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Unique Experiences

Sample Itinerary

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Day One:

Blair Estate

Blair Estate is a luxury Exclusive Use property. Located 25 minutes from Glasgow Airport and 15 minutes from the coast. Your clients can enjoy luxury accommodation in our 17 spacious bedrooms, wonderful cuisine, friendly personal service and a wide range of authentic Scottish experiences either on site or nearby.

Blair Estate
Dalry,
North Ayrshire,
KA24 4ER

W: <https://www.blairestate.com/>

New Lanark Mill

The award-winning New Lanark Visitor Centre tells the fascinating story of the cotton mill village of New Lanark which was founded in the 18th century and declared UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001. New Lanark quickly became known under the enlightened management of social pioneer, Robert Owen. He provided decent homes, fair wages, free health care, a new education system for villagers and the first workplace nursery school in the world!

New Lanark Mill
Mill One
New Lanark Mills
Lanark
ML11 9DB

W: <https://www.newlanark.org/>



Netherfield Alpacas

Netherfield Alpacas is a small family run farm in Lanarkshire which breeds Alpacas and runs Alpaca trekking. The farm can cater for groups or individuals and educates visitors on how Alpacas are cared for. Your clients can also see baby alpacas and learn about the process of making beautiful yarn from their fleeces.

Netherfield Alpacas
Netherfield Farm
Bellfield Road
Coalburn
Lanarkshire
ML11 0NG

W: <https://www.netherfieldalpacas.co.uk/alpaca-trekking>



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Day Two:

Glenkinchie Distillery

Glenkinchie Distillery was founded in 1837 when at least 115 licensed distilleries were recorded in the lowlands, though their products would probably not pass muster today! The distillery offers a daily transport service direct to the distillery from Edinburgh City Centre, the bus operates 7 days a week and departs at 10.00 and 13.30.

Glenkinchie Distillery
Pencaitland,
Tranent,
East Lothian,
EH34 5ET

W: <https://www.malts.com/en-row/distilleries/glenkinchie/>

Floors Castle

Built by leading architect William Adam between 1721-1726 for the 1st Duke of Roxburghe, Floors Castle has undergone periodic changes to create the dramatic building you see today, notably during the Victorian period through the work of Scottish architect William Playfair. This magnificent family seat is the largest inhabited house in Scotland and has been home to ten generations of the Dukes of Roxburghe.

Floors Castle
Roxburghe Estates Office
Kelso
Roxburghshire
TD5 7SF

W: <https://www.floorscastle.com>



Abbotsford House

Abbotsford House is the ancestral home of Sir Walter Scott, the 19th century novelist, poet and **historian**. **Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford remains today as one of the most famous houses in the world**; it reflects, almost as no other place, the mind, enthusiasms and preoccupations of the man who built it. The stones of Abbotsford speak eloquently both of triumph and disaster: First of literary and worldly success, then of the fortitude with which adversity was faced and ultimately **conquered in Scott's debt-ridden but noble final years**.

Abbotsford House
Abbotsford
Melrose
Roxburghshire
TD6 9BQ

W: <https://www.scottsabbotsford.com/>



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Day Three:

St Abbs Head Nature Reserve

St Abbs Head Nature Reserve is cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Your clients can explore this coastal haven for birdwatchers, nature lovers and walkers and see thousands of seabirds and be awed by the dramatic cliffs overlooking crystal-clear waters. Visitors can enjoy the fresh sea air and epic views of this remote and wild cliff-top beauty spot and discover the feathered residents at this 'seabird city' from spectacular vantage points.

St Abbs Head Nature Reserve
Northfield
St. Abbs
Berwickshire
TD14 5QF

W: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/st-abbs-head>



Eyemouth Rib Trips

Eyemouth Rib Trips will allow your clients to explore the stunning Berwickshire coastline of the Scottish Borders with its Fast Blast boat and discover the seascapes around Eyemouth and St. Abbs, two old-established and picturesque sea-going communities. The highly experienced powerboat skipper Tim Grimshaw will show your clients the cliffs and coves, the seabirds and seals, providing a relaxing and scenic trip.

Eyemouth Rib Trips
Dundee House
Harbour Road
Eyemouth
TD14 5JB

W: <https://www.eyemouthribtrips.co.uk/>



Dirleton Castle

Dirleton Castle is a romantic castle often in the forefront of Scottish history since it was built in the 12th century. The renowned gardens include an Arts and Crafts herbaceous border and Victorian garden. This magnificent fortress-residence served three successive noble families over 400 years. **Badly damaged in Cromwell's 1650 siege, Dirleton's fortunes were revived by its new owners in the 1660s.**

Dirleton Castle
North Berwick,
East Lothian,
EH39 5ER,

W: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/dirleton-castle>



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Day Four:

Tantallon Castle

Set on the edge of the cliffs, looking out to the Bass Rock, this formidable castle was a stronghold of the Douglas family. It was besieged by both James IV and James V but was ultimately destroyed by **Oliver Cromwell's troops in a siege of 1651**. Many artefacts are displayed to help tell its dramatic stories.

Tantallon Castle
North Berwick
East Lothian
EH39 5PN

W: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/tantallon-castle/>



NB Distillery

Anchored in North Berwick, on the east coast of Scotland, NB Distillery is proud to present a range of world class spirits to the world of sophisticated drinkers. NB Gin was voted the Best London Dry Gin in the world and It has also been selected by the Royal family to represent two monumental occasions. NB Distillery can also be used as a private dining venue and delicious meals are prepared using locally sourced ingredients from the East Lothian larder.

NB Distillery
Halflandbarns,
North Berwick,
East Lothian,
EH39 5PW

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

Gosford House

Gosford House, an imposing neo-classical mansion which was one of the last great architectural commissions of the celebrated Scots architect, Robert Adam. Constructed for the seventh Earl of Wemyss, the building was completed in 1800 – eight years after the **architect's death** – and is recognised as an outstanding example of the later period of his work. Your clients can enjoy a private tour of Gosford House highlighting the history of the place, the architecture and the family who live here.

Gosford House
Longniddry,
East Lothian,
Scotland,
EH32 0PY

W: <http://www.gosfordhouse.co.uk/house-tours-grounds/>



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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 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**



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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	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