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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

Dinner and overnight stay at Blervie House

Blervie House is an is a historic Scottish Country House, located just 30 minutes from Inverness airport and offering luxury 12-bedroom accommodation in a relaxed and secluded location combining the best of a bygone era with best of today's modern-day conveniences. Blervie is an easy 30-minute drive from Inverness airport yet miles away in terms of solitude and scenery.

Blervie House

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09.00 Depart Blervie House

10:30 Arrival at Assynt House for a visit

Assynt House is a beautiful family home nestled in the Ross-shire countryside, an ideal base to explore the Highlands of Scotland, conveniently located only 20 miles north of Inverness. Assynt House is a 5-star exclusive use venue, sleeping fourteen, plus cots and fold-away beds for young children. Each of the seven bedrooms are individually designed to give their own character. All bedrooms are en-suite with towels, toiletries, linen and bathrobes.

Assynt House,

Evanton, Ross-shire Highlands IV16 9XW





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11:15 Depart Assynt House

11:45 Arrival at Kincraig Castle Hotel for lunch

Kincraig Castle Hotel is a luxury, award-winning 4 Star Hotel overlooking the Cromarty Firth, just outside of Inverness and close to Tain and Dornoch. Your clients will appreciate the Scottish Highlands setting of this hotel, which was once the family home of the Mackenzie clan. The building is listed for its architectural importance, with outstanding character which remains largely unchanged since its construction in the 1800. The hotel has been awarded a 4 Star rating from both The AA and The Scottish Tourist Board.

Kincraig Castle Hotel

Tormich, Invergordon, Ross-shire, IV18 0LF







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13:45 Depart Kincraig Castle Hotel

15.00 Arrival at Mac & Wild

Mac & Wild's modern Scottish cafe & restaurant set in the middle of a forest adjacent to a spectacular waterfall famed for its migrating salmon leaping upstream. Your clients can stop and have a look at their gift shop or enjoy a programme of workshops and events set up with the help of other local artisans. From whisky tastings in the woods to foraging, yoga & pickling classes, your clients can take a break from the day to day with a special experience in the forest.

Mac & Wild

Falls of Shin, B864, Lairg, IV27 4EE



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17.00 Depart Mac & Wild

17:50 Arrival at Royal Golf Hotel, Dornoch for dinner and overnight stay

The Royal Golf Hotel is located just 50 yards from the first tee at Royal Dornoch Golf Club, ranked 6th best golf course in the world and number one in Scotland by Golf Digest. The Royal Golf Hotel can offer some of the finest accommodation in the North Highlands with 22 en suite bedrooms all designed individually. Many of the superior bedrooms offer stunning views over the Royal Dornoch Golf Club and the Dornoch Firth beyond.

Royal Golf Hotel

The First Tee, Dornoch Ross-Shire IV25 3LG





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Day Two

08:45 Depart Royal Golf Hotel, Dornoch

09:45 Arrival at Dolphin Spirit for a Dolphin Mischief Experience

Dolphin Mischief is a 9 metre RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) equipped with two powerful Yamaha outboard motors which can take the more intrepid Dolphin-watcher beyond the confines of the Inner Moray Firth. Your clients will be taken through the narrows between Chanonry Point lighthouse and Fort George and out into the waters off Ardersier.

Dolphin Spirit

Inverness Marina, Stadium Road, Inverness, IV1 1FF

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11:15 Depart Dolphin Spirit

11:35 Arrival at Kingsmills Hotel for a visit

A sympathetically extended 17th Century residence, the four-star Kingsmills Hotel offers a selection of 147 spacious classic, luxury, cocoon & retreat bedrooms together with fully equipped conference facilities for both large and intimate events. One mile from the Inverness city centre, and set within 4 acres of beautifully manicured grounds, sits the much-loved Kingsmill's Hotel - a luxurious hotel that understands the true meaning of service with passion.

Kingsmills Hotel

Culcabock Road, Inverness, Scotland, IV2 3LP







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12:15 Arrival at Ness Walk for lunch

In the historic Highland city of Inverness, on the leafy banks of the River Ness, lies the 5-star Ness Walk. This stunning new addition to the city redefines luxury. Offering 47 exquisite bedrooms, including two suites, designs take their influence from the seasonal landscape surrounding the Highlands with a flow of soft colours and textiles.

Ness Walk

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13:40 Depart Ness Walk

15:00 Arrival at Dalwhinnie Distillery

Dalwhinnie Distillery is home to a famous Highland Single Malt Whisky renowned for its gentle flavours accentuated with notes of heather honey, citrus, vanilla and sweet malt. The site of the distillery was chosen for its access to clear spring water and abundant peat from the surrounding bogs. Set in splendid mountain scenery at the heart of the Cairngorm National Park, Dalwhinnie is the highest distillery in Scotland at 1164 feet above sea level. The name Dalwhinnie is derived from the Gaelic language, meaning 'meeting place', referring to the meeting of ancient cattle drovers' routes through the mountains.

Dalwhinnie Distillery

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16:00 Depart Dalwhinnie Distillery

17:20 Arrival at Dunkeld House Hotel for dinner and overnight stay

Enjoy a tempting combination of countryside bliss on the banks of the River Tay in Big Tree Country and close proximity to key Scottish attractions. 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.

Dunkeld House Hotel

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Day Three

08:45 Depart Dunkeld House Hotel

09:00 Arrive at Land Rover Experience, Dunkeld

At Land Rover Experience Scotland, your clients will enjoy a fun-filled, off-road, driving adventure. Using Land Rover vehicles, your clients will be guided by friendly and professional instructors and will have fun driving through some of Highland Perthshire's most spectacular rugged off-road terrain. Land Rover Experience Scotland is an exclusive opportunity to be immersed in the all-terrain capability of Land Rover. Whether your clients attend a One Hour Off-Road Introduction or a Full Day Adventure, they are guaranteed to leave feeling a real sense of achievement. Every 'Experience' is hosted by qualified instructors, who have a wealth of knowledge and expertise to help your clients make the most out of their day.

Land Rover Experience

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12:30 Depart Land Rover Experience

14:00 Arrival in Edinburgh



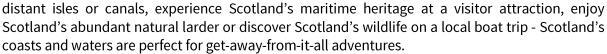
VisitScotland's Themed Years

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



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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 joins 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 <u>www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com</u>
Destination Education Programme <u>www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent</u>
VisitScotland consumer site <u>www.visitscotland.com</u>

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
News & Weather information
British Train information
Scottish Train information
Bus information
Historic Environment Scotland
National Trust for Scotland

www.britrail.com
www.bbc.co.uk/weather
www.nationalrail.co.uk
www.scotrail.co.uk
www.citylink.co.uk
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
www.nts.org.uk