

The Forth Valley, the Trossachs and Loch Lomond

4 Day Itinerary

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Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway

Explore the story of the golden age of steam climbing aboard a beautifully restored carriage on the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway – an *Outlander* location! Experience the elegance of taking Afternoon Tea on a stream train for a perfect touch of nostalgia, as you enjoy a scenic ten-mile return train journey to along the Forth Estuary, through woodlands, past waterfalls and over the Avon Viaduct. Soak up the atmosphere of this heritage railway and explore Scotland's largest railway museum.

Union Street
Bo'ness
Falkirk, EH51 9AQ

www.bkrailway.co.uk

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Distance between Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway and The Falkirk Wheel is 8.4 miles/13.5 km

The Falkirk Wheel

See the story of Scottish engineering in action by taking a boat ride on The Falkirk Wheel, the world's first and only rotating boat lift. It was designed and built to connect the Forth & Clyde Canal and Union Canals, allowing coast to coast navigation across central Scotland. This magnificent structure stands 115ft tall and requires only the power of eight domestic kettles to sail boats through the air and transfer them between the two canals. There are also a well-stocked shop and café on the site.

Lime Road
Tamfourhill
Falkirk, FK1 4RS

www.scottishcanals.co.uk

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between The Falkirk Wheel and The Kelpies is 4.8 miles/7.7 km



The Kelpies

The Kelpies are one of Scotland's newest visitor attractions, and are the world's largest equine sculptures, towering 30m over the Forth & Clyde Canal. A kelpie is a shape-changing aquatic spirit of Scottish legend. They are said to haunt rivers and streams, usually in the shape of a horse. Take a tour inside to fully explore the art, history and engineering behind these unique figures. They are located within The Helix parkland which offers cycling, walking and water sports.

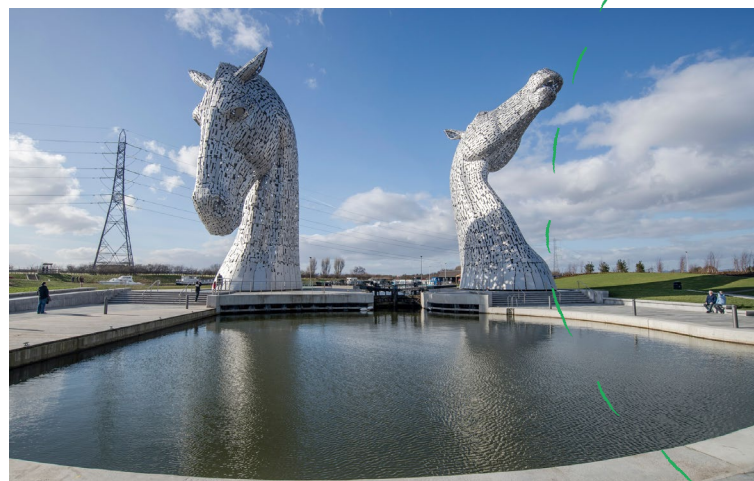
The Helix
Falkirk, FK2 9EE

www.thehelix.co.uk

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Distance between The Kelpies and Bannockburn is 12.2 miles/19.6 km



Bannockburn

Stand shoulder to shoulder with Robert the Bruce on the site of his greatest victory. Hear the story of two opposing kings, whose battle tactics in 1314 changed the path of Scotland's history forever. At the Battle of Bannockburn experience, witness a digitally re-created version of the battle which puts you at the heart of the action of this crucial event in Scottish history which led to Bruce ultimately being crowned king of Scotland.

Glasgow Road
Whins of Milton
Stirling, FK7 0LJ

www.nts.org.uk

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Bannockburn and the National Wallace Monument is 6.2 miles/10 km

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National Wallace Monument

The story of Sir William Wallace is known worldwide, thanks to the Oscar-winning movie *Braveheart*. The National Wallace Monument stands above the fields where Wallace led his troops to victory at The Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297 and tells the story of the warrior who became Scotland's National Hero. Admire Wallace's famous battle sword before climbing to the top to admire panoramic views across the Forth Valley.

Abbey Craig
Hillfoots Road
Stirling, FK9 5LF

www.nationalwallacemonument.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between the National Wallace Monument and Stirling Castle is 2.6 miles/4.2 km

Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle has one of the richest stories in Scotland's history and is one of our most important sites. It was once a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations here, from christenings to coronations. Admire its grand architecture, superb sculptures and beautiful gardens, and be transported back to the 16th century, brought to life by costumed characters in the guise of bodyguards, court officials, maids of honour and servants.

Castle Wynd
Stirling, FK8 1EJ

www.historicenvironment.scot

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Stirling Castle and Stirling Walking Tours is 0.3 mile/450m



Stirling Walking Tours

From crime and punishment to ghosts and ghouls – Scotland's national heroes to the notorious town hangman. All of these figures can feature within a walking tour to explore the stories of Stirling in a mix of history, storytelling and even comedy. Tours can be tailored to your clients' specific interests, are available in various languages, and can be combined with activities such as whisky and craft gin tasting.

44 St John Street
Stirling, FK8 1EA

www.stirlingwalkingtours.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Stirling Walking Tours and Stirling Distillery is 0.3 mile/450m

Stirling Distillery

Just a stone's throw from the Castle, Stirling Gin was founded in October 2015. Their vision is to produce a spirit that reflects the unique countryside of Stirlingshire and by using locally foraged nettles as well as fresh basil they created a distinctly smooth and spicy herbal gin. From their 19th Century building they host tours and experiences 7 days a week. Enjoy a gin tasting in Stirling's first legal Distillery.

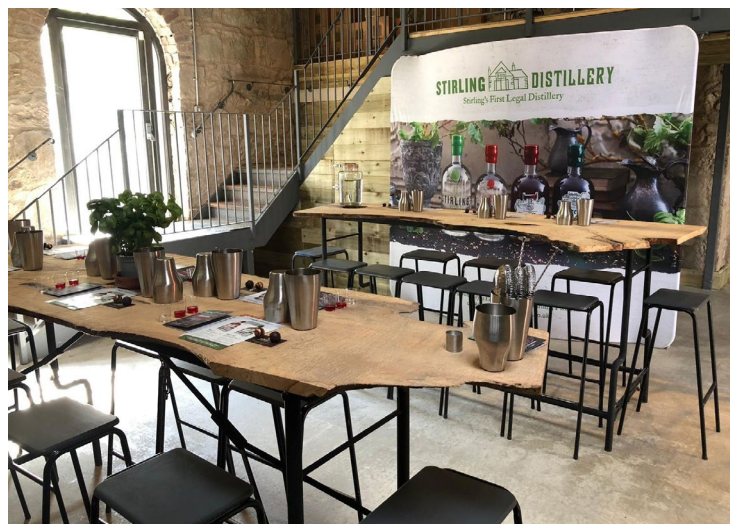
The Old Smiddy
9 Lower Castlehill
Stirling, FK8 1EN

www.stirlingdistillery.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Stirling Distillery and Old Leckie Farm is 7.5 miles/12.1 km



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Old Leckie Farm

Discover the stories at the heart of Scottish farming. Old Leckie specialises in 5-star tours of their family farm, local food production and farm stay accommodation. There is sure to be the perfect experience for your clients. Meet the animals, learn about different approaches to growing food, and get an insight into life as a farmer. Discover ancient bridges and waterfalls and hear stories of the farm's connections to some of the great characters in Scotland's history.

Old Leckie
Gargunnoch
Stirling, FK8 3BN

www.oldleckie.co.uk

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Old Leckie Farm and Doune Castle is
7.2 miles/11.6 km

Doune Castle

Explore the story of Doune Castle, a 14th century courtyard castle with a striking 100 ft high gatehouse and one of the best-preserved great halls in Scotland. The castle has been seen by millions across the world on the big and small screens. It featured in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, as Winterfell in the pilot of the award-winning TV series *Game of Thrones* and Castle Leoch in *Outlander*. Stunning views of the River Teith and Ben Lomond from the battlements.



Castle Road
Doune
Stirlingshire, FK16 6EA

www.historicenvironment.scot

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Doune Castle and SS Sir Walter Scott is
17.8 miles/28.6 km

Sir Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott is one on Scotland's best loved authors, known across the world for his Waverley Novels including Rob Roy and Ivanhoe. His famous poem The Lady of the Lake was inspired by beautiful Loch Katrine, which lies at the heart of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The steamship which bears his name has sailed the loch for over 100 years and is expected to resume offering cruises on the loch in summer 2022, following refurbishment.

Trossachs Pier
Loch Katrine, FK17 8HZ

www.lochkatrine.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between SS Sir Walter Scott and Great Time
Scotland is 11 miles/17.7 km



Great Time Scotland

This 17th Century hill sheep farm lies in the heart of the beautiful Trossachs - the land roamed by real life folk hero Rob Roy MacGregor. Your clients can have lunch or dinner in MacGregor's Barn (1604), while enjoying a traditional music performance. Or visit for morning coffee/afternoon tea with a sheepdog display. Jacobite weaponry display, clay pigeon shooting, canoeing, and mountain bike hire can also be arranged.

Ledard Farm
Kinlochard
Stirlingshire, FK8 3TL

www.greattimescotland.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Great Time Scotland and Sweeney's
Cruises is 23 miles/37 km

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Sweeney's Cruises

Sweeney's Cruises are the largest capacity operator in Scotland, offering a variety of cruise and waterbus options from four locations on Loch Lomond: Balloch village, the conservation village of Luss, Balmaha and Loch Lomond Shores visitor centre. Enjoy views of the magnificent peak Ben Lomond, stately homes and castles on the shoreline, and Loch Lomond's 33 islands, as you hear on-board commentary by famed Scottish TV historian Neil Oliver.

Balloch Road
Alexandria
Dunbartonshire, G83 8SS

www.sweeneyscruiseco.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Sweeney's Cruises and Haggis Experience is 14.1 miles/22.6 km

Haggis Experience

The Haggis Experience is a unique, entertaining and insightful introduction to haggis, Scotland's National Dish. Your clients can join a tour on this centrally located working sheep farm and explore the history, folklore and culture which surrounds this iconic food, including links to Robert Burns. They will have the chance to sample the great taste of haggis. Interactive sessions are available where your clients will get to make their own haggis.

4 Dominie Park
Balfron, G63 0NA

www.thehaggisexperience.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Haggis Experience and Lennox of Lomond is 20.1 miles/32.4 km

Lennox of Lomond

A warm welcome awaits when your clients are visiting Lennox of Lomond at Shemore Farm, where the 11th generation of the Lennox family is now farming this land that the family has rented since 1750. It has a flock of 1100 Scottish Blackface sheep and 20 beef cows. The farm has magnificent panoramic views over Loch Lomond offering opportunities for plenty of photographs and farm activities, which include sheep dog trials, lambing tours, quad bike tours and sheep shearing demonstrations.

Shemore Farm
Luss
Alexandria, G83 8RH

www.lennoxoflomond.com

[Link to trade website](#)



Distance between Lennox of Lomond and Cruise Loch Lomond is 11.6 miles/18.6 km



Cruise Loch Lomond

Celebrated in the love song The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond, this famous stretch of water is a place of incredible scenic beauty, best enjoyed from the loch itself. Cruise Loch Lomond is Scotland's largest private passenger cruise boat operator, offering cruises to suit client's times and itineraries. They operate from Tarbet as well as Inveruglas at the dramatic fjord end of Loch Lomond.

The Boatyard
Tarbet
Loch Lomond, G83 7DG

www.cruiselochlomond.co.uk

[Link to trade website](#)



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Food & 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.



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 cafés 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, confectionery 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.

Luss Fish & Chips Co

Located in the conservation town of Luss surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in Scotland, you can enjoy some fish and chips with wine or try a local beer.



Bar & Restaurant at The Inn on Loch Lomond

With everything from light snacks to 3 course meals available, this is a wonderful place to stop while taking a break from exploring the local area.



Colquhoun's Restaurant

With its tranquil views towards Loch Lomond and Ben Lomond, this restaurant offers an extensive menu created with the freshest ingredients using the best of local Scottish produce.



Accommodation suggestions

Stirling Highland Hotel

A 4-star city centre hotel in a Victorian building in the centre of Stirling 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 Ochill Hills on one side and the historical Wallace Monument on the other.

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](#).



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.

Old Leckie Farm

Nestled under the Gargunnoch Hills nearby Stirling and surrounded by lush grass, beautiful views and age-old trees, Old Leckie Farm offers 3-bedroom self-catering accommodation, and it is a warm comfortable base to explore the scenic area.

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.

The Inn on Loch Lomond

This 33 bedroom 4-star hotel located in a beautiful 19th century building with stylish modern accommodation, a lovely restaurant with a roaring bar. Spa facilities also available.

Lodge on Loch Lomond

This 4-star hotel with 48 rooms has stunning views over Loch Lomond. Offering a restaurant with bar, outdoor activities, spa and leisure facilities and corporate events and weddings.

Rowardennan Youth Hostel

Set in an idyllic location on Loch Lomond. Private and shared rooms available with separate washroom facilities. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and exclusive private rental available.



Cameron House on Loch Lomond

A 5-star hotel in the heart of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park with 140 guest bedrooms, including 24 luxury suites. The resort is also home to an award-winning spa.

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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