# **SCOTLAND'S CITIES BY RAIL - 3 Day Itinerary**

# 01 - Edinburgh

Distance between Edinburgh Waverly Train station to The Real Mary Kings close 0.2miles/0.32KM

## **Real Mary Kings Close**

The Real Mary King's Close is a five-star visitor attraction located in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town. Imagine a warren of streets frozen in time, where centuries of stories are just waiting to be told. Explore Edinburgh's underground streets, discover the city's dark past, and find out what it was really like for the people who lived, worked, and died on the Close. A truly unique location, a must-see on any trip to Edinburgh. Standard 1 hour tours run every 15 minutes, audio guides available in various languages..

2 Warriston's Close

High Street, EH1 1PG

www.realmarykingsclose.com

Link to Trade Website









Distance between Mary King's Close and The Scotch Whisky Experience 0.2 miles / 0.32 kms



## The Scotch Whisky Experience

Your clients can enjoy a tutored whisky tasting, as they explore the glass vault of world-famous whisky collection, considered one of the seven wonders of the Scotch whisky world. Located next to Edinburgh Castle, and is one of the UK's top five-star visitor attractions, with an award-winning restaurant. Whether you're a whisky novice or enthusiast, tours and whisky tastings are always interactive, educational and fun! Selected tours available in 20 languages (including BSL & ASL).

354 Castlehill

The Royal Mile, EH1 2NE

www.scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

Link to Trade Website













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## **Edinburgh Bus Tours**

Let your clients see more of Edinburgh by open-top bus with a choice of tours and tickets to suit any length of visit. From frequent hop-on, hop-off city tours, the 3 Bridges Bus and Boat Tour (guided tour to Queensferry then a cruise of the Firth of Forth) to our inclusive Royal Edinburgh Ticket (guaranteed entry to Edinburgh Castle, Palace of Holyroodhouse and Teh Royal Yacht Britannia plus 48 hours on all three city tours). There really is no better way of seeing the sights of the city. Multi languages commentary available.

**Edinburgh Bus Tours** 55 Annandale Street, EH7 4AZ

www.edinburghtour.com

Link to Trade Website















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## 02 - Perth

Take train from Edinburgh Waverly to Perth Train Station. The distance between Edinburgh Waverley and Perth Train Station is 32 miles / 51.4 kms and the journey takes approx. 1 hour 27mins.

Distance between Perth Train Station to Perth Museum 0.5 miles / 0.8 Kms.

### **Perth Museum**

Located in a spectacular Edwardian building right in the centre of Perth, this brand new museum tells the stories that put the City at the heart of Scotland's History. The Stone of Destiny will return to Perthshire after 700 years. The Stone is an incredibly significant and historical object for both Scotland and the UK being the centre piece for many Coronations over the years with the most recent being for King Charles III in Westminster Abbey. The Museum also features a cafè, shop and learning and events area.

Perth Museum St Johns Place Perth PH1 5S7

www.perthmuseum.co.uk

Link to Trade Website

0.2 miles / 0.6 kms











## **Perth Art Gallery**

The Art Gallery is in the heart of Perth city centre and houses collections from influential modern Scottish Artists. New for 2024, the Gallery will feature the most important collections of Scottish art by JD Fergusson and Margaret Morris. The collection is fully accessible to all.

Perth Art Gallery 78 George Street, PH1 5LB

www.culturepk.org.uk/museum/perth-art-gallery









Distance between Perth Art Gallery and Perth Food Tour 0.2 miles / 0.6 Kms



#### **Perth Food Tour**

Let your clients taste the best that Perth has to offer on this 3-hour walking tour. There are many stops along the way taking in traditional food, drink and local delicacies accompanied by some local history and fun facts. The tour runs at weekends in all weathers and is accessible for all, but not suitable for young children.

www.perthfoodtours.co.uk Link to Trade Website









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## 03 - Dundee

Take train from Perth Train Station to Dundee Train. Distance between Perth Train Station and Dundee Train Station is 18 miles / 30kms and takes approx 25 minutes Station.

Distance from Dundee Train Station to V&A Dundee 0.1 miles /0.16 kms.

#### **V&A Dundee**

Scotland's 1st design museum and the 1st V&A to open outside of London. The Scottish Design Gallery, featuring Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Oak Room, is the museum's permanent collection, but throughout the year there are many changing exhibitions so your clients can experience the remarkable story of design both past and present not only from Scotland but from all around the world. Enjoy the stunning views across the river Tay on the outdoor terrace or sit inside the building and soak up the impressive architecture of this unique building designed by Kengo Kuma. Coach drop off only. Closed Tuesdays in winter.

V&A Dundee

1, Riverside Esplanade, DD1 4EZ

www.vam.ac.uk/dundee

Link to Trade Website







Distance between V&A Dundee and Discovery Point 0.1miles / 0.16 kms



## **Discovery Point**

Discovery Point is home to the Royal Research Ship Discovery, which was built in the city in 1901. Your clients can tour the museum to discover all about the construction of the ship and about the voyage to the Antarctic from start to finish, brought to life along the way by video. Enjoy the new Dome Experience where you can view Dundee as it was in 1901 in a 360-view & audio-visual experience overlooking Dundee and the River Tay. Your clients can then follow in the footsteps of Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton and go on board the ship and explore all decks.

**Discovery Point** Discovery Quay, DD1 4XA

www.rrsdiscovery.co.uk

Link to Trade Website















## **Dark Dundee Tours**

Dark Dundee can meet your clients at the V&A for a 1-hour walking tour. The tour covers the history of the area, the old harbour and shipbuilding areas, all which no longer remain. They will talk about some of the public art and the history it represents. This tour doesn't include any grisly stories, but they do have other tours available for those that are more interested in the dark side of history, which can take your clients to other parts of the city.

**DD Tours** Dundee

www.ddtours.co.uk Link to Trade Website







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## **Food & Drink suggestions**

#### **Bonnie & Wild**

Showcasing the best of Scotland, this stylish food hall offers a choice of 8 restaurants, 3 bars, geleteria, patisserie and boutique bottleshop making it one of Scotland's biggest food and drink venues.

## The Scottish Cafè & Restaurant

This multi- award-winning Scottish Cafè & Restaurant is located in The National Gallery of Scotland and serves locally sourced, sustainably produced, contemporary Scottish food.

### **Red Bus Bistro**

Get on board for a unique afternoon tea or gin tea on a vintage 1966 Routemaster Bus, while you take in the stunning sights that Edinburgh has to offer. Also available for private hire and bespoke events.

### Effie's of Perth

Serving over 30 different blends of tea there will certainly be something that suits your taste at this traditional Tea Room and Restaurant. Right in the heart of Perth come and enjoy breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.

### Bistro @ The Castle

The Award-winning Bistro can be found alongside the Black Watch Castle Museum and offers a friendly and relaxing experience. Enjoy freshly prepared meals, a delicious selection of cakes and desserts or treat yourself to the Sunday Roast at the Castle.

## Perth Museum

The café at the museum offers the best of local and Scottish produce in a light, bright and welcoming space.

### DCA Jute Café Bar

Located inside Dundee Contemporary Art Gallery the Jute Café Bar is a popular choice during the day for breakfast, lunch and coffee and cake. At night it is one of the City's favourite destinations for stylish dining.

## Tatha Bar & Kitchen

Set inside V&A Dundee, Tatha uses the best locally sourced seasonal produce throughout their whole menu. Enjoy lunch, coffee and cake or afternoon tea whilst taking in the views of the RRS Discovery and the River Tay.

### McManus Art Gallery & Museum Cafè

A 3 minute walk from Dundee's City Square the beautiful McManus Art Gallery & Museum is a great place to stop for coffee and cake or a light lunch, all freshly made on site.

# **Accommodation suggestions**

#### **W Edinburgh**

Find yourself not only in the centre of Scotland's historic and culturally rich capital city, but also immersed in the spirit of the festival capital of the world. Enjoy Breath-taking dining and specialty bars, intimate cocktail bar and unique rooftop deck with the finest 360-degree views of Edinburgh and beyond.

### **Novotel Edinburgh Centre**

Is located in central Edinburgh and close to the Royal Mile. Experience one of the newly upgraded Superior, Executive and Suite rooms. After a day exploring, take advantage of the heated pool, gym and spa. To kick start your evening, head to the Tap Kitchen & Bar for a cocktail or craft beer.

### **The Courtyard by Marriott**

Located in the heart of the Scottish capital combining heritage and style with innovative design and locally inspired furnishings. You are within walking distance of all major attractions.

#### **Mercure Perth Hotel**

Set in a 15th Century Watermill, where you can watch the water trickle through the original water wheel. Perth City Centre is within easy walking distance from the hotel.

### **Salutation Hotel Perth**

Hotel in Perth with 84 en-suite rooms is an ideal venue for weddings and conferences. The hotel is full of character and thought to be one of the oldest hotels in Scotland.

## **Royal George Hotel**

Located in the heart of Perth with stunning views across the river Tay. The hotel has been attracting guests since 1773 including Queen Victoria.

### **Malmaison Hotel Dundee**

Located in Dundee's up-and-coming waterfront, just a 2 minutes walk from the railway station, V&A Dundee and Discovery Point. The hotel features a fabulous contemporary restaurant and stylish cocktail bar, it has everything you need for a city centre hotel.

## **Four Points Flex by Sheraton Dundee**

This 120 bed hotel can be found directly above the train station, offering views of the V&A, RRS Discovery and the River Tay. The city centre and the main visitor attractions are just all less than a 10 minutes walk away.

### **Apex Hotel Dundee**

A short walk away from the train station the hotel can be found overlooking the City Quay. Restaurant, gym, spa and only hotel in the city that features a pool it is the perfect place to unwind.









### **Green Tourism Award**

Businesses that work in a sustainable, environmentally friendly way are graded: Bronze, Silver or Gold

## VisitScotland's websites

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Travel trade website www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com

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
- 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 www.scotrail.co.uk
Bus information www.citylink.co.uk

Historic Environment Scotland www.historicenvironment.scot

National Trust for Scotland www.nts.org.uk
Scottish Tourist Guides Association www.stga.co.uk

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