

# STIRLING AND FORTH VALLEY ITINERARY - 3 DAYS



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## Callendar House

Your clients can enjoy a taste of history with a free visit at Callendar House on the outskirts of Falkirk. In the restored 1825 Kitchen, costumed interpreters create an interactive experience with samples of early-19th century food providing added taste to stories of working life in a large household. Your clients can also experience an elegant afternoon tea in the Drawing Room, where they will tuck into a sumptuous selection of sweet and savoury treats with a stunning selection of teas.

Callendar Park  
Falkirk, FK1 1YR

[www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org](http://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Callendar House and the Falkirk Wheel is 3.4 miles/5.5km



## The Falkirk Wheel

The Falkirk Wheel is the world's first and only rotating boat lift, designed and built to connect the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals, which allows coast to coast navigation across Central Scotland. Your clients can experience The Wheel on a boat trip with panoramic views over the Forth Valley which takes little more than the power taken to boil eight domestic kettles. The visitor centre also provides delicious coffee and a wide variety of quality food.

Lime Road  
Tamfourhill  
Falkirk, FK1 4RS

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between The Falkirk Wheel and The Battle of Bannockburn is 11.4 miles/18.4km

## The Battle of Bannockburn

Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, the Battle of Bannockburn experience will put your clients at the heart of the action with cutting-edge 3D technology. They will take command of their own virtual battlefield to try and re-create the battle. Your clients can wander across the parkland and admire the restored commemorative monuments, including the iconic statue of Robert the Bruce and a meal in the award-winning café.

Glasgow Road  
Whins of Milton  
Stirling, FK7 0LJ

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between The Battle of Bannockburn and Stirling Castle is 2.6 miles/4.2km

## Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's grandest castles due to its imposing position and impressive architecture with its superb sculptures. It was a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations from christenings to coronations. Give your clients an unforgettable experience: the chance to explore Stirling Castle with no one else around when booking out-of-hours tours for the early morning or evening.

Castle Wynd  
Stirling, FK8 1EJ

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Stirling Castle and The Engine Shed is 1.3 miles/2.1km



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## The Engine Shed

The Engine Shed is Scotland's dedicated building conservation centre. Run by Historic Environment Scotland, it serves as a central hub for the general public and building & conservation professionals. Your clients will find everything from advice on how to look after traditional buildings to free exhibits and exhibitions exploring Scotland's traditional buildings. This new learning resource is helping to encourage a greater understanding of traditional building materials and skills – and inspire future generations to continue to care for Scotland's built heritage.

Forthside Way

Stirling

Stirlingshire, FK8 1QZ

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between The Engine Shed and the Church of the Holy Rude is 1.6 miles/2.5km*

## The Church of the Holy Rude

Take your clients on a free tour of the Church of the Holy Rude, the second oldest building in Stirling after the castle. It was founded in 1129 during the reign of David I (1124 - 1153) as the parish church of Stirling. Because of its close links with the castle, the church always had the support and patronage of the Stuart kings, especially in the 15th, 16th and early 17th centuries, and is the only church in the United Kingdom other than Westminster Abbey to have held a coronation and still be a living church today.

St John Street

Stirling, FK8 1ED

[www.holyrude.org](http://www.holyrude.org)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between the Church of the Holy Rude and Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park is 5.6 miles/8.9km*

## Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park

Take your clients to one of Scotland's top attractions and home to over 350 rare and exotic animals for an incredible family day out. They can meet Scotland's only giraffes, experience the monkey drive-thru, immerse themselves in the sea lion and bird of prey presentations, take a boat trip to Chimp Island and run wild in the giant adventure play area. The food at the restaurant is locally sourced and freshly prepared showcasing some of the best local and Scottish food producers.

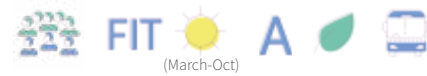
Near Stirling

Blair Drummond

Stirlingshire, FK9 4UR

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park and Doune Castle is 4.3 miles/6.9km*

## Doune Castle

Your clients will explore this 14th century courtyard castle in Doune, with a striking 100 ft high gatehouse and one of the best-preserved great halls in Scotland. They will enjoy stunning views of the River Teith and Ben Lomond from the battlements. The castle has also been made famous on the large and small screens having featured in such varied productions as Ivanhoe, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, as Winterfell in the Games of Thrones pilot, and as Castle Leoch in Outlander.

Castle Road

Doune

Stirlingshire, FK16 6EA

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Doune Castle and Dunblane Cathedral is 4.6 miles/7.4km*



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## Dunblane Cathedral

Dunblane Cathedral is a beautiful medieval church dating back to the 12th-century. The stunning Gothic exterior, conserved by a 19th-century restoration, hides a past of neglect and renewal. Your clients can explore Dunblane Cathedral for free, gaze up at the four-storey red sandstone tower – the oldest part of the church, see the weathered interior walls of the nave, which had no roof for 300 years and walk among the choir stalls dating from the 1400s, some of the finest of their type in Scotland.

### The Cross

Dunblane

Perthshire, FK15 0AQ

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Dunblane Cathedral and Central Scotland School of Jewellery is 0.8 miles/1.3km*

## Central Scotland School of Jewellery

A holiday souvenir means so much more when you've made it yourself and met the locals while doing so. Central Scotland School of Jewellery in the charming cathedral town of Dunblane, just a short distance from historic Stirling, can arrange bespoke classes for your clients in all aspects of the art of jewellery making, suitable for both beginners and more experienced students who wish to refine their skills. Small class sizes enable each student to work on an individual sustained project throughout the class with assistance from highly skilled tutors to provide expert one-to-one tuitions.

### Unit 3, Block 1

Duckburn Industrial Estate

Dunblane

Stirlingshire, FK15 0EW

[cssj.co.uk](http://cssj.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



*Distance between Central Scotland School of Jewellery and Dollar Glen is 15.9 miles/25.6km*

## Dollar Glen

Lying above the town of Dollar in Clackmannanshire, Dollar Glen offers your clients exhilarating walks, deep gorges, cascading waterfalls and an abundance of plants and wildlife. The area has been a popular destination for walkers since the Victorian era. Here visitors can explore the banks of the Burns of Sorrow and Care or try to storm Castle Campbell, the 15th-century stronghold of the Earls of Argyll, standing high overlooking the gorges and tree-lined slopes.

### Castle Road

Dollar

Clackmannanshire, FK14 7PP

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

[Link to Trade Website](#)



## Castle Campbell

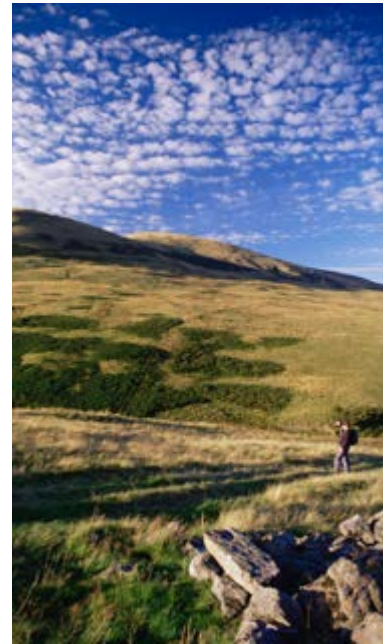
Formerly known as the Castle of Grooms, the 15th-century fortress of Castle Campbell is dramatically situated above Dollar Glen. The oldest part is a well-preserved 15th-century tower around which other buildings were constructed, including an unusual loggia. Your clients can explore Castle Campbell's visitor centre, cobbled courtyard and interpretation displays. What was once the ideal situation for the lowland stronghold of a powerful clan can today be an idyllic setting for wedding ceremonies between the months of April and October.

### Dollar

Clackmannanshire, FK14 7PP

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## FOOD AND DRINK SUGGESTIONS

### Gallery Restaurant

Located in Stirling Campus on the banks of the River Forth, this stunning new restaurant offers contemporary cuisine with breath-taking views.



### Muircot Farmshop

A family run farm shop and coffee shop situated in the heart of Clackmannanshire enjoying magnificent views over the Ochil Hills.



### Chez Roux Restaurant at Cromlix

Overseen by the legendary French chef Albert Roux and run by award-winning executive head chef Darin Campbell. Gold Country House Hotel.



### Visitor Centre at The Battle of Bannockburn

Breakfast, lunch or a spot of afternoon tea are served in the bright and spacious award-winning café, with stunning views of the monument and surrounding countryside.



### The Tearoom at Callendar House

Tearoom with stunning parkland views serving a range of breakfast, lunch, and light snack options. Groups and coach parties welcome - booking in advance required.



### Restaurants and Cafés at Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park

Several cafes and restaurants serving a wide range of freshly prepared hot meals, sandwiches, salads, cakes, ice creams, coffees and teas.



### The Plaza Café at Helix Park

'Grab and go' items such as sandwiches, cakes, confectionary as well as teas, coffees and cold drinks. Open seasonally.



### Falkirk Wheel Café

Great coffee, wood-fired pizza, artisan ice-cream, home baking, salads, soups and sandwiches.

### Boardwalk Restaurant

Spacious restaurant serving vast selection of classic & contemporary dishes, cocktails and drinks with stunning views of the famous Falkirk Wheel visible from the panoramic windows and outdoor terraces.

## ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

### Forest Holidays - Strathyre Cabins

4-star self-catering with 45 well-spaced cabins, stretching along the western shore of Loch Lubnaig, Strathyre.



### DoubleTree by Hilton Dunblane Hydro

4-star hotel with 200 rooms and 8 flexible meeting venues, an indoor pool, whirlpool, beauty treatments, and fitness room.



### Stirling Youth Hostel

4-star hostel, perfect choice for groups, families and individual travellers, it offers a range of comfortable en-suite rooms. The hostel is also available for exclusive private hire through [RentaHostel](#).



### Cromlix

5-star luxury hotel near Dunblane with 15 rooms and 1-bedroom gate lodge, Gold Country House Hotel award and Chez Roux restaurant.

### Victoria Square Guest House

5-star award-winning Gold B&B with 10 en-suite rooms and the Orangery Restaurant. Just a short walk away from Stirling Castle.

### West Plean House B&B

4-star B&B near Stirling with 4 rooms. The B&B is set in the countryside surrounded by woodland and nature, creating a very peaceful setting for your stay.

### Stirling Highland Hotel

4-star city centre hotel in a Victorian building with 96 rooms, AA rosette restaurant, health club with swimming pool and working observatory.

### Stirling Court Hotel

3-star hotel with 100 rooms, an Olympic Swimming Pool and Fitness Suite and award-winning business facilities. Stunning views of Ochil Hills on one side and the historical Wallace Monument on the other.

### Gartmore House

Hotel near Stirling with 23 en-suite rooms, 3 rooms with shared bathroom and several rooms suitable for small meetings and a wide range of specially tailored craft and activity breaks.

### Killin Hotel

Hotel with 35 rooms, 5 annex rooms and 3 restaurants in Killin. The hotel offers packages for corporate events and weddings as well as outdoor activities.

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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.

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| 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**

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| 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> |
| Historic Environment Scotland                | <a href="http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk">www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</a>  |
| National Trust for Scotland                  | <a href="http://www.nts.org.uk">www.nts.org.uk</a>  |
| Scottish Tourist Guides Association          | <a href="http://www.stga.co.uk">www.stga.co.uk</a>  |