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### Scottish Borders

#### Borders Abbeys

Explore the story of Scotland's Medieval past when you visit the four spectacular Scottish Borders abbeys founded by King David in the 1100s. Discover the atmospheric ruins of Kelso and Jedburgh Abbeys, and gain an insight into monastic life at Dryburgh Abbey. The imposing Melrose Abbey was so beloved by Robert the Bruce, he chose it as the final resting place for his heart. Each of these own majestic places has its own fascinating tale to tell.

Longmore House  
Salisbury Place  
Edinburgh, EH9 1SH

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Borders Abbey and Traquair House is 21 miles/33 km

#### Traquair House

Over 900 years old Traquair has played host to 27 Scottish monarchs including Mary Queen of Scots. It is Scotland's oldest inhabited house and remains a unique family home. A wide range of unique experiences are on offer, including an exclusive guided tour to hear the story of this unique property with the Lady of Traquair. It even has its own brewery dating back to the early 1700s, now brewing Jacobite Ale and other tasty tipples.

Innerleithen  
Peeblesshire, EH44 6PW

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Traquair House and Thirlestane Castle is 22.1 miles/35.6 km



#### Thirlestane Castle

One of the oldest and finest inhabited castles in Scotland. Experience the story of this 17th-century property and enjoy one of the largest collections of family portraits in Scotland and the historic toy collection. Guided tours, lunches and afternoon tea, plus a range of activities such as horse riding, spa treatments, and even a mini-Highland Games can be arranged. Eight luxury apartments for up to 16 people are also available.

Lauder, TD2 6RU

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Thirlestane Castle and Great Tapestry of Scotland is 11.4 miles/18.4 km

#### Great Tapestry of Scotland

Created and hand stitched by 1,000 people from across Scotland, and the original idea of best-selling Scottish author Alexander McCall Smith. Each of The Great Tapestry of Scotland's 160 panels tells a compelling account of Scotland's story. Discover 420 million years of Scotland's history, heritage, innovations and culture in this gallery and visitor centre. Your clients can meet the makers and hear of how the Tapestry was made.

14-20 High St  
Galashiels, TD1 1SD

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Great Tapestry of Scotland and Abbotsford is 2.9 miles/4.7 km

#### Abbotsford

Built in the early 19th century by one of the world's greatest writers and storytellers, Sir Walter Scott. On the banks of the River Tweed, his Scottish Baronial creation lies at the heart of the stunning landscape which inspired the poetry and novels that introduced Scott – and Scotland – to the world. There is also a restaurant, nature walks and accommodation.

Melrose, TD6 9BQ

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Abbotsford and Mellerstain is 13.2 miles/21.3 km

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# The Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway 4 Day Itinerary

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### Mellerstain

Set in acres of idyllic parkland and formal gardens, with breath-taking views over the lawns and ornamental lake to the Cheviot Hills, Mellerstain is one of Scotland's finest stately homes. Hear the story of how this outstanding Georgian mansion house was designed by renowned architect William and his celebrated son Robert. Acknowledged as one of Robert Adam's finest works, Mellerstain houses a superb collection of fine art, period furniture, china and embroidery collections.

Mellerstain  
Gordon, TD3 6LG

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

[Link to trade website](#)



April-Oct

Distance between Mellerstain and Paxton House is  
23.8 miles/38.2 km

### Paxton House

Paxton House is a true Borders hidden gem. A fine example of Neo-Palladian architecture, it was completed in 1763 with the primary aim of impressing a Prussian bride. Sadly, the star-crossed lovers never married or lived in the house. Visitors are guided through eight generations of family history including a rags to riches story, travels in America and the Caribbean to fortunes being made in sugar cane fuelled by the slave trade.

Paxton  
Berwick Upon Tweed, TD15 1SZ

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

[Link to trade website](#)



April-Nov

Distance between Paxton House and Floors Castle is  
19.9 miles/32 km

### Floors Castle

Built by leading architect William Adam in 1721, Floors Castle is Scotland's largest inhabited castle, and one of the most iconic country houses in Scotland. This magnificent family seat has been home to eleven generations of the Dukes of Roxburgh. Explore its fascinating stories, including its rich history and outstanding collections of artworks and tapestries. Enjoy breath taking views of the River Tweed and the stunning gardens. Private tours are available as well as bespoke estate event and activity packages.

Kelso  
Roxburghshire, TD5 7SF

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

[Link to trade website](#)



April-Sept

Distance between Floors Castle and Famously Hawick is  
21.9 miles/35.2 km



### Famously Hawick

In Hawick, your clients can find a collection of attractions showcasing cashmere and knitwear producers as well as whisky distilleries. They can uncover the story of Scotland's rich cashmere and fine woollen making traditions at Johnstons of Elgin. The visitor centre offers visitors guided tours round the Mill to discover world-leading quality in the making. The Borders Distillery is housed in fully restored Victorian industrial buildings. Your clients will be guided by the team who oversee the distilling process to discover the story of how whisky, gin and vodka are produced here, before enjoying a tasting session.

Duke Street  
Hawick, TD9 gQA

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

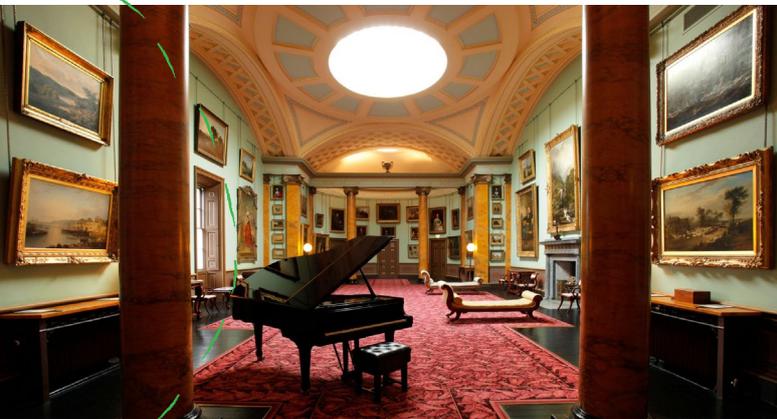
[www.johnstonsofelgin.com/retail](http://www.johnstonsofelgin.com/retail)

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Famously Hawick and Dark Sky Spirits is  
45.1 miles/72.6 km



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## Dumfries and Galloway

### Dark Sky Spirits

A boutique blender of small batch, artisan Scotch whiskies, with the aim of making whisky to spark conversations. Uniquely, each blend is created collaboratively with local people, working together to explore the culture, history, heritage, geography, language and taste buds of the area. What emerges is a unique scotch blend, reflecting the character of the people and place. The company's new home - Moffat Distillery - will open in Summer 2022.

Strathview  
Well Road  
Moffat, DG10 9BH

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Dark Sky Spirits and Museum of Lead Mining is 23.1 miles/37.2 km

### Museum of Lead Mining

A unique, treasure house of information about the lead mining industry, active between the 1770s and 1950s. Walk into the extended Lochnell Mine. Learn about the harsh way of life, mining and processing the ore. Knowledgeable guides will share their knowledge about the social and domestic history on a guided tour of Straitsteps Cottages, as well as the importance of education focussed in the Miners' Library. You can even try your hand at gold-panning!

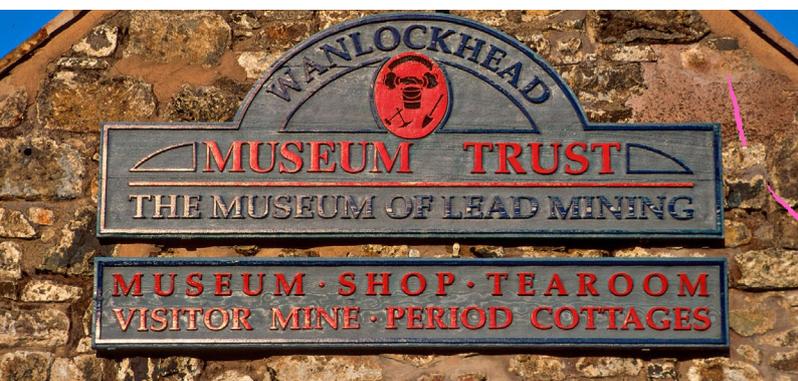
Wanlockhead  
Biggar, ML12 6UT

[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/23.2 km



### 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 Scotland. Become immersed in the history of this magnificent Dumfriesshire home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Drumlanrig Castle with its magnificent rooms and spectacular collections of silver, porcelain, fine furniture and art. Enjoy refreshments in the Tearoom, or browse the Gift Shop and Stableyard Studios where you'll find local shop-makers and crafts people.



Thornhill, DG3 4AQ

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Drumlanrig Castle and Cream o' Galloway is 47.6 miles/76.6 km

### Cream o' Galloway

A dairy lovers' heaven located in the heart of Galloway, just a stone's throw from the coast, Cream o' Galloway offers a range of experiences for visitors, such as creating your own ice cream flavours at dedicated workshops, and learning how to make your own cheese. There is also the opportunity to join a farmer-led ethical dairy farm tour to hear the story of how the dairy farming methods employed here help to protect the environment.

Rainton  
Gatehouse of Fleet  
Castle Douglas, DG7 2DR

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Cream o' Galloway and Kitchen Coos & Ewes is 44.8 miles/72.2 km

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#### Kitchen Coos & Ewes

Enjoy authentic farm experiences as you set off on a tour to meet Scotland's iconic Highland cows from the comfort of a purpose-built trailer. 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. Finish off the experience by enjoying traditional farmhouse baking fresh from the farmhouse kitchen – a true insight into farming life!

High Airyolland Farm  
New Luce  
Newton Stewart, DG8 0AU

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Kitchen Coos & Ewes and Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust is 72.3 miles/116 km



#### Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust

Moat Brae is Scotland's National Centre for Children's Literature and Storytelling and Birthplace of Peter Pan. The garden at Moat Brae was cited by none other than J.M. Barrie as the inspiration for his world-famous play and novel. Take a stroll through the history of this beloved children's book in a house that lives and breathes storytelling, and stroll through the garden the inspired Neverland, before enjoying refreshments in the charming riverside bistro, and browsing the selection of literary gifts.

101 George St  
Dumfries, DG1 1EA

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust and Robert Burns House is 0.6 mile/1 km

#### Robert Burns House

In this simple sandstone house, Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, spent the last years of his brilliant life. He died here in 1796 at the age of thirty-seven. The house gives visitors a picture of how the poet and his family lived in the late eighteenth century and is now a place of pilgrimage for Burns admirers the world over. Your clients can see his desk and chair in his study, and many original manuscripts.

Burns Street  
Dumfries, DG1 2PS

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

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Robert Burns House and Annandale Distillery is 17 miles/27.3 km

#### Annandale Distillery

Travel through tales of whisky since 1700 and enjoy immersive tours of the distillery production. Hear how in 1836, Annan was an established embarkation port for emigrant Scots, and enjoy tales of how Scotland's two most famous Roberts – Bruce and Burns – feature in local folklore as well as the names of some of the malt whiskies created here. The distillery also owns the Globe Inn in Dumfries, a favourite haunt of Robert Burns.

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 4.5 miles/7.2 km

#### The Devil's Porridge Museum

This state-of-art museum tells the remarkable story of the greatest munition's factory on Earth and the extraordinary lives of the Local Lads and Gretna Girls who worked here. The Devil's Porridge Museum is dedicated to telling the story of how this once quiet area flourished into a hub of wartime activity. For the first time ever, be able to see the inside of a British nuclear power station where plutonium and tritium were produced for the atomic bomb.

Annan Road  
Eastriggs, DG12 6TF

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

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## Food & Drink suggestions

### **Orchiltree's Dining at Abbotsford House**

Located in Melsore, serving freshly prepared meals and refreshments made with locally sourced ingredients. At the first floor of the Visitors Centre, it offers views over Abbotsford and the surrounding countryside.

### **Sutherland Restaurant at Cringletie**

Located in Peebles, the restaurant serves lunch and dinner featuring locally sourced produce. The chef endeavours to create original dishes based on a Scottish base with an international addition.

### **Award-winning café at Dawyck Botanic Garden**

The café's scones are renowned for being delicious, especially the cheese scones. Vegetarian, vegan and allergy aware meals, snacks and baking are all homemade, the café offers stunning views of the Garden.

### **The Garden Café, 1745 Cottage Restaurant at Traquair House**

Situated in Innerleithen in the old walled garden, the café has won a superb reputation for its delicious homemade soups and lunches as well as its tempting scones and home baking.

### **Carfraemill Restaurant**

Located in Lauder, using fresh outstanding locally sourced produce they are famous for their incredible steaks, fish & chips, Sunday roasts, sticky toffee puddings, Carfraemill meringues and homemade soups.

### **Tearoom at the Museum of Lead Mining**

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

### **Café at Cream o'Galloway**

Located in Gatehouse Of Fleet, Cream o'Galloway is a popular place to visit for soup and snacks, food and farm events, wildlife spotting and, of course, lots and lots of ice cream.

### **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. Located in Kirkcudbright, they also cater for events.

### **Coffee Shop at Galloway Lodge**

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

### **Marrbury Smokehouse**

Renowned for its luxury smoked foods, Marrbury supplies some of the UK's most elite Michelin starred chefs and hotels. Deli, Art Gallery and Snack Shack at Carsluith Castle in Newton Stewart offering smoked wild salmon, poultry, games and cheeses.



## Accommodation suggestions

### **Cringletie House Hotel**

4-star castle style hotel set in 28 stunning acres, just outside Peebles with 13 rooms, a 2-bedroom cottage, a meeting space and a stunning 2 Rosette award-winning restaurant.

### **Tontine Hotel**

3-star hotel in Peebles with 36 en-suite bedrooms and function rooms for conferences and business meetings. Excellent cuisine in the Adam Room Restaurant or Bistro ensures a rewarding, memorable visit.

### **Peebles Hydro**

4-star hotel in Peebles with 132 rooms. This iconic hotel building offers a great view of the Tweed Valley, a spa, leisure facilities and meeting and private dining rooms.

### **Barony Castle Hotel**

3-star hotel in Peebles with 72 rooms. This hotel, conference & wedding venue offers event spaces and a leisure spa with a 10-metre swimming pool and a gym.

### **Dryburgh Abbey Hotel**

3-star hotel in St Boswells with 38 rooms, heated swimming pool, sauna and an excellent business venue. Your clients can also enjoy stunning views over the river Tweed and Dryburgh Abbey.

### **Schloss Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Course**

Luxury 4-star hotel in Kelso with 20 rooms and suites, a meeting space, a championship golf course and a full range of sporting pursuits on the estate including archery and clay pigeon shooting.

### **Aikwood Tower**

This 4-star self-catering in Selkirk is available for exclusive use on a catered or self-catered basis. They accommodate up to 10 guests in 5 en-suite bedrooms and offer some of the most luxurious accommodation in the Scottish Borders.

### **Cairndale Hotel and Leisure Club**

A 3-star hotel in Dumfries with 91 elegant en-suite rooms. The hotel is a great choice for those wishing to relax and experience some of the finest hotel leisure facilities in the area.

### **Friars Carse Hotel**

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

### **Cally Palace**

Set in Kirkcudbright, this beautiful 4-star hotel has 56 en-suite bedrooms and its own 18-hole parkland golf course. Other facilities include swimming pool, small gym, snooker, table tennis and outdoors putting and croquet.

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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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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>