



# **A ROYAL PASSION FOR SCOTLAND**

## **FILM AND LITERATURE**

### **SAMPLE ITINERARY**

## **Day One**

### **Huntingtower Castle**

Explore the castle where Mary Queen of Scots and her new husband Lord Darnley stayed during the Chaseabout Raid – when they saw off a rebellion – and uncover some dramatic episodes in Scotland’s story.

#### **Huntingtower Castle**

Perth,  
Perthshire,  
PH1 3JL



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

### **Queen’s View Visitor Centre, Café and Shop**

The Queen’s View in Highland Perthshire overlooks Loch Tummel and is said to have been named after Queen Victoria, following her visit to the area in 1866. The Queen’s View Visitor Centre lies at the eastern edge of Loch Tummel and is surrounded by part of Tay Forest Park. As well as a stunning viewpoint overlooking the loch and beyond to the iconic Schiehallion, the area offers a range of woodland walks suitable for all abilities. The visitor centre also includes a café and shop with detailed information about the forests and area surrounding Highland Perthshire.

#### **Queen’s View Visitor Centre, Café and Shop**

Allean,  
Pitlochry,  
Perthshire,  
PH16 5NR

W: <https://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/forest-parks/tay-forest-park/queens-view-visitor-centre>



### **Blair Athol Distillery**

Blair Athol Distillery stands at the gateway to the Scottish Highlands in the picturesque town of Pitlochry, Perthshire. Set in open moorland south of the town, in the foothills of the Grampian mountains, Blair Athol’s ancient source of water – the Allt Dour – flows through the grounds, from the slopes of Ben Vrackie, contributing to the whisky’s, mellow quality and smooth finish. Your clients can see the distillers utilising the most valuable of local resources, the crystal-clear waters of the Allt Dour.

#### **Blair Athol Distillery**

Perth Road,  
Pitlochry,  
PH16 5LY

W: [www.malts.com/en-row/distilleries/royal-lochnagar](http://www.malts.com/en-row/distilleries/royal-lochnagar)



## **Day Two**

### **St Andrews Cathedral**

The remains of St Andrews Cathedral, which was Scotland's largest cathedral and most magnificent church, show how impressive it used to be. The museum houses an outstanding collection of early and later medieval sculptures and other relics found on the site, including the magnificent St Andrews Sarcophagus of Pictish date. The precinct walls are particularly well preserved. St Rule's Tower, in the precinct, is part of the first church of the Augustinian canons at St Andrews built in the early 12th century. There are splendid views from the top.

### **St Andrews Cathedral**

The Pends,  
St Andrews,  
Fife,  
KY16 9QL

W: [www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/st-andrews-cathedral](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/st-andrews-cathedral)



### **Falkland Palace & Garden**

Falkland is one of Scotland's finest Renaissance palaces; a place adored by Mary, Queen of Scots, and known by millions of viewers of the hit TV series Outlander. Your clients can explore this treasure trove of fascinating 17th-century artefacts, see the magnificent Chapel Royal, and walk in the colourful and diverse grounds, home to the world's oldest surviving real tennis court.

### **Falkland Palace**

Falkland,  
Fife,  
KY15 7BU

W: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/falkland-palace>



### **Loch Leven Brewery**

Loch Leven Brewery is a small craft brewery located in Kinross, next to Loch Leven. It is a fantastic place to brew great beers. It's a majestic location with the finest soft Scottish water, ideal to bring out the individual tastes and character. The Brewery currently produces four very different beers, ranging from our classic Mary Queen of Scots Pale Ale, to our craft range which included Big John, Pale Alice and Cool Roy. Each is hand made by Master Brewer, Gareth Lee. Next door to the brewery is their very own Tap Room, where visitors can taste our beers and relax either before or after exploring the beautiful Loch and scenery.

### **Loch Leven Brewery**

The Muirs,  
Kinross,  
Perth and Kinross,  
KY13 8AS

W: <http://www.lochleven.beer/>

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## **Day Three**

### **Palace of Holyroodhouse**

The Palace of Holyroodhouse is Her Majesty The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Standing at the end of Edinburgh's historic Royal Mile, this fine palace is the home of Scottish royal history. Your clients can explore 14 magnificent historic and State Apartments, the romantic ruins of the 12th-century Holyrood Abbey and remarkable royal gardens, all with a complimentary audio tour.

### **Palace of Holyroodhouse**

Canongate,  
Royal Mile,  
Edinburgh,  
EH8 8DX

W: [www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse)



### **The National Museum of Scotland**

The National Museum of Scotland is one of the Top 10 UK visitor attractions, one of the most visited museums and galleries in the world. Fresh from a £47 million redevelopment, the museum houses a spectacular array of over 20,000 fascinating artefacts. The magnificently diverse collections will take you on an inspirational journey through the history of Scotland, the wonders of nature, world cultures and the excitement of science and discovery – all under one roof.

### **The National Museum of Scotland**

Chambers Street,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 1JF

W: <https://www.nms.ac.uk>



### **City of Edinburgh Tours**

A local historian will take your clients on a historical walking tour around Edinburgh's famous Royal Mile. Your clients will learn about Edinburgh's fascinating history, literature heroes, infamous criminals and battles that shaped our city into what is today.

### **City of Edinburgh Tours**

Old Police Box,  
9 Hunter Square,  
Royal Mile,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 1QS

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





## **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	<b><u><a href="http://www.britrail.com">www.britrail.com</a></u></b>
News & Weather information	<b><u><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather">www.bbc.co.uk/weather</a></u></b>
British Train information	<b><u><a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a></u></b>
Scottish Train information	<b><u><a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk">www.scotrail.co.uk</a></u></b>
Bus information	<b><u><a href="http://www.citylink.co.uk">www.citylink.co.uk</a></u></b>
Historic Environment Scotland	<b><u><a href="http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk">www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</a></u></b>
National Trust for Scotland	<b><u><a href="http://www.nts.org.uk">www.nts.org.uk</a></u></b>
Scottish Tourist Guides Association	<b><u><a href="http://www.stga.co.uk">www.stga.co.uk</a></u></b>