

A ROYAL PASSION FOR SCOTLAND ITINERARY

4-DAY ITINERARY

01 EDINBURGH

The National Museum of Scotland

The National Museum of Scotland is one of the Top 10 UK visitor attractions, one of the most visited museums and galleries in the world. Fresh from a £47 million redevelopment, your clients can explore a spectacular array of over 20,000 fascinating artefacts. The magnificently diverse collections will take your clients on an inspirational journey through the history of Scotland, the wonders of nature, world cultures and the excitement of science and discovery also technology, art, design and fashion – all under one roof.

Chambers Street,
Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

www.nms.ac.uk

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Museum of Scotland and The Palace of Holyroodhouse is 1.1 mile/1.8km

Palace of Holyroodhouse

The Palace of Holyroodhouse is Her Majesty The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Standing at the end of Edinburgh's historic Royal Mile and known as the home of Mary, Queen of Scots, the Palace was the setting for many dramatic episodes in her short reign as featured in the 2019 Universal Pictures movie Mary, Queen of Scots. Your clients can explore 14 magnificent historic and State Apartments, the romantic ruins of the 12th-century Holyrood Abbey and remarkable royal gardens.

Canongate,
Royal Mile,
Edinburgh, EH8 8DX

www.royalcollection.org.uk

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Palace of Holyroodhouse and Royal Yacht Britannia is 2.5 miles/4km



The Royal Yacht Britannia

Your clients can step aboard The Royal Yacht Britannia, Her Majesty The Queen's former floating palace for over 40 years. Berthed in Edinburgh, your clients can follow in the footsteps of Royalty to discover the heart and soul of this most special of Royal residences. Visitors can also enjoy a morning coffee or a light lunch in the Royal Deck Tea Room.

Ocean Drive

Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6JJ

www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Royal Yacht Britannia and Craigmillar Castle is 5.2 miles/8.4km



Craigmillar Castle

Built in the early 15th century the Craigmillar castle was once a comfortable residence surrounded by fine gardens and pastureland. The castle's history is closely involved with the city of Edinburgh and plays an important part in the story of Mary Queen of Scots who fled to Craigmillar Castle following the murder of Rizzio, her private secretary killed by her husband Lord Darnley. Your clients can climb the tower house which houses fascinating features like a fine great hall and a prison.

Craigmillar Castle Road
Edinburgh, EH16 4SY.

www.historicenvironment.scot

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Craigmillar Castle and Culross is 35.8 miles/57.6km

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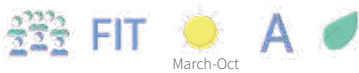
02 FIFE, PERTSHIRE

Royal Burgh of Culross

Historic Culross is one of Scotland's most picturesque towns. Your clients will enjoy wandering around this charming town as it is about as close to stepping back in time to the 16th century as possible. The whitewashed, red-tiled buildings are well preserved. Your clients can also visit Culross Palace and Gardens exploring the small rooms and connecting passageways, with wonderful painted ceilings, pine panelling, antique furniture and curios. The garden is planted with grasses, herbs and vegetables of the period.

Culross
Fife, KY12 8JH

www.nts.org.uk
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Distance between Culross and Dunfermline Abbey is 8.3miles/13.4km



Dunfermline Abbey

Founded as a priory in 1060, Dunfermline was made an abbey by David I in 1128 with its magnificent nave. Your clients can view the tomb of King Robert the Bruce within the Abbey Church which is also the resting place of David I. Following the Protestant Reformation of 1560, Queen Anna of Denmark created an imposing palace with the monastic guesthouse at its heart. Charles I the last monarch to be born in Scotland was delivered here in – 1600.

St Margarets Street
Dunfermline
Fife, KY12 7PE

www.historicenvironment.scot
[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Dunfermline Abbey to Falkland Palace is 24.8 miles/39.8km

Falkland Palace & Garden

Cared for by the National Trust of Scotland, Falkland is one of Scotland's finest Renaissance palaces, a place adored by Mary, Queen of Scots as it reminded her of the French Châteaux where she grew up. It is also known by millions of viewers of the hit TV series Outlander. Your clients can explore this treasure trove of fascinating 17th-century artefacts, see the magnificent Chapel Royal, and walk in the colourful and diverse grounds, home to the world's oldest surviving real tennis court.

Falkland,
Fife,
KY15 7BU

www.nts.org.uk
[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Falkland Palace and Black Watch Castle and Museum is 18.7 miles/30.2km



Black Watch Castle and Museum

Your clients can immerse themselves in the extraordinary history of The Black Watch. With several tours offered such as the Black Watch Story tour or have a bespoke tour created based on the interests of your clients. The Museum has something for everyone and add a refreshment package such as afternoon tea. Formed in 1739, The Black Watch has played many pivotal roles in history including the French Wars, Empire and two World Wars and more recently Iraq and Afghanistan.

Balhousie Castle
Hay Street, Perth, PH1 5HR

www.theblackwatch.co.uk
[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Black Watch Castle and Museum and Scone Palace is 2.6 miles/4.1km

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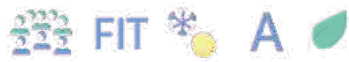
Scone Palace

Discover an exciting and colourful history in one of Scotland's most important stately homes. Fifteen hundred years ago it was the capital of the Picts. Your clients can explore the crowning place of the Kings of Scots, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. The Palace houses an outstanding collection of antiques, paintings and rare artefacts and the grounds are renowned throughout the world, making the stately home one of the most popular tourist attractions in both Perth and Scotland.

Scone,
Perth,
Perthshire, PH2 6BD

www.scone-palace.co.uk

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Scone Palace and Huntingtower castle is 4.6 miles/7.4km



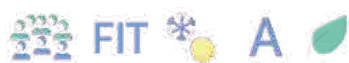
Huntingtower Castle

A lordly residence for 300 years, from the 1400s to the 1700s, Huntingtower still has medieval treasures including one of the oldest painted ceilings surviving in Scotland and exquisite fragments of wall frescoes. Your clients can look out for the secret hiding place of the Ruthven treasures. Explore the castle where Mary Queen of Scots and her new husband Lord Darnley stayed on their honeymoon during the Chaseabout Raid when they saw off a rebellion and uncover some dramatic episodes in Scotland's story.

Perth,
Perthshire, PH1 3JL

www.historicenvironment.scot

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Distance between Huntingtower and The Gin Bothy Experience is 29.2miles/ 47km

The Gin Bothy Experience

Nestled in the historic village of Glamis. Your clients can experience a full taster tour where they can enjoy four seasonal Gin Bothy gins with recommended mixers and seasonal garnish or a mini tasting tour with two gins and mixers and seasonal garnish. The bothy is free to explore. The bothy beginnings room takes you through the Gin Bothy journey while the Bothy Tales room tells the story of Scottish Bothies. Visit the Bothy Larder shop and the Bothy Bakery.

Kirkwynd
Glamis, DD8 1RT

www.ginbothy.co.uk

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between The Gin Bothy Experience and Glamis Castle is 1.1 mile/1.8km

Glamis Castle

Your clients can take a guided tour through a castle which is steeped in Scotland's heritage and historical significance. The tour includes the Royal Apartments where HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother spent her honeymoon and HRH Princess Margaret was born and Duncan's Hall, which commemorates the slaying of King Duncan by Macbeth. Your clients can also enjoy the gardens and their seasonal displays of Daffodils, Rhododendrons and Azaleas or explore the scents of the flowers in the Italian Garden.

Glamis
Forfar, Angus, DD81RJ

www.glamis-castle.co.uk

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Glamis Castle and Balmoral Castle is 54.1 miles/87.1km



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Balmoral Castle

Your clients can enjoy the experience of visiting the Queen's summer retreat. A tour around the grounds and the gardens of the castle and includes a visit to the largest room in the castle – the Ballroom. The Ballroom holds the exhibition which for 2022 is "Life at Balmoral". It covers all aspects of life on the estate with mannequins depicting what the Queen would wear during her stay. The centrepiece is the Salmon School art installation created by Joseph Rossano.

The Estates Office
Balmoral Estates
Ballater, Aberdeenshire, AB35 5TB

www.balmoralcastle.com

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Balmoral Castle and Braemar Highland Games Centre is 9.9 miles/16km

Braemar Highland Games Centre

The picturesque village of Braemar, situated in the heart of Royal Deeside and is the home of the world-famous Braemar Gathering - and now the Braemar Highland Games Centre. Housed in the stunning Duke of Rothesay Highland Games Pavilion, your clients can experience the fascinating exhibition exploring the history of the games in Braemar. In the JS Milne room learn how a caber is tossed. In Kaufmann room the story of Braemar Highland Society and its spectacular decorated ceiling.

Duke of Rothesay Highland Games Pavilion.
Broombank Terrace
Braemar, AB35 5YZ

www.highlandgamescentre.org

[link to trade site](#)



Distance between Braemar Highland Games Centre and Royal Lochnagar Distillery is 10.3 miles/16.6km



Royal Lochnagar Distillery

Situated just one mile from Balmoral Castle the Royal Lochnagar Distillery combines traditional pagoda kiln heads and techniques like open mash tun. Offering several tours including the Distillery tour along with their Whisky and Chocolate tours where you can pair local crafted chocolate to whisky or the Whisky and Cocktail tour where three whiskies are selected for tasting and two classic whisky cocktails with a twist. Enjoy either their 12 or 17 year old or their Special Reserve Single Malt whiskies.

Balmoral
Crathie, Ballater
Aberdeenshire, AB35 5TB

www.malts.com/royal-lochnagar

[Link to trade site](#)



Distance between Royal Lochnagar Distillery and Aberdeen Art Gallery is 48 miles/77.2km

Aberdeen Art Gallery

Discover one of the UK's finest art collections in the stunning surroundings of Aberdeen Art Gallery. It has received several awards – Art Fund Museum of the Year 2020, Scotland's Building of the Year 2021 and was shortlisted for European Museum of the Year 2021. Your clients can explore a dazzling array of historic and contemporary paintings, prints, sculptures, craft and jewellery, including works by acclaimed Scottish, UK and international artists, designers and makers - a must-see on any Granite City itinerary

Schoolhill,
Aberdeen, AB10 1FQ

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aberdeen-art-gallery

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FOOD AND DRINK SUGGESTIONS

Amber Restaurant

located within The Scotch Whisky Experience on The Royal Mile in Edinburgh. Amber Restaurant and Whisky Bar provides sumptuous and modern Scottish cuisine in a stylish casual-dining environment.



Kyloe Restaurant & Grill

Edinburgh's first gourmet award winning steak house and grill, housed within The Rutland Hotel at Edinburgh's West End, boasting enviable views of Edinburgh Castle.



Mussel Inn

in the centre of Edinburgh, this is one of the city's premier destinations for fresh seafood. Scottish shellfish are at the heart of the menu.



The Peat Inn

Located Southwest of St Andrews discover a place dedicated to the enjoyment of outstanding food and wine. One of Scotland's most enchanting restaurants, offering indulgent Michelin starred dining in a relaxed and stylish setting.

Effie's of Perth

At Effie's they are famous for their tea Have a plump floury homemade scone with lashings of clotted cream with their own strawberry jam? Or maybe the carrot cake widely considered to be the best in the area.

63 Tay Street Restaurant

Located in the heart of historic Perth, they use produce sourced locally and from fine suppliers a little further afield. Smart, contemporary in style, cosy and welcoming.



No 1 The Bank

Located in the Parklands Hotel, Perth this bistro serves the best variety of local produce of Perthshire. With marble topped tabletops and art décor means the bistro is intimate and atmospheric.



Conservatory Restaurant

Located in the Marcliffe Hotel and Spa in Aberdeen the Conservatory Restaurant its innovative menus showcase some of Scotland's finest produce with much of it locally sourced.



No 10 Bar and Restaurant

Located in the heart of Aberdeen's West End it is a spacious restaurant and bar whose menu is inspired by classic brasserie cooking which has a focus on local fresh and seasonal produce.

Tapestry Restaurant

2 AA Rosette restaurant located in the Norwood Hall Hotel which offers the best Scottish Cuisine in relaxed surroundings. Its classic Scottish menu use fine and fresh seasonal ingredients.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

Radisson Collection

Stylish and inviting 5-star hotel with 136 rooms located just steps from Edinburgh Castle, Royal Mile situated in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town.

Rutland Hotel

Luxury and stylish 4-star boutique hotel with 12 bedrooms. Situated at the West End of Princes Street, it has two bars and an award-winning restaurant.

Malmaison Hotel

Gorgeous 4-star boutique hotel with 100 rooms located in Edinburgh on the banks of the Forth in Leith. A tranquil retreat just minutes away from the city centre.

The Peat Inn

Located Southwest of St Andrews the Peat Inn has 8 beautifully appointed suites. Each suite has been individually styled and carefully furnished providing the perfect space to relax.

Balbirnie House

This award-winning luxury country house nestled within 400 acres of beautiful parkland in the heart of Fife combines fine food and outstanding Scottish hospitality.

Hotel du Vin

4-star chic boutique town house hotel in the heart of St Andrews. With 37 stylish rooms, large enough to provide excellent service and hospitality.

Fairmont

The Fairmont is a 5-star hotel with 209 rooms, boasting 36 holes of championship golf in a peaceful setting and stunning cliff top views.



Mercure Perth Hotel

A 76-bedroom hotel in the heart of Perth set in a 15th century watermill with garden, reception area and lounge bar.

Murrayshall Hotel

In the heart of Perthshire, this 4-star graded country house hotel has 40 sophisticated rooms, extensive grounds and 27 holes of parkland golf.



Aberdeen Altens Hotel

4-star hotel with 216 rooms located around 3 miles south of Aberdeen city centre and a 20-minute drive from the airport. The hotel has a pool and Spa and many other facilities.



Village Hotel Aberdeen

4-star hotel with 148 rooms located just 5 miles from the city centre with full leisure facilities, including a 20m pool and gym and a bar and grill.



Sandman Hotel

Located in one of Aberdeen's most historic buildings, in the heart of the Granite City, lies Sandman Signature Aberdeen Hotel with 218 beautifully appointed guest rooms and signature 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