







A FLAVOUR OF THREE CITIES

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day one

Edinburgh Food Safari

Your clients will have a chance to visit Edinburgh and discover what a fantastic vibrant city it is, full of passionate people who care about food, where it comes from and what it tastes like. Food safaris usually last about three hours with at least five strategically arranged food and drink tastings along the way. Bespoke tours for groups up to seventy are available.

Edinburgh Food Safari

Scotland St, Edinburgh, EH3 6PY

W: www.edinburghfoodsafari.com



Edinburgh Castle Tour

Standing on its great rock, Edinburgh castle dominates Scotland's capital. Their oldest poetry tells of a war band which feasted here for a year before riding to death in battle. The castle was home to kings and queens. Queen Margaret (later St Margaret) died here in 1093, and Mary Queen of Scots, gave birth to James VI in the royal palace in 1566. In 1996, the Stone of Destiny, on which kings were enthroned for centuries, was returned to Scotland and is displayed in the Crown Room. From the 1600s onwards, the castle was a military base with a large garrison. Parts are still a military base, but the castle is now a world-famous visitor attraction and a key element of the Edinburgh World Heritage Site.

Edinburgh Castle

Johnston Terrace, Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NG

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



Chocolatarium

The Edinburgh Chocolatarium, just off the historic Royal Mile, offers 'Tours of Chocolate'. A chocolate tour experience taking your clients from chocolate tree to chocolate bar with lots of chocolate tasting on the way. Your clients will learn new things about chocolate, make their very own bar and taste chocolate they have never tasted before.

Chocolatarium

Cranston Street, Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH8 8BE

W: www.chocolatarium.co.uk



Day 2

Queensferry Crossing

Scotland's newest bridge – 1.7 miles in length – the Queensferry Crossing is the world's longest three-tower, cable-stayed bridge, and represents an exciting new tourism opportunity for Scotland. This exciting addition across the Firth of Forth means Scotland is the world's first destination to have three bridges spanning three centuries in one stunning location. Bridging a gap between Fife and Edinburgh, the journey across the bridge makes it easier than ever for visitors to explore Scotland.

Queensferry Crossing

South Queensferry, Edinburgh, EH30 9ST

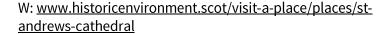


St Andrews Cathedral

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





Jannettas Gelateria

The owners of this delightful gelato and cafe set in the heart of historic St Andrews have been told by visitors that there are three reasons to visit their beautiful town: the award-winning beaches, the award-winning golf and the award-winning ice creams from Jannetta Gelateria! They will come to Hotel du Vin St Andrews to present their product and we'll have the chance to try some of the flavours available on their imaginative ice-cream menu!

Jannettas Gelateria

31-33 South Street, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9QR

W: www.jannettas.co.uk



Eden Mill

Eden Mill is Scotland's original single site distillery and brewery, just a couple of miles west of the famous home of golf. It is a site, which is rooted in distilling and brewing history. Eden Mill has recently revived whisky making at this iconic location where the famous Haig family made whisky, gin and beer for most of the 19th century.

Eden Mill

Main Street, Guardbridge, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 OUU

W: https://www.edenmill.com/

Day Three

Verdant Works

Verdant Works, Scotland's Jute Museum is an award-winning attraction that gives a fascinating insight into life in Dundee in the industrial age. It is a beautifully preserved mill built in 1833 and is group friendly with easy coach parking, cafe, gift shop, guided tours and live demonstrations of original machinery.

Verdant Works

West Henderson's Wynd, Dundee, DD1 5BT

W: https://www.verdantworks.co.uk/



RRS Discovery at Discovery Point

At Discovery Point you can follow in the footsteps of Captain Scott and his brave crew on their first expedition to Antarctica, see how they lived, what they ate and witness their hardships and their triumphs. It's a fascinating tale of one of the most heroic voyages of exploration ever undertaken.

RRS Discovery

Discovery Quay, Dundee, DD1 4XA

W: https://www.rrsdiscovery.co.uk/



V&A Dundee

V&A Dundee, Scotland's first design museum and newest world-class visitor attraction. A ground-breaking centre for design innovation, a place of inspiration and enjoyment, it is the first V&A museum anywhere in the world outside London. V&A Dundee is the first building in Britain to be designed by Kengo Kuma, the renowned Japanese architect now designing the Tokyo 2020 Olympic stadium.

V&A Dundee

1 Riverside Esplanade Dundee, DD1 4EZ

W: www.vandadundee.org



Deanston Distillery

Located 8 miles from Stirling and just 45min from Edinburgh and Glasgow, Deanston Distillery sits by the River Teith at the entrance to the dramatic Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. 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. Your clients will visit and experience the sights, smells and sounds of a true working distillery and discover how the team at Deanston Distillery hand craft great whisky, which is sweet, fruity with a malty honeyed spiciness on the palate.

Deanston Distillery

Deanston, Doune, FK16 6AG

W: https://www.deanstonmalt.com/



Day four

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is one of Scotland's most popular free attractions and features 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8000 object. The collections at Kelvingrove are extensive, wide-ranging and internationally significant. They include natural history, arms and armour, art from many art movements and periods of history and much more.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8AG

W: https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/



Glasgow Music City Tour

Glasgow Music City tours offer lively and informative guided walks exploring the fascinating places, people, and performances which have shaped Glasgow's musical landscape. They offer two distinct tours which run each Saturday and can also provide private tours at a time that suits your clients. They provide guided tours of the rock, pop and folk music scenes in Glasgow and Edinburgh. FIT and Group Rates available. Tours can be packaged up with meals, drinks, whisky tastings and live folk music if needed and easy coach access is available to start and end points.

Glasgow Music City Tour

C/O Hutchison and Co B5 Whitecrook Business Centre, 78 Whitecrook Street Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire, G81 1QF

W: https://glasgowmusiccitytours.com/



Riverside Museum for Thistly Riverside experience

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 through 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

100Pointhouse Place, Glasgow, G3 8RS

W: https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/



Once Upon a Whisky

Once Upon a Whisky offers bespoke whisky tours in Glasgow and Edinburgh through some of the best whisky bars and distilleries available in each city. Their main goal is to pass on the passion of whisky through a storytelling experience highlighting quirky facts, cocktails, food and more. Your clients will enjoy a journey through some of the best off the beaten track bars available in both cities - some of the quirkiest restaurants with a great offer of food, drinks and amazing stories to tell.

Once Upon a Whisky 1 Holyrood Crescent, Glasgow,

Gasgow,

W: https://onceuponawhisky.co.uk/



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 getaway-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 <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 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