

# DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY - FOUR DAY ITINARARY

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## Museum of Lead Mining

The Museum tells the story of how lead ore or 'galena' was extracted and the processes it went through to become the lead products that we know today. Your clients will discover the 18th-century lead mine where they will experience the thrill of going on the only underground gold mine tour in Scotland. They can take a glimpse into the past by visiting the miners' cottages and see how the miners and their families lived during the periods of 1750, 1850 & 1910.

### Wanlockhead Village

Wanlockhead, ML12 6UT

[www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk](http://www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Museum of Lead Mining and Drumlanrig Castle is 14.4 miles/23.2km*

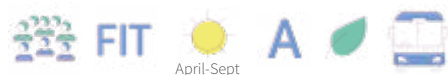
## Drumlanrig Castle

Set in the 120,000-acre of Queensberry Estate, complete with a country park and Victorian gardens, Drumlanrig Castle is one of the most important Renaissance buildings in the country. Your clients will delve into history at the Dumfriesshire home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch with its magnificent rooms and spectacular collections of silver, porcelain, French furniture and art, including Rembrandt's Old Woman Reading. Alternatively, visitors can discover the estate's wild landscapes, diverse natural history and flora and fauna.

### Thornhill, DG3 4AQ

[www.drumlanrigcastle.co.uk](http://www.drumlanrigcastle.co.uk)

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*Distance between Drumlanrig Castle and Threave Castle is 36 miles/57.9km*



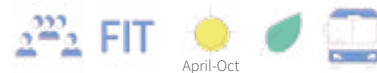
## Threave Castle

Cared for by Historic Environment Scotland, this massive tower house was built in the late 14th-century by Archibald the Grim, Lord of Galloway as a stronghold for the Black Douglases. Situated on an island in the middle of the River Dee, this formidable castle is only reachable by boat. Your clients will begin their journey to the castle at Kelton Mains farm and from there follow the picturesque 10-minute walk through fields and past woods until they find a small jetty.

### Castle Douglas, DG7 1TJ

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Threave Castle and Crafty Distillery is 29 miles/46.7km*



## Crafty Distillery

Crafty Distillery creates their very own tasty spirits from scratch using new technology and locally sourced botanicals. Located on an enviable, elevated position with spectacular views across the hills and forests of Galloway, the modern distillery will show your clients the process for making gin. After the tour, visitors will enjoy a perfect serve of the award-winning Hills & Harbour Gin or mix it up with some cocktail making. The Tree Bar at Crafty Distillery is also available for private hire.

### Wigtown Road

Newton Stewart, DG8 6AS

[www.craftydistillery.com](http://www.craftydistillery.com)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Crafty Distillery and Kitchen Coos & Ewes is 25 miles/40.2km*

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## Kitchen Coos & Ewes

This is an authentic farm experiences which feature going on a tour amongst Scotland's iconic Highland cows from the comfort of a purpose-built trailer. Your clients can listen to the story of how the herd benefits their natural environment from one of the farmers that care for the animals. There is also a record-breaking flock of sheep on this farm to see as well. Your clients can finish off the experience by enjoying traditional farmhouse baking which has been prepared in the farmhouse kitchen.

### High Airyolland Farm

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Newton Stewart, DG8 0AU

[www.kitchencoosandewes.com](http://www.kitchencoosandewes.com)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Kitchen Coos & Ewes and Logan Botanic Gardens is 18.6miles/29.9 km*

## Logan Botanic Garden

Logan Botanic Garden is located at the south-western tip of Scotland and boasts a remarkable collection of unusual and beautiful plants. Your clients can walk through groves of eucalyptus and palm trees or stand in the shade of awesome giant rhubarb-like gunnera. The Walled Garden is a breath-taking celebration of the world of plants. From spring to late autumn, a blaze of colour greets the eye, and the air is heavy with rich scents. On a sunny day, the atmosphere is truly tropical.

### Port Logan,

Nr Stranraer, DG9 9ND

[www.rbge.org.uk](http://www.rbge.org.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Logan Botanic Garden and Mull of Galloway Lighthouse is 11.3 miles/18.2km*

## Mull of Galloway Lighthouse

The Mull of Galloway Lighthouse is perched on the edge of a 260 ft. high cliff at Scotland's most southerly point. It was built by Robert Stevenson, with work taking two years to complete. The light, which stands 99 m above sea level, was first lit on the 26th March 1830 and it remains operational today. Your clients can climb the 115 steps to the top of the Lighthouse and enjoy spectacular views of Cumbria, Isle of Man and Ireland.

### Mull of Galloway Trust

Mull of Galloway Experience

Drummore, DG9 9HP

[www.mull-of-galloway.co.uk](http://www.mull-of-galloway.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Mull of Galloway Lighthouse and Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, Café and Bike Shop is 41 miles/66km*



## Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, Café and Bike Shop

Whatever the season, there's always something to see and do at Kirroughtree in the Galloway Forest Park. Even at night, when the stars put on a show! During the day, your clients can wander to the Wild Watch Hide and spot red squirrels and woodland birds. They can also try the orienteering course, check out the single track on their mountain bike or enjoy a gentle family cycle on the forest roads. Kirroughtree is one of the world class 7stanes mountain bike venues.

### Stronord, Palnure

Newton Stewart, DG8 7BE

[www.forestryandland.gov.scot](http://www.forestryandland.gov.scot)

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*Distance between Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, Café and Bike Shop and Cairnsmore of Fleet National Nature Reserve is 11.3 miles/18.1km*

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## Cairnsmore of Fleet National Nature Reserve

Cairnsmore of Fleet National Nature Reserve covers a wild and remote corner of south-west Scotland. A wide range of wildlife thrives in the summit heath, heather moorland and blanket bog of this reserve in the Galloway Hills. Your clients can go on a sculpture treasure hunt, wander around the reserve or even explore the pond area near the visitor centre. They can also see some spectacular birds of prey that hunt over the open landscape.

### Dromore Farm

Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2BP

[www.nature.scot](http://www.nature.scot)

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*Distance between Cairnsmore of Fleet National Nature Reserve and Cardoness Castle is 24.8 miles/40km*



## Cardoness Castle

A fine example of a Scottish tower-house castle, Cardoness was built in the later 15th-century as the fortified residence of the McCullochs. This castle is a well-preserved ruin where your clients can admire the exquisite architectural detail of this still magnificent structure, including the splendid fireplace and wall-cupboard where the family's best silverware was displayed. Visitors can touch the intricate stone carvings and soak up the superb views over the beautiful Fleet Bay to the Solway Firth beyond.

### Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2EH

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

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*Distance between Cardoness Castle and Cream o' Galloway is 3.4 miles/5.5km*

## Cream o' Galloway

Located in the heart of Galloway, this is a popular place to visit with indoor visitor centre, daily events and its miles of beautiful walks and nature trails. Tuck into tasty Finlay's Farmhouse Cheese, your clients will indulge in dairy Cream o' Galloway Ice Cream and enjoy lots of deliciously good fun at this award-winning Visitor Centre. The farm's ethical dairy model is based around treating the animals, the land, the environment, and the people who work here with respect and kindness.

### Rainton

Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2DR

[www.creamogalloway.co.uk](http://www.creamogalloway.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Cream o' Galloway and Broughton House & Garden is 8.2 miles/13.2km*

## Broughton House & Garden

Broughton House is the Edwardian world of renowned 'Glasgow Boy' artist E. A. Hornel. A real treat for art-lovers, the house is packed with paintings, photographs and sculptures. Your clients can explore inside Hornel's studio and discover his love of oriental flora in his Japanese-inspired garden. Broughton House stands in the heart of Kirkcudbright, a pretty town and artists' colony on the Solway Firth. The house has been beautifully refurbished to create a living museum dedicated to Hornel's life and work.

### 12 High Street

Kirkcudbright, DG6 4JX

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

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*Distance between Broughton House and Sweetheart Abbey is 26.8 miles/43.2km*



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## Sweetheart Abbey

The romantic abbey is enclosed by an impressive precinct wall of massive granite boulders. Your clients will discover this splendid red-sandstone ruin, founded by Lady Dervorguilla, in memory of her husband Lord John Balliol. When her husband died in 1268, Lady Dervorguilla had his heart embalmed and placed in an ivory casket which she carried everywhere with her. On her death, she was laid to rest with her husband's heart and the monks named the abbey in memory of her.

### New Abbey

By Dumfries, DG2 8BU

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Sweetheart Abbey and Caerlaverock Castle is 14.6 miles/23.5km*

## Caerlaverock Castle

With its moat, twin towered gatehouse and imposing battlements, this awe-inspiring castle is the epitome of the medieval stronghold and one of the finest castles in Scotland. Although ruined, Caerlaverock is a substantial structure and your clients can explore many different features within its unique triangular ground plan. The castle's turbulent history owes much to its proximity to England which brought it into the brutal cross-border conflicts. Visitors will enjoy a fascinating siege warfare exhibition complete with reconstructions of medieval siege engines.

### Caerlaverock

Glencaple, DG1 4RU

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

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*Distance between Caerlaverock Castle and Annandale Distillery is 14.7 miles/ 23.6km*

## Annandale Distillery

Annandale Distillery is an iconic "5 Star" experience at the gateway to Dumfries & Galloway right at Scotland-England border and nearby Gretna hub. It is an authentic Scottish Distillery which welcomes tour groups, coaches & independent travellers. Tours of the Distillery & whisky production will make guests travel through tales of whisky since 1700 & enjoy immersive. Your clients can taste whisky perfection in the Bonded warehouse and the superb Maltings Cafe in the original 1800's Malt House provides hospitality from artisan menus.

### Northfield

Annan, DG12 5LL

[www.annandaledistillery.com](http://www.annandaledistillery.com)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Annandale Distillery and The Devil's Porridge Museum is 4.5miles/ 7.2km*

## The Devil's Porridge Museum

Nestled just 7 miles from the Anglo-Scottish Border, The Devil's Porridge Museum commemorates HM Factory Gretna, the largest munitions factory in the world during the First World War and explores the stories of the Solway Military Coast during the Second World War and beyond. Your clients can discover the new Chapelcross Nuclear Power Station Virtual Reality Experience! The museum also uses artefacts, information panels, film and audio, photographs and oral histories to bring the fascinating history of this Border area to life!

### Stanfield

Annan Road

Eastriggs, DG12 6TF

[www.devilsporridge.org.uk](http://www.devilsporridge.org.uk)

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## FOOD & DRINK SUGGESTIONS

### Tearoom at the Museum of Lead Mining

The award-winning tearoom serves homemade traditional soups, sandwiches and paninis as well as freshly baked scones and tasty home baking with a pot of tea or coffee. Healthy Living awards.



### The Potting Shed Bistro at Logan Botanic Garden

The award-winning Bistro serves an array of tempting lunches, light snacks and quality home baking. Many fresh ingredients are sourced from local suppliers in Dumfries & Galloway.



### Cafe at Cream o' Galloway

Indulge in luxurious dairy Cream o' Galloway Ice Cream or why not have lunch at the café. You can choose from homemade bakes, hot food and cold snacks.



### Loch Arthur Farm Shop Café

Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere in a rural setting. The café serves a delightful range of cakes, soups and light meals produced from the finest ingredients, predominantly organic.



### Tearoom at Glenwhan Gardens

Serves delicious home baking and homemade soups. Home-grown vegetables and fresh locally sourced produce are used wherever possible. Parties are catered for with some notice in advance.



### Artistas Restaurant at The Selkirk Arms Hotel

Renowned for quality and value, the restaurant serves a 2 or 3 course dining experience with a modern twist on classic Scottish cuisine. They also cater for events.



### Marrbury Smokehouse

5-star tourist shop and bistro at Carsluith Castle. The speciality café / bistro serves 'out of the ordinary' luxury light bites, so be prepared for something quite unique.



### Knockinaam Lodge

Daily changing menu dependent on locally sourced ingredients, available that season. The restaurant has a 3 AA Rosettes and serves wonderful food combined with a spectacular location. 4-star Gold.



### Coffee Shop at Galloway Lodge

Award-winning producers of the finest preserves. This coffee shop serves a full menu featuring soups, sandwiches, melts, burgers, a selection of daily specials, excellent coffee and home baking.



### Henrys Bay House Restaurant

Nestled in the picturesque town of Stranraer overlooking Loch Ryan, the menu features locally sourced fish and meat prepared and cooked freshly to order by Chef/Restaurateur John Henry.

## ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

### Nithbank Country Estate

Award winning 5-star B&B in Thornhill with 2 suites. This beautiful secluded country house is located in the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO designated area.



### Blue Door - Broughton House

4-star self-catering in Kirkcudbright. Sleeping 6 guests in total, the cottage has its own private garden at the bottom of the close with views across the dolls-house rooftops.



### Smiths at Gretna Green

4-star luxury boutique hotel in Gretna with over 50 rooms and one-of-a-kind penthouse apartment. The hotel is a firm favourite venue for weddings, function rooms and private dining.



### Friars Carse Hotel

A 3-star country house hotel with 21 en suite bedrooms of high quality set in 45 acre of stunning woodland and offering a tranquil country setting near Dumfries

### Galloway Activity Centre

a range of self-catering accommodation ideal for FITs and just a short drive from Castle Douglas, including, Yurt Holidays, Eco bothies, Safari tent and Glamping dome among many different options.

### The Selkirk Arms Hotel

4-star hotel with 16 relaxing and comfortable en-suite rooms. The hotel is a traditional townhouse hotel situated in the heart of the historic harbour town of Kirkcudbright.

### Blackaddie Country House Hotel

4-star gold restaurant with rooms with 5 en suite bedrooms and 2 suites within the hotel and two river cottages within the grounds. Set in the idyllic countryside of Dumfries & Galloway.

### Cairndale Hotel and Leisure Club

A 3-star hotel with 91 elegant ensuite rooms. The hotel is a great choice for those wishing to relax and experience some of the finest hotel leisure facilities in the area, including a selection of restaurants and an exciting events programme full of dinner dances, cabaret nights and ceilidhs.

### North West Castle Hotel

3-star hotel in Stranraer with 72 en-suite rooms, a swimming pool and fully equipped gym. Former home of an arctic explorer and the only hotel in the world to have its own curling rink.

### Hetland Hall Hotel

An elegant 4-star country house located in Dumfries with 30 rooms set amidst 18 acres of private parkland with views over the Solway Firth. Ideal for exploring the undiscovered beauty and history of Dumfries and Galloway or the countless local golf courses.

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#### **Taste Our Best**

One way to ensure that you'll enjoy great quality Scottish food and drink, prepared with care and delivered with passion, is to look for places that are part of Taste Our Best, our food and drink quality scheme.



#### **Green Tourism Award**

Businesses that work in a sustainable, environmentally friendly way are graded: Bronze, Silver or Gold



## VISITSCOTLAND'S WEBSITES

Our travel trade website offers the travel industry a one-stop-shop for Scotland information, inspiration and tool kits. The site is designed to assist tour operators and agents to sell destination Scotland more effectively to their clients.

Travel trade website	<a href="http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com">www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com</a>
Destination Education Programme	<a href="http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent">www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent</a>
VisitScotland consumer site	<a href="http://www.visitscotland.com">www.visitscotland.com</a>

### Information on travel trade websites:

- 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">www.britrail.com</a>
News & Weather information	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather">www.bbc.co.uk/weather</a>
British Train information	<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>
Scottish Train information   Bus information	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk">www.scotrail.co.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.citylink.co.uk">www.citylink.co.uk</a>
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Scottish Tourist Guides Association	<a href="http://www.stga.co.uk">www.stga.co.uk</a>