



**STORYTELLING**

**SAMPLE ITINERARY**

## **Day One**

### **Scottish Storytelling Centre and John Knox House.**

The Scottish Storytelling Centre is a home for Scotland's Culture, creating a unique venue that incorporates contemporary design and entertainment with medieval architecture and intrigue. It is a vibrant arts venue located on Edinburgh's Royal Mile, presenting a packed programme of live storytelling, theatre, music, exhibitions, family events and workshops happening all year round. Your clients can discover Scotland's rich story heritage, find the dragon's nest, enjoy the story wall, browse the bookshop or simply relax in our Café and soak in the atmosphere.

#### **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

43 - 45 High Street,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 1SR

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



#### **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.

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

Chambers Street,  
Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

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



#### **Mary's Meanders Tour**

Mary's Meanders is an award-winning independent tour guide company specialising in fully customised escorted day tours around central Scotland and Ireland. If your clients are passionate about history, fantastic castles, scenery and amazing stories, this tour has everything you need. They specialise in Ancestry, bespoke, Outlander and Mary Queen of Scots tours. This tour will feature Linlithgow Palace and Blackness Castle, two important sites in Scottish history that have also been the inspiration and location for books, films and television.

#### **Mary's Meanders Tours**

Linlithgow,  
West Lothian,  
Scotland

W: <https://www.marysmeanders.co.uk/>



## **Day Two**

### **Stirling Walking Tours**

Led by local expert guides, our popular and entertaining walking tours are an enthralling mix of history and storytelling. Tours include Stirling Castle and The Secrets of the Old Town, Wallace and Bruce and the Wars of Independence and City Walking Tour followed by Craft Gin and Whisky tasting. They also offer tours in international languages with French, German, Spanish and Italian speaking guides. Their expert guides have appeared on a number of programmes about Stirling (including BBC1, BBC2, Channel 4, Channel 5, and the Discovery Channel). Stirling walking Tours are delighted to work with travel trade to ensure your clients enjoy the best experience in Stirling.

### **Stirling Walking Tours**

49 St John St,  
Stirling  
FK8 1ED

W: <https://stirlingwalkingtours.com/>



### **Innerpeffray Library**

Small, special and a heritage treasure trove: Scotland's first lending library is a museum with a difference. The elegant 18th century building, beside the River Earn in gorgeous rural Perthshire lets you step back in time. In the utterly unique Borrowers' Register, visitors from all over the world find their ancestors. The library offer bespoke, personal tours for lovers of history, culture and of course, books. Perfect for small tours, study trips and people looking for 'something different'.

### **The Library of Innerpeffray**

Innerpeffray,  
Crieff,  
Perthshire,  
PH7 3RF

W: <http://www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk/>



### **Falkland Palace**

Cared by the National Trust for Scotland, your clients can visit one of Scotland's finest Renaissance palaces, a place adored by Mary, Queen of Scots. 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. Meet Mary herself as she tours you around one of the most unique and significant sites in Scotland.

### **Falkland Palace**

Falkland,  
Cupar  
KY15 7DA



W: [www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/falkland-palace](http://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/falkland-palace)



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## **Day Three**

### **JM Barrie's Birthplace**

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, your clients can explore the birthplace and childhood home of Peter Pan creator, J M Barrie, see how his early life inspired his work and visit the exhibition, complete with original theatrical costumes and manuscripts. Visitors can also stop by the wash-house where the young author performed his first play at the age of seven.

#### **JM Barrie's Birthplace**

9 Brechin Rd,  
Kirriemuir  
DD8 4BX



W: [www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/j-m-barries-birthplace](http://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/j-m-barries-birthplace)

### **Glamis Castle**

Glamis Castle is a living, breathing monument to Scottish heritage, hospitality and enjoyment for all. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and the birthplace of Princess Margaret. Your clients can dine also, with fresh Scottish food served in the charming Victorian Castle Kitchen.

#### **Glamis Castle**

Forfar  
DD8 1RJ

W: <https://www.glamis-castle.co.uk/>



### **Arbikie Highland Distillery**

Arbikie Distillery draws from four centuries of farming experience within the Stirling Family. Developing from a dairy farm, to crops and then innovating to become one of the world's few field-to-bottle distilleries. Perched by the scenic views of Lunan Bay, all ingredients for Arbikie spirits are planted, sown, grown and harvested in the surrounding 2,000 acres that make up the estate. The ingenious distilling duo- Kirsty Black and Christian Perez- are there to ensure that the history, tradition and provenance of Scottish distilling is built into the DNA of each terroir-based spirit. Arbikie will begin distillery tours from Spring 2020.

#### **Arbikie Highland Distillery**

Inverkeilor,  
Arbroath  
DD11 4UZ

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



### **Stonehaven Sea Safari**

Your clients can experience the thrill of a specially built Sea Safari boat as we get visitors up close and personal to some of the world's most popular sea and wildlife. Whether it's beautiful and highly intelligent dolphins or the unmistakable colours of the Puffin to the secret caves and waterfalls that cannot be seen from land, your clients are guaranteed to have an amazing experience for the whole family to enjoy. Whether they are looking for a short trip to Dunnottar Castle, a full sea safari taking in the bird sanctuary & seals or a private charter to watch the sunrise, the crew and boat are here to make this a truly memorable experience for you.

### **Stonehaven Sea Safari**

Stonehaven Harbour,  
Stonehaven,

W: <https://stonehavenseasafari.co.uk/>



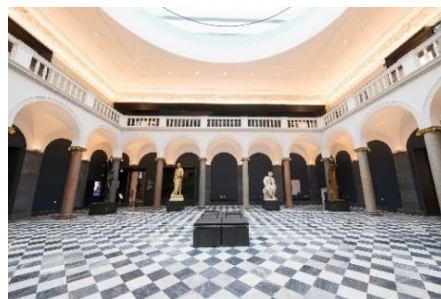
### **Aberdeen Art Gallery**

Re-imagined, re-born, ready to be re-discovered. Aberdeen Art Gallery is now open, following a once-in-a-lifetime transformation. A world-class destination with an extensive collection of Scottish and international art. Bespoke and private group tour available.

### **Aberdeen Art Gallery**

Schoolhill  
Aberdeen  
AB10 1FQ

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



### **City of Aberdeen Distillery & Gin School**

The City of Aberdeen Distillery is the first distillery in Aberdeen City for over 75 years. Excite your clients and offer them the opportunity to become distillers at the Gin School where they can distil their very own bottle of Scottish Gin. Discovery Tours, Gin Tasting Masterclass and shop (with demi-johns) are available.

### **City of Aberdeen Distillery & Gin School**

Arch 10,  
Palmerston Road,  
Aberdeen,  
AB11 5RE

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