the action with cutting-edge 3D technology. Outside, wander across the parkland and admire the restored commemorative monuments, including the iconic statue of Robert the Bruce.

### **The Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre**

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### **16:30 Depart The Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre**

### **17:45 Arrive at Ballathie House Hotel for dinner and overnight stay**

Ballathie Country House Hotel is an idyllic picturesque setting on its own Perthshire Estate. The ambience is warm and welcoming as befits a hotel of this calibre. The staff are exceptionally welcoming, and the food is exemplary. The house dates back to the 17th century and many original features remain giving the hotel an air of classical elegance matched with a warm and welcoming ambience.

### **Ballathie House Hotel**

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## **Day Three**

### **09:00 Depart Ballathie House Hotel**

### **10:00 Arrive at Ballintaggart Farm for Cookery School and lunch**

Ballintaggart Farm is a refined, rural destination in Highland Perthshire. Your clients can stay in the individually designed bedrooms and enjoy eating or learning to cook fabulous food. Perfectly nestled into rolling hillside overlooking the beautiful Tay Valley, the site was historically a working farm. The steadings have been lovingly converted so visitors can relax, re-engage with the simpler pleasures in life and explore all that Highland Perthshire has to offer.

### **Ballintaggart Farm,**

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**11:45 Depart from Ballintaggart Farm**

**12:00 Arrive at The 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.

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**13:15 Depart The Grantully Hotel**

**14:45 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**

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**16:00 Depart from RRS Discovery**

**16:15 Arrive at 71 Brewing for a tour of the brewery**



71 Brewing has revived brewing in the city of Dundee after an absence of nearly 50 years and it is named by its founders as a tribute to the imposing brick building where the craft brewery is located. One of the last bastions of heavy industry in Dundee, the former Blackness Foundry at 71 Blackness Road was a proud symbol of Dundee's industrial heritage, its reputation for precision engineering and quality craftsmanship and the 'Engineers of beers' are now breathing new life back into an area once known as 'Hell's Half Acre'.

### **71 Brewing**

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### **17:30 Depart 71 Brewing**

### **18:30 Arrive at Panmure Arms Hotel for dinner and overnight stay**

Panmure Arms Hotel is a family run hotel with the emphasis on quality and service. Set in the picturesque village of Edzell at the foot of Glen Esk. Excellent access for golfing, hunting, shooting and fishing. All enhanced with the pleasant and attentive staff, warm and clean surroundings and a plentiful selection of wines beers and spirits. Conference and function facilities also available.

### **Panmure Arms Hotel**

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### **Day Four**

### **09:00 Depart Panmure Arms Hotel**

### **09:30 Arrive at House of Dun**

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland and designed with Georgian pride and baroque extravagance, House of Dun is every bit the perfect 18th-century laird's home. Inside, your clients can admire the masterful plasterwork, period furniture, embroideries and paintings. Outside, visitors can enjoy the meandering woodland walks and re-created Victorian walled garden. It took 13 years to complete it and the precision shows in the fine details. Joseph Enzer's plasterwork in

the saloon is masterful – classical tableaux and family emblems rise thickly from the walls and ceilings with filigree flourishes. Throughout the house, hand-stitched wool work and embroideries by Lady Augusta FitzClarence, daughter of William IV and actress Dorothy Jordan are equally impressive.

### **House of Dun**

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### **10:45 Depart House of Dun**

### **11:00 Arrive at The Caledonian Railway**

Located just off the A90, 30 minutes from Dundee and 40 minutes from Aberdeen, the Caledonian Railway is an entirely volunteer operated Heritage Steam Railway based in the small town of Brechin on the East Coast of Scotland. The railway was built in 1848 and was saved for preservation in 1979. Since then, steam and diesel hauled trains have been run by a small group of volunteers throughout the summer along the four-mile branch line between Brechin and the countryside stop of Bridge of Dun.

### **The Caledonian Railway**

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### **11:45 Depart The Caledonian Railway**

### **12.45 Arrive at Moonfish Café for lunch**

Established in 2004, Moonfish Cafe is located on the medieval streets of Aberdeen's merchant quarter with views of the 12th century kirk of St Nicholas. The kitchen's constantly changing innovative menu of modern British cuisine consists of a focused menu for lunch and dinner. Honest food made with local and seasonal produce, with a beverage list to match and close attention paid to an extensive gin list.

### **Moonfish Café**

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**14:10 Depart Moonfish Café**

**14:30 Arrive at Cocoa Ooze**

Cocoa Ooze is a luxury award winning chocolatier established in 2008 which produced a range of handcrafted chocolate and gifts with flavours and ingredients from suppliers throughout the UK and the world. Simple classic and unusual experimental flavours to catch the eye of the consumer with bright stylish packaging to match.

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## **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 [www.britrail.com](http://www.britrail.com)

News & Weather information [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather)

British Train information [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Scottish Train information [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk)

Bus information [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk)

Historic Environment Scotland [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk)

National Trust for Scotland [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)