



Soft Adventure
Sample Itinerary

Day One

Electric bike Scotland

EBS Cycle Centre provide a range of bikes (traditional/electric/tandem/cargo) for hire. Also included are all accessories such as helmets, baskets, pannier bags, maps and disposable ponchos. EBS also offer a full drop off/pick up service from hotels. Cycling would be a great way for travellers to explore the local area and beyond as Dundee has a 26-mile green circular cycle route around the city as well as other routes in the area.

EBS Cycle Centre
City Quay,
Camperdown St,
Dundee
DD1 3JA

<http://electricbikesscotland.co.uk>

Dark Dundee Tours

Dark Dundee Tours run historical walking tours within Dundee City. Tours are presented by two local guides, a double act of storytellers bringing energy and humour. DD has a wide range of tours including underground vaults - all tours can be adapted to include locations and stories of interest to the group.

DD Tours
Dundee,
Scotland

<http://www.ddtours.co.uk/>



Stirling distillery

Stirling Gin was founded in October 2015 by husband and wife team June and Cameron McCann. Their vision was to produce a spirit that reflected the unique countryside of Stirlingshire and by using locally foraged nettles as well as fresh basil, they created a distinctly smooth and spicy herbal gin. What began as a project of passion quickly became a national treasure and June and **Cameron took over the “Old Smiddy” in 2018 to build Stirling's first legal distillery**. Situated at the foot of Stirling's beautiful castle, the distillery building has existed since 1888 and began life as a church temperance hall. From its humble roots, Stirling Distillery now produces a variety of spirits from gin to liqueurs and is planning on distilling the city's first whisky in 2019.

Stirling Distillery
9 Lower Castlehill,
Stirling,
Stirlingshire,
FK8 1EN

<http://www.stirlinggin.co.uk>



Walking Tours in Scotland

Walking tours is available around Scotland in Glasgow, Stirling, St Andrews and Inverness all with local, knowledgeable guides. Your clients can experience Bespoke tours for all group sizes, ranging from City Centre walks to discovering street art and hidden gems. The guides are well versed in their local area, history, and modern culture. They provide fun, informal and personal experiences for anyone who visits.

Walking Tours in Scotland
George Square,
Glasgow,
G2 1AL

<https://www.walkingtoursin.com/>



Scottish Canals – The Falkirk Wheel

The Falkirk Wheel is **one of Scotland's busiest tourism attractions which attracts visitors from all over the world** keen to marvel at the working sculpture which combines modern engineering and technology with ancient principles set out by Archimedes more than 2000 years ago. The Falkirk Wheel is a fantastic day out with a difference, accessible to everyone and coach/group friendly. Your clients can experience boat trips, a cafe, gift shop, children's activity zone, water play park & mini-canal, waterwalkerz, canoeing, bike hire and woodland walks.

Scottish Canals – The Falkirk Wheel
Lime Road,
Tamfourhill,
Falkirk,
FK1 4RS

W:<https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/falkirk-wheel>



Day Two

New Lanark World Heritage Site

The village of New Lanark, by the banks of the River Clyde, grew up around 18th century mills where cotton was manufactured. The last mill closed in the 1960s but a subsequent restoration programme resulted in New Lanark becoming a World Heritage Site attraction. At the visitor centre your clients can learn the story of the village while nearby is the Falls of Clyde wildlife reserve with its peregrine falcons and waterfalls. The village has a three-star hotel, the New Lanark Mill Hotel which has a restaurant while other eating facilities can be found in nearby Lanark. The town has a large free car park and while the nearest train station is in Lanark, regular buses travel through to the village.

New Lanark World Heritage Site
Lanark,
South Lanarkshire,
ML11 9DB

<http://www.newlanark.org/>



Galloway Activity Centre

The award-winning Galloway Activity Centre is situated in the heart of the Galloway Forest Park offering authentic and unique experiences on the shores of Loch Ken. A large choice of land and water-based activities are complimented by fantastic Scottish food and a range of exciting accommodation options. Activity choices from wilderness kayak trips for those wanting to explore nature, to Scotland's first 40-foot Giant 3G swing for the adrenaline junkies! Suitable for large groups.

Galloway Activity Centre,
Loch Ken,
Castle Douglas,
Dumfries and Galloway,
DG73NQ

<http://www.lochken.co.uk/>

Drumlanrig Castle

Set in the 120,000-acre Queensberry Estate, complete with a country park and Victorian gardens, this 17th century castle is one of the most important Renaissance buildings in the country. The Dumfriesshire home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Drumlanrig Castle is perhaps one of the most rewarding and romantic of Scotland's great houses, with its magnificent rooms and spectacular collections of silver, porcelain, French furniture and art - including Rembrandt's Old Woman Reading.

Drumlanrig Castle
Thornhill,
Dumfries & Galloway,
DG3 4AQ

<https://www.drumlanrigcastle.co.uk>



Galloway Cycling Holidays

South West Scotland is a cyclist paradise of quiet roads coast and rolling hills. Galloway Cycling Holidays are one of the premier cycling holiday company in Scotland, with some of the best routes, the most comfortable hotels and B&Bs and some of the finest cafes to stop at. Your clients will be guided by cue sheet, map and smartphone app or lead by guides through miles of quiet lanes. Stay at the hub in the Artist town of Kirkcudbright and pick different routes every day. Or a tour of 3 to 10 days with the luggage taken ahead.

Galloway Cycling Holidays
An Teallach,
Threave Road,
Rhonehouse,
Dumfries and Galloway,
DG71SA

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



Day Three

Adventure Carrick

Adventure Carrick is a branching arm of the charity Adventure Centre for Education (ACE) based in Girvan, situated on the Firth of Clyde, South Ayrshire, south west Scotland. Adventure Carrick operates all year round and offers a wide variety of adventure activities to individuals, families and groups. With over 15 years' experience of delivering high quality outdoor experiences, your clients will be in safe hands with a very own qualified and experienced staff. Adventure Carrick offers ranges from water sports, mountain sports, forest activities and multi-day tours within Ayrshire and the Galloway UNESCO Biosphere.

Adventure Carrick
Unit 4, 12 Ladywell Avenue,
Grangestone Industrial Estate,
Girvan,
South Ayrshire,
KA26 9PF

<https://adventurecarrick.com/>



Craufurdland Castle Estate

Craufurdland is a 'semi-detached castle' with the current Laird Simon, his wife and their two daughters, Indra and Manisha living in the Laird's House side. The Laird's table restaurant menu reflects the best of the season's produce, designed into delicious, original dishes by the Head Chef Gareth Furey and his team. Craufurdland estate has been offering amazing outdoor activity experiences and since challenges 2012 which all started with Muddy Trials. They offer range of activities to suit all ages and abilities from bushcraft, led adventure mud runs to the latest activity, Treetop Trials Highwire Adventure courses suitable from children as young as 5 years old. Treetop Trials is an experience to suit all from the novice to the adrenalin junkie who loves a challenge.

Craufurdland Castle Estate
Kilmarnock
KA3 6BX

W: <https://craufurdland.co.uk/lairds-table-restaurant/>



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 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 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