



Q Scone Palace, Perth

Q Blair Castle & Gardens

Q Perth City

Q Drummond Gardens

Ideas to inspire

A place of remarkable natural beauty with its tranquil glens, lush forests and a vibrant, ancient city which is also Scotland's most recent, Perthshire offers visitors centuries of history, enthralling attractions, delicious food and drink, an incredible array of wildlife to spot and some of the most exciting events and festivals to enjoy.

Starting from Scotland's newest city Perth, discover Perthshire's unique connections to fascinating historical figures. Visit the crowning place of Scottish Kings at Scone Palace, uncover the story of the elite Black Watch military regiment and enjoy the 'Fair City' of Perth on the banks of the River Tay.

Delight in Perthshire's spectacular scenery as you head to Blair Castle and Gardens to the ancestral home of the Dukes of Atholl. Find out how Queen Victoria's famous stay here led to the creation of Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders.

Experience whisky tours and tastings at some of Perthshire's incredible selection of whisky distilleries. Delight in some of the most glorious gardens and experience some of the most exquisite shopping to add to your groups' memories of Perthshire.

Use this four day itinerary to help you and your group experience great adventures in Perthshire and take home truly brilliant memories.

Events

MAY – Perth Festival of Arts, Various locations

One of the highlights in Scotland's cultural calendar, this 11 day festival is a feast for the senses. Enjoy classical music, opera, rock, jazz, dance as well as arts and crafts stalls by the River Tay.

www.perthfestival.co.uk

MAY – The Atholl Highlands Parade and Gathering, Blair Castle

Join Europe's only remaining private army for their annual parade and traditional Highland games. Enjoy piping competitions, Highland dancing and family activities.

www.blair-castle.co.uk

JULY – GWT Scottish Game Fair, Scone Palace

The Scottish Game Fair is firmly established as Scotland's most popular outdoor event held within the grounds of the historic and scenic Scone Palace in Perthshire. An annual gathering the Scottish Game Fair is without doubt a true celebration of rural Scotland showcasing game, wildlife and countryside management. It also offers a fabulous shopping experience including sporting goods, country clothing and crafts as well as an array of food and drink experiences.

www.scottishfair.com

OCTOBER – The Enchanted Forest, Faskally Wood, near Pitlochry

Explore the stunning autumn woodland setting of Faskally Wood near Pitlochry. Using the forest as a natural backdrop, you will experience a sound and lighting show that is, quite simply, out of this world.

www.enchantedforest.org.uk

Perthshire

Day 1



Scone Palace – has an exciting and colourful history. Fifteen hundred years ago it was the capital of the Picts. It has also been the seat of parliaments and the crowning place of the Kings of Scots, including Macbeth and Robert The Bruce. It houses an outstanding collection of antiques, paintings and rare artefacts and the grounds are renowned throughout the world. Excellent coach parking.
T: 01738 552300
E: visits@scone-palace.co.uk
www.scone-palace.co.uk



The Black Watch Castle and Museum – tells the unique story behind Scotland's premier Highland regiment. Located in the city of Perth, The Black Watch Castle and Museum offers an excellent café, shop, free parking, guided tours and changing programme of events and exhibitions. Coach parking must be booked in advance of visit.
T: 01738 638152
E: manager@theblackwatch.co.uk
www.theblackwatch.co.uk



Perth Art Gallery & Museum – one of the oldest museums in the UK with more than half a million objects. The permanent displays explore the artistic, social and natural history of Perthshire. Visitors can also find some more surprising objects on display such as the fragments of a meteorite that crashed into Tayside almost 100 years ago.
T: 01738 632488
E: museum@culturepk.org.uk
www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/perth-museum-and-art-gallery



Fergusson Gallery – the gallery celebrates the life and work of the Scottish Colourist John Duncan Fergusson and his wife Margaret Morris, a ground breaking modern dancer. Sketchbooks, costumes and photographs illuminate the fascinating lives and love of these two remarkable artists, whose marriage lasted almost half a century.
T: 01738 783425
E: fergussonreception@culturepk.org.uk
www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/the-fergusson-gallery



Branklyn Gardens – discover a magnificent garden with an impressive collection of rare and unusual plants. Among them is the himalayan blue poppy, meconopsis x sheldonii and rare golden cedrus. Seasonal highlights include the renowned collection of primulas, alpinas and rhododendrons in May and June while in the autumn the garden comes to life with the fiery red acer palmatum.
T: 0131 458 0204
E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade

Day 2



Stanley Mills – discover one of the best-preserved sites of the 18th-century Industrial Revolution. This cotton mill powered by the river Tay produced textiles for 200 years. The visitor centre with its hi-tech interactive exhibits tells the stories of those who worked here and the products they made. Coach parking on site and groups welcome.
T: 0131 668 8831
E: trade@hes.scot
www.historicenvironment.scot



Blair Castle & Garden – discover the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl and home of Europe's last remaining private army, the Atholl Highlanders. Full of Scottish cultural history, architectural design and period furnishings. See the Victorian ballroom, decorated with 175 pairs of antlers and the entrance hall which features weapons used at the Battle of Culloden.
T: 01796 481207
E: bookings@blair-castle.co.uk
www.blair-castle.co.uk



Bells' Blair Atholl Distillery – experience the production of a single malt whisky and learn the blender's art. Taste the 12 year old single malt whisky made from the water of the Allt Dour burn, with a mellow deep-toned aroma, a strong fruity flavour and a smooth finish. Complete your visit by looking around the well-stocked shop.
T: 01796 482003
E: blair.athol.distillery@diageo.com
www.bells.co.uk



Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre – brand new for 2017, SSE's Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre showcases the rich history of hydroelectricity in the north of Scotland and how it transformed lives. See Pitlochry's 'fish ladder' which was integral to the design for the early hydro electricity scheme. Groups welcome.
T: 01796 484111
E: pitlochry.dam@sse.com
www.pitlochrydam.com/contact



House of Bruar – just off the A9, 8 miles north of Pitlochry with excellent coach parking. Superlative shopping awaits in the "Harrods of the North". Settings like a castle at the foot of the spectacular Bruar Falls, and widely acknowledged as Scotland's most prestigious independent store, House of Bruar houses a great range of country clothing, gifts and food.
T: 01796 483236
E: liz.hepburn@houseofbruar.com
www.houseofbruar.com

Day 3



Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery – hear the extraordinary tale of John Dewar & Sons and discover the inspiring story behind America's top selling Scotch whisky. Distillery and warehouse tours available throughout the day, along with a unique heritage centre providing interactive challenges and access to fascinating archives. Brand store offers exclusive bottling and there's also a café serving local produce.
T: 01887 822013
E: jwtilson@bacardi.com
www.dewars.com/gl/en/aberfeldydistillery



Highland Safaris – the winner of the "Best Visitor Experience" in Scotland, Highland Safaris combines Scotland newest wildlife attraction, the red deer centre with exhilarating land rover safaris, and Perthshire's only gold and gem panning centre. Relax and enjoy the award-winning Highland Safaris café and shop set in a unique and stunning location.
T: 01887 820071
E: info@highlandsafaris.net
www.highlandsafaris.net/travel-trade



The Scottish Crannog Centre – award-winning visitor centre on the shores of Loch Tay, Kenmore. Step inside an authentic Iron Age loch-dwelling and learn how its inhabitants lived 2,500 years ago. Guides in period clothing bring the past to life! Experience hand-on ancient crafts or visit the gift shop and café. Open April to October but group bookings can be made by appointment.
T: 01887 830583
E: info@crannog.co.uk
www.crannog.co.uk



Iain Burnett Highland Chocolatier – sample award-winning chocolates of outstanding and exquisite quality. Explore all and learn of Iain Burnett's artisan chocolates in the fascinating exhibition about gourmet chocolate, browse the elegant showrooms and experience the magical coffee and chocolate house. Advance booking advised for coach tours.
T: 01887 840775
E: chocolatier@highlandchocolatier.com
www.highlandchocolatier.com



Cluney Gardens – an exceptional woodland garden sustaining many unusual plants, red squirrels and the UK's widest conifer. A secluded, unique woodland garden situated in the heart of Scotland, overlooking the scenic Strath Tay valley. Advanced booking required for up to 36 seat coaches. Toilet facilities will be made available in the house to coach parties, by prior arrangement.
T: 0131 8605966
E: wmattingley@btinternet.com
www.cluneyhousegardens.com

Day 4



Drummond Castle Gardens – one of the finest formal gardens in Europe and largest of its type in Scotland. One of the most interesting features is the multi-faceted sundial designed by John Mylne, Master Mason to Charles I. The gardens recently featured in *Outlander*. Advance booking advised for coach tours. Familiarisation trips also welcome.
T: 01764 681433
www.drummondcastlegardens.co.uk/group-visits



The Library of Innerpeffray – discover Scotland's oldest free, public lending library; a museum where you can literally touch the past. At a site steeped in history from Roman times to living memory, the Library offers visitors a hands-on, unforgettable experience of Scottish heritage. With advance booking, a bespoke programme of interest can be prepared for your group.
T: 01764 652819
E: info@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk
www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk



Famous Grouse Experience at Glenturret Distillery – a 5-star rated attraction open all year for guided tours of Scotland's oldest distillery. Enjoy a range of tours, an award-winning interactive show, café, shop and even a dram of whisky. Established in 1775, The Glenturret is an authentic working whisky distillery with a rich history and a long list of fascinating attractions.
T: 01764 656565
E: events@thefamousgrouse.com
www.experience.thefamousgrouse.com



Loch Leven Larder – an award-winning family-run farm, restaurant, deli and retail shop situated 3 miles of the M90 near Kinross – easily accessible from all over Scotland. A unique visitor experience with personal service, differing dining options, a well-stocked deli and a nature trail that is teeming with wildlife! Groups welcome with advance booking.
T: 01592 841000
E: emma@lochlevenslarder.com
lochlevenslarder.com



Lochleven Castle – this late 14th/early 15th century tower, was the setting for the most traumatic year in the life of Mary Queen of Scots. It was here in 1567 that she was imprisoned and forced to abdicate before her dramatic escape. Follow in the footsteps of Robert Bruce and Mary Queen of Scots as you take a boat ride across to the island. Advanced booking advised.
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www.historicenvironment.scot

Please note some attractions have seasonal opening hours. Please check opening times with the attraction.

For more information on things to see and do in Perthshire go to visitscotland.com/perthshire