



FOOD AND DRINK

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day One

Dinner and Overnight at The Links Hotel

The Links Hotel is set in the picturesque town of Montrose. It is located close to the centre and is within walking distance of the 5th oldest golf course in the world and the 3 miles of golden sand of Montrose Beach. This former Edwardian townhouse can be found opposite the historic Mid Links and is an excellent choice for private guests, smaller groups and families. It offers quality and individual designed bedrooms. The food and service are highly commended and for more informal eating, the Coffee House will delight your clients with an exciting mix of Scottish and continental cuisine. The Links offers excellent facilities together with warm and friendly hospitality, ensuring you a refreshing and relaxing stay.

The Links Hotel

Mid Links,
Montrose,
Angus,
DD10 8RL



Contact: Anne Stott

T: +44 (1674) 671000

E: reception@linkshotel.com

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

09:00 Depart from The Links Hotel

10:00 Arrive at Ogilvy Spirits

Located in the heart of Angus at Hatton of Ogilvy Farm and tended by the Jarron family for four generations, Ogilvy Spirits is now producing award winning single estate premium vodka. Based on a ground to glass ideology, everything is undertaken on the farm to form a small-batch local liquor of international quality. Ogilvy Distillery situated 2 miles from Glamis village was built in 2014 when the Jarron family became producers of Scotland's first potato vodka.

Ogilvy Spirits

Hatton of Ogilvy Farm,
Glamis,
Forfar,
Angus,
DD8 1UH

Contact: Louise Green

T: +44 1307 840444

E: info@ogilvyspirits.com

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



11:15 Travel to Dunkeld House Hotel

12:30 Arrival at Dunkeld House Hotel for lunch

Nestled into the beautiful Perthshire landscape, Dunkeld House Hotel boasts an unrivalled experience of Scottish country living. This four-star luxury country house hotel sits on 280 acres of well-maintained and natural woodland and overlooks the wide and fast-flowing River Tay, renowned for its famous salmon fishing. Your clients will escape the hustle and bustle of city life and enjoy nature, tranquillity and Scottish scenery at its very best. From a romantic weekend getaway to short break full of fantastic outdoor activities, our hotel holiday resort can be as relaxing or as action-packed as you wish it to be.

Dunkeld House Hotel

Blairgowrie Road,
Dunkeld,
Perthshire,
PH8 0HX



Contact: Emma Greensmith
T: 01350728334
E: Reservations.Manager@dunkeldhousehotel.co.uk
W: <http://www.dunkeldhousehotel.co.uk/>

14:30 Depart to Deanston Distillery

15:45 Arrive at Deanston Distillery for whisky and chocolate tour

Having been a cotton mill for 180 years, Deanston was transformed into a distillery in the 1960's and has been distilling whisky using traditional methods ever since. Visiting the distillery will make you experience the sights, smells and sounds of a true working distillery and we will show you how they hand craft the great whisky, which is sweet, fruity with a malty honeyed spiciness on the palate.

Deanston Distillery

Teith Rd,
Deanston,
Doune
FK16 6AG



Contact: Belen Catalan
T: [01786 843010](tel:01786843010)
E: info@deanstondistillery.com
W: <https://www.deanstonmalt.com/>

17:45 Depart for The Haggis Experience

18:30 Arrive at The Haggis Experience for nibbles on arrival, introduction to the haggis and dinner.

The Haggis Experience is a unique, entertaining and insightful introduction to haggis, Scotland's National Dish. Centrally located working sheep farm and full of history, folklore and culture which surrounds this iconic food venue. Your clients will discover how world-famous haggis is made, cooked and traditionally presented as well as new diverse contemporary interpretations of this delicious and surprisingly versatile dish. Then more importantly, sample the great taste of haggis.

Haggis Experience

4 Dominie Park,
Balfron,
Glasgow,
G63 0NA

Contact: Lee Rooney
M: +44 7808 094669
E: stephenb4000@gmail.com
W: <https://www.thehaggisexperience.com/>



20:30 Travel to Gleddoch Hotel, Spa & Golf

21:15 Arrive at Gleddoch Hotel, Spa & Golf

Newly refurbished for Spring 2016 to include a brand-new spa facility, Gleddoch offers an ideal location to explore the surrounding area. Boasting 75 rooms, full leisure facilities, 18-hole golf course and stunning views of the Clyde Estuary, the hotel is only 10 minutes from Glasgow Airport and makes for an ideal first/last night touring stopover.

Gleddoch, Hotel, Spa & Golf

Old Greenock Road,
Langbank,
Renfrewshire,
PA14 6YE

Contact: Laura Osborne
T: +44 (0) 1475 540711
E: laura@gleddoch.com
W: www.gleddoch.com/



Day Two

09:15 Depart from Gladdoch Hotel Spa & Golf

09:30 Arrive at The New Chocolate Company

At the New Chocolate Company your clients can learn about the process of making hand-made chocolate products and creating bespoke favours for weddings. The New Chocolate Company offers team building days for corporate clients as well as adult chocolate making classes and food and drink pairings.

New Chocolate Company

Kelburn Business Park,
Parklea Road,
Port Glasgow,
Inverclyde,
PA14 6TD



Contact: Brian Dick
T: +44 (0) 1475 743619
E: brian@thenewchocolatecompany.co.uk
W: <https://www.thenewchocolatecompany.co.uk/>

10:45 Travel to Craufurdland Castle

11:45 Arrive at Craufurdland Castle for tour of the castle and lunch at Laird's Table Restaurant

Craufurdland is a 'semi-detached castle' with the current Laird (Simon), his wife and their two daughters, Indra and Manisha living in the Laird's House side. The Tower House is available for self-catering accommodation for up to 16 people. The lands of Ardoch were given to the 2nd son of Sir Reginald De Craufurd, the first Sheriff of Ayr in 1245. "The Keep" was built, in the 1300s and then the stone spiral staircase added later. The stone spiral staircase is on the upper floors and is used to access the Knights room and the Garret at the top of the tower. The Laird's table restaurant menu reflects the best of the season's produce, designed into delicious, original dishes by the Head Chef Gareth Furey and his team.

The Laird's Table Restaurant

Craufurdland Castle Estate,
Kilmarnock
KA3 6BX

Contact: Simon Houison
T: +44 (0) 1560600003
E: lt@craufurdland.co.uk
W: <https://craufurdland.co.uk/lairds-table-restaurant/>



14:00 Depart from Craufurdland Castle

15:00 Arrive at Culzean Castle and meet Primal Adventures for forage walk and wilderness living skills

Primal Adventures are highly skilled professional experts delivering bespoke first-class immersive experiences. Passionate about Scotland and everything that it has to offer, the team deliver ultimate outdoor adventures. Facilitating large team-building corporate groups to smaller expeditions, Primal Adventures assure to delight by exploring Scotland's hidden gems.

Primal Adventures

Fairlie Quay Marina,
Largs
KA29 0AS

T: +44 0131 202 1174
E: matt@primal-adventures.com
W: <https://primal-adventures.com/>



17:30 Depart to The Gables Hotel

18:30 Arrive at The Gailes Hotel

The Gailes Hotel is in the heart of Ayrshire, one of the leading luxury hotels in the area and is surrounded by many wonderful championship golf courses on our doorstep. The family owned Gailes Hotel is renowned for its welcoming staff and exemplary service to ensure guests can enjoy a most memorable stay. Privately owned, proudly independent, The Gailes hotel has a friendly, relaxed atmosphere with excellent menu choice plus it can offer a wide range of activities on site and the surrounding area.

The Gailes Hotel

Marine Dr,
Irvine,
KA11 5AE



Contact: Allison Speirs
T: +44 (0) 1294 204040
E: info@simpsinns.com
W: <https://www.gaileshotel.com/>

Day Three

09:00 Depart from The Gailes Hotel

10:00 Arrive at Mackintosh at the Willow for a tour

Mackintosh at the Willow includes a 200-seat restaurant in the A listed, internationally recognised, original Willow Tea Rooms Building. The famous Tea Rooms first opened in 1903 and are of huge importance to Glasgow's architectural and cultural heritage and are the only surviving Tea Rooms designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. For the last 4 years it has been undergoing an extensive restoration to bring it back to its former glory.

Mackintosh at the Willow

215 Sauchiehall St,
Glasgow,
2 3EX

Contact: Isabella Scott
T: +44 (0) 1412041903
E: info@mackintoshatthewillow.com
W: <https://www.mackintoshatthewillow.com/>



11:00 Meet Scotbeer Tours at Mackintosh at the Willow for a food and drink tour

The story of Scotland through food and drink experiences with a specialisation in beer. Experiences mix storytelling, meeting locals, exploring history and sights off the beaten track with the best local food and drink. Highly personable local guides collaborate with the best producers and venues to offers day excursions, walking tours, tastings, mini-festivals, and immersive dining experiences in English and French.

Scotbeer Tours have an established track record serving FIT, private group, incentive, corporate and coach groups. Whether you're looking to impress a 5* couple or provide a fresh and authentic experience for 50-100+, they have experiences to suit. Tailored bespoke products can be created.

Scotbeer Tours

1 E Market Street,
Edinburgh,
Midlothian,
EH8 8FS

Contact: Sara Robertson

T: +44 (0) 131 207 0153

E: sara@scot.beer sara@scot.beer

W: www.scot.beer



14.00 The tour will finish in George Square, Glasgow.

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>