

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES ITINERARY – 4 DAYS

REGIONS: AYRSHIRE, LANARKSHIRE, EAST LOTHIAN, THE SCOTTISH BORDERS



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Primal Adventures

The Primal Adventures team collectively bring together an impressive knowledge of unexplored areas of Scotland and take great delight in showcasing its rugged and majestic land. The company offers your clients the opportunity to build team relationship, learn survival skills, embark on 4x4 adventures and so much more. From the initial concept of your clients' event or trip until they bid a fond farewell, Primal Adventures will work alongside them to create a bespoke exhilarating adventure with special life lasting memories.

Fairly Quay Marina
Largs
Ayrshire, KA29 0AS

www.primal-adventures.com

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Distance between Primal Adventures and Culzean Castle & Country Park is 42.6 miles / 68.6km

Culzean Castle & Country Park

This glorious castle perched on the Ayrshire cliffs is the centrepiece of a 260 hectare estate once owned by the 10th Earl of Cassillis – a man who was keen to impress with his wealth and status. Today, it is looked after by the National Trust for Scotland. When visiting the castle and country park your clients will be able to discover 40 buildings and secret follies, admire the oval staircase and explore the vast woods, beaches, pond, parkland and cliffs.

Maybole
South Ayrshire, KA19 8LE

www.nts.org.uk

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Distance between Culzean Castle & Country Park and A.D. Rattray's Whisky Experience & Whisky Shop is 3.5 miles / 5.6km



A. D. Rattray's Whisky Experience & Whisky Shop

A warm welcome awaits your clients at the home of A.D. Rattray Whisky on the West Coast of Scotland. They will be able to explore Scotch whisky and its fascinating heritage when taking part in the whisky experience and visiting the shop. Your clients will discover all about A.D. Rattray's history since it was founded in 1868. They will learn about the work done with distilleries all across the country and view the working sample room where casks are quality assured.

32 Main Road
Kirkoswald
Ayrshire, KA19 8HY

www.adrattray.com

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between A.D. Rattray's Whisky Experience & Whisky Shop and Dumfries House is 24.4 miles / 39.3km

Dumfries House

Dumfries House is one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes and best kept heritage secrets. Saved by the intervention of HRH the Prince of Wales in 2007, Dumfries House combines the architecture of Robert Adam with the furniture of Thomas Chippendale and leading 18th century Scottish cabinet makers. Your clients can take one of the expert guided tours around the stunning interiors, view the beautiful walled garden and young ones can enjoy themselves in the adventure playground.

Cumnock
Ayrshire, KA18 2NJ

www.dumfries-house.org.uk

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Dumfries House and New Lanark is 34.5 miles / 55.5km



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New Lanark

The award-winning New Lanark Visitor Centre tells your clients the fascinating story of the cotton mill village of New Lanark which was founded in the 18th century and declared UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001. When visiting New Lanark your clients will learn how it became known under the enlightened management of social pioneer, Robert Owen. He provided decent homes, fair wages, free health care, a new education system for villagers and the first workplace nursery school in the world.

Mill One

New Lanark Mills
Lanark, ML11 9DB

www.newlanark.org

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between New Lanark and Rosslyn Chapel is 34.5 miles / 55.5km

Rosslyn Chapel

Founded in 1446, Rosslyn Chapel attracts visitors who are drawn by its unique and mysterious carvings and the beauty of its setting. Featured in the concluding chapters of Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code bestseller, the chapel was built by craftsmen over a 40-year period and its ornate stonework and mysterious symbolism have inspired and intrigued artists and visitors ever since. Today, there are countless theories, myths and legends associated with the Chapel, many of which are impossible to prove or disprove conclusively.

Chapel Loan

Roslin, EH25 9PU

www.rosslynchapel.com

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Rosslyn Chapel and Glenkinchie Distillery is 15.7 miles / 25.3km



Glenkinchie Distillery

Glenkinchie Distillery was founded in 1837 when at least 115 licensed distilleries were recorded in the lowlands, though their products would probably not pass muster today. The distillery has recently undergone a refurbishment and now serves as one of the 'Four Corners of Scotland' distilleries by Johnnie Walker. Your clients will be able to discover how the region's Lowland whisky is made and sample it on a variety of tours and even attend a whisky based cocktail class.

Pencaitland

Tranent

East Lothian, EH34 5ET

www.malts.com

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Distance between Glenkinchie Distillery and Floors Castle is 32.5 miles / 52.3km

Floors Castle

Built by architect William Adam between 1721-1726 for the Duke of Roxburghe, Floors Castle has undergone periodic changes to create the dramatic building seen today, notably during the Victorian period through the work of Scottish architect William Playfair. This magnificent family seat is the largest inhabited house in Scotland and has been home to ten generations of the Dukes of Roxburghe. There is a spectacular Victorian Walled Garden, woodland and riverside walks and a delightful cycle trail all there for your clients to enjoy.

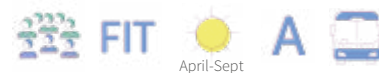
Roxburghe Estates Office

Kelso

Roxburghshire, TD5 7SF

www.floorscastle.com

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Distance between Floors Castle and Fluffy Moos is 9.3 miles / 15km



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Wilson's Farm and Kitchen

Located in the beautiful Scottish Borders, Wilson's Farm and Kitchen specialises in Field to Fork farm tours and unique dining experiences showcasing local produce. A calm and peaceful setting where your clients will be able to enjoy wonderful views of the Cheviot Hills and the nearby ruins of Cessford Castle. At Wilson's Farm, your clients can enjoy a variety of activities, including farm walk, tractor and trailer farm tour, field to fork tour and the VIP Scotch beef experience. Tailor made packages are also available.

Cowbod Farm
Morebattle
Kelso, TD5 8EH

www.wilsonsfarmandkitchen.com

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Distance between Wilson's Farm & Kitchen and Abbotsford House is 21.7 miles / 34.9km

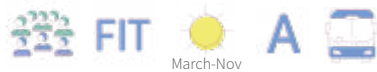
Abbotsford House

Abbotsford is the extraordinary home of the 19th century novelist and 'Great Scott' who popularised tartan, saved the Scottish banknote and rediscovered his country's Crown Jewels. Created almost 200 years ago by the River Tweed in the Scottish Borders, Abbotsford is now just a short train ride from Edinburgh. Your clients can discover a trove of intriguing objects which inspired his greatest poems and novels then browse the gift shop, enjoy seasonal food in the café or relax in the beautiful gardens and woodlands.

Melrose
Roxburghshire, TD6 9BQ

www.scottsabbotsford.com

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Distance between Abbotsford House and St. Abbs Head Nature Reserve is 40.3 miles / 64.9km



St Abbs Head Nature Reserve

St Abbs Head Nature Reserve is cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. Your clients can explore this coastal haven for birdwatchers, nature lovers and walkers and see thousands of seabirds. They will be in awe at the sight of the dramatic cliffs overlooking crystal clear waters. Visitors can enjoy the fresh sea air and epic views of this remote and wild cliff-top beauty spot and discover the feathered residents at this 'seabird city' from many spectacular vantage points.

Northfield
St. Abbs
Berwickshire, TD14 5QF

www.nts.org.uk

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between St. Abbs Head Nature Reserve and Dirleton Castle is 35.8miles / 37.6km



Dirleton Castle

Dirleton Castle is one of Scotland's oldest surviving strongholds. It was built on a naturally rocky outcrop, on a low ridge overlooking the farmland of East Lothian. Your clients can learn about how the castle was damaged and taken on two occasions by the English during the Scottish Wars of Independence. They can also admire this 13th-century fortress which was a magnificent fortified residence to three successive noble families for 400 years and stroll around the impressive gardens.

North Berwick
East Lothian, EH39 5ER

www.historicenvironment.scot

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Distance between Dirleton Castle and Tantallon Castle is 5.6 miles / 9km

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Tantallon Castle

Set on the edge of the cliffs by the sea just along the coast from North Berwick, Tantallon Castle is one of Scotland's last medieval castles. Your clients can climb to the top of the towers and take in great views of the surrounding areas and the Bass Rock whilst listening to stories of ghost sightings within the thick walls that stood strong until a siege by Oliver Cromwell's army. They might even be lucky enough to watch gannets plunging into the North Sea.

North Berwick
East Lothian, EH39 5PN

www.historicenvironment.scot

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Distance between Tantallon Castle and NB Distillery is 0.8 miles / 1.3km



NB Distillery

Anchored in North Berwick, on the east coast of Scotland, NB Distillery is proud to present a range of world class spirits to the world of sophisticated drinkers. NB Gin was voted the Best London Dry Gin in the world and It has also been selected by the Royal family to represent two monumental occasions. NB Distillery can also be used as a private dining venue and delicious meals are prepared using locally sourced ingredients from the East Lothian larder.

Halflandbarns
North Berwick
East Lothian, EH39 5PW

www.nbdistillery.com

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between NB Distillery and the Scottish Seabird Centre is 3.4 miles / 5.5km

Scottish Seabird Centre

The multi award-winning Scottish Seabird Centre in the delightful coastal town of North Berwick offers your clients a unique opportunity to view seabirds and other wildlife up close using camera technology. They will be able to control interactive live cameras on the local islands to zoom in on the amazing wildlife in its natural habitat. The centre also offers a range of boat trips, including a visit to the iconic Bass Rock, home to the world's largest colony of Northern Gannets.

The Harbour
North Berwick, EH39 4SS

www.seabird.org

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between the Scottish Seabird Centre and Gosford House is 9.2 miles / 14.8km

Gosford House

Gosford House is an imposing neo-classical mansion which was one of the last great architectural commissions of the celebrated Scots architect, Robert Adam. Constructed for the seventh Earl of Wemyss, the building was completed in 1800 – eight years after the architect's death – and is recognised as an outstanding example of the later period of his work. Your clients can enjoy a private tour of Gosford House highlighting the history of the place, the architecture and the family who live here.

Longniddry
East Lothian, EH32 0PY

www.gosfordhouse.co.uk

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FOOD & DRINK SUGGESTIONS

Jockey Club Restaurant

Set in the grounds of Ayr Racecourse, The Jockey Club is the AA Rosette Restaurant for the Western House Hotel. The restaurant is open all day serving up only the freshest seasonal ingredients.



Waterfront Bar and Restaurant

The Waterfront Restaurant-Bar-Terrace is a stylish, stunning venue overlooking the River Ayr. There is a wide range of food and drinks on offer in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.



The Coo Shed

The Coo Shed is a unique coffee shop set on a working dairy farm. It offers a fabulous selection of food, all made on the premises, using, where possible, locally sourced produce.



1906 at Turnberry

1906 offers an exceptional dining experience in outstanding surroundings. The chefs take inspiration from the surrounding land and sea to create a menu that offers a medley of delicious seasonal Scottish ingredients.



The Bonnie Badger

The Bonnie Badger offers a modern take on pub classics using Chef Tom Kitchin's 'From Nature to Plate' philosophy. The Private Dining can accommodate parties up to 32 guests in an exclusive area.



The Orangery at Dalhousie House Castle & Spa Hotel

A conservatory style restaurant at Dalhousie House Castle, the orangery offers a light contemporary menu serving primarily Scottish cuisine with continental influence in a beautiful setting.



Courtyard Café – Floors Castle

Enjoy morning coffee, light lunches or afternoon tea with views over the River Tweed. The Duchess of Roxburghe re-designed and refurbished the Courtyard Café, creating the perfect place to relax with family or larger groups.



Duck's Inn – Restaurant

The Duck's Inn is passionate about fresh, flavoursome food, a warm welcome and ensuring guests have a relaxing stay. This, paired with an extensive wine list ensures a great experience.



Archerfield Walled Café, Bar & Restaurant

A foodie's paradise, The Walled Garden's bar-cafe-restaurant is open daily, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and uses local, seasonal ingredients wherever possible. The changing dinner menu revolves around what is in season.

1881 Distillery and Gin School

Based at Peebles Hydro, this is the UK's largest residential gin school with 26 individual copper stills. There are a range of gin distillery tours and distiller experiences on offer here.



ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

Glenapp Castle Hotel

On the Ayrshire coast, Glenapp Castle is a luxury 5-star hotel with 17 bedrooms and an award winning dining room. The castle is available to hire on an exclusive use basis for various events.



Blair Estate

Located in Ayrshire, Blair Estate is a luxury 5-star exclusive use property and the perfect location for celebrations or events. Your clients can enjoy luxury accommodation in the 17 bedrooms along with wonderful cuisine and a wide range of experiences nearby.



Carberry Tower Mansion House and Estate

A 4-star hotel, Carberry Tower is an historic Mansion House set in beautiful grounds and located in East Lothian. The 30 elegant en-suite bedrooms evoke a warm and welcoming ambience, many still having their original fireplaces and working shutters.



Garleton Lodge B&B, Restaurant and Spa

This 5-star VS rated B&B offers eight en-suite rooms with spectacular panoramic views of Scotland's golf coast in East Lothian, as well as a lounge bar, spa and hot tub.



New Lanark Mill Hotel

Located just an hour's drive from Glasgow, New Lanark Mill is 4-star hotel and provides a unique opportunity to stay in a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They can cater for weddings, functions and conferences up to 150 guests.



Trump Turnberry Hotel

5-star Trump Turnberry Resort enjoys a spectacular coastal setting with breathtaking views of Isle of Arran, Ailsa Craig and the Irish Sea. Comprising 198 rooms and suites, Turnberry is the original world's golf resort.



Cringletie House Hotel

Cringletie House Hotel is a 28-acre historic estate in Peebleshire with a luxurious 13 bedroom castle-style 4-star hotel including an award-winning 2 AA Rosette Restaurant. The rooms offer glorious country side views.



Aikwood Tower

Aikwood Tower is a 5-star 500-year-old Peel Tower in the Ettrick Valley. Available for exclusive use on a catered or self-catered basis, Aikwood Tower has five en-suite bedrooms and can sleep up to ten guests.

SCHLOSS Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Course

With a total of 20 quality rooms and suites, SCHLOSS Roxburghe is located in the Scottish Borders and provides modern comfort in a historic building with the utmost of elegance and a championship golf course.

Abbotsford, The Hope Scott Wing

A 5-star luxury self catering experience in what was the private home of Sir Walter Scott. Set in beautiful surroundings on the River Tweed, the accommodation sleeps up to 16 people.

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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	www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com
Destination Education Programme	www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent
VisitScotland consumer site	www.visitscotland.com

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	www.britrail.com
News & Weather information	www.bbc.co.uk/weather
British Train information	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Scottish Train information Bus information	www.scotrail.co.uk 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