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John Muir's Birthplace

John Muir was a conservationist who changed the world but also a writer, explorer, inventor, botanist, geologist, glaciologist, farmer and an artist. Your clients can discover the many sides to this remarkable man in this unique, award-winning museum. The exterior of the house has been restored to what it would have looked like back in 1838 while the interior is now three floors of interactive displays where your clients will have the opportunity to interactively walk in John Muir's footsteps. Closed Mon/Tues.

126 High Street
Dunbar, EH42 1JJ

www.jmbt.org.uk



Distance between John Muir's Birthplace and Preston Mill and Phantassie Doocot is 6.6 miles / 10.6km

Preston Mill and Phantassie Doocot

This picturesque 18th century water mill in an idyllic East Lothian location might make your clients think they've wound up somewhere in a story book. Cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, this property is an architectural oddity which was also featured in season one of the world-renowned TV series Outlander. Your clients can tour the mill to see and hear the mechanisms in action, learn more about the millers who worked there and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Open Thurs-Mon. Partially accessible.

Preston Road
East Linton
East Lothian, EH40 3DS

www.nts.org.uk

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Preston Mill and Phantassie Doocot and Tantallon Castle is 6 miles / 9.7km



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 view artefacts and imagine the clashes with the Crown whilst listening to stories of ghost sightings within the thick walls that stood strong until a siege by Oliver Cromwell's army. With spectacular views across to the Bass Rock they might even be lucky enough to watch gannets plunging into the North Sea. Partially accessible.

Near North Berwick
East Lothian, EH39 5PN

www.historicenvironment.scot

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Tantallon Castle and the Scottish Seabird centre is 3.1 miles / 5km



The 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 5FE

www.seabird.org

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Scottish Seabird Centre and Dirleton Castle is 2.9 miles / 4.7km



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8-12
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All groups
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FIT

Free
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Languages
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Seasonal Opening
(as noted)
Winter by
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Open all year



Accessible
access



Green Tourism
Business
Scheme



Coach
parking
available

02

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. Partially accessible. Closed Thurs/Fri in winter.

Dirleton
East Lothian, EH39 5ER

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



Distance between Dirleton Castle and the National Museum of Flight is 5.7 miles / 9.2km



National Museum of Flight

A visit to this fascinating museum must be the greenest flight-related experience your clients could possibly have. Your clients can discover a world-class collection of aircraft and hear the fascinating stories of the people who built and flew them, all in the setting of a historic hangar and airfield. A highlight of the visit is the opportunity to board the iconic Concorde. Interactive experiences take your clients through the history of aviation from the First World War to the present day. Open Sat/Sun in Winter.

East Fortune Airfield
North Berwick, EH39 5LF

www.nms.ac.uk
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between National Museum of Flight and Glenkinchie Distillery is 12.1 miles / 19.47km

Glenkinchie Distillery and Visitor Centre

Let your clients discover more about this Edinburgh Malt that is enjoyed around the world on its own, and which is also a vital component of Johnnie Walker whiskies. Set within the abundant farmlands and wildflowers of East Lothian, this Victorian Distillery offers a range of authentic and immersive experiences every day. Partially accessible.

Pencaitland
Tranent
East Lothian, EH34 5ET

www.malts.com
[Link to trade Website](#)



Distance between Glenkinchie Distillery and Rosslyn Chapel is 15.3 miles / 24.6km

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. Written language guides provided. Accessible except the Crypt.

Chapel Loan
Roslin, EH25 9PU
www.rosslynchapel.com
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Rosslyn Chapel and Lost Shore Surf Resort is 14.7 miles / 23.6km



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Lost Shore Surf Resort

Located just outside Edinburgh, the world's first inland surf resort is home to Europe's largest wave pool. State-of-the-art technology, which generates up to 1000 waves per hour, will allow your clients to experience the thrills of surfing in a safe, controlled environment. On dry land, they can also try their hand at surfskating or, for those wanting a more relaxing experience, enjoy one of the unique treatments in the Wellness Studio. The site, set in a 60-acre country park, also offers luxury accommodation units and a waterfront bar, café and restaurant.

11 South Platt Hill,
Edinburgh
EH28 8AY

www.lostshore.com

[Link to trade Website](#)



Distance between Lost Shore Surf Resort and Forth Boat Tours is 8.9 miles / 14.3 km

Forth Boat Tours

Setting off from the Hawes Pier in South Queensferry, right next to the world-famous UNESCO World Heritage Forth Railway Bridge, Forth Boat Tours offer a range of different tours on the River Forth. Winning many awards over the years you can guarantee that this hidden gem will give your clients a great day out, whether they are a young family or a larger group. There are a variety of tours for them to choose from, including a visit to Blackness Castle that comes with a complimentary cream tea, or Inchcolm island with its historical 13th century abbey. Check website for winter tours.

Port Edgar Marina
South Queensferry, EH30 9SQ

www.forthtours.com

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Forth Boat Tours and Hopetoun House is 2.8 miles / 4.5km

Hopetoun House

This 5-star attraction has been described as Scotland's finest stately home. Your clients can enjoy the panoramic views of the impressive main façade on approach which are complemented by the elegant Georgian era interiors. The magnificent entrance hall is a special sight that your clients are sure to love. Dating from the 18th Century, the surrounding 6,500-acre estate is one of Scotland's finest designed landscapes, and a focus on energy conservation and wildlife preservation ensures it will be protected for the benefit of future generations. Open Thurs-Mon. Partially accessible.

South Queensferry, EH30 9SL

www.hopetoun.co.uk

[Link to trade Website](#)



Distance between Hopetoun House and Blackness Castle is 9.3 miles / 15km



Blackness Castle

Built in the 15th century and massively strengthened in the 16th century as an artillery fortress, Blackness Castle has been a royal castle, prison, armaments depot and film location for several films and television series such as Outlaw King and Outlander. This castle's fortifications make it look like a ship that never sailed. Your clients can explore what was one of the most advanced fortifications of its time whilst taking in impressive views of the Forth and its three bridges.

Blackness
Linlithgow
West Lothian, EH49 7NH

www.historicenvironment.scot

[Link to trade Website](#)



Distance between Blackness Castle and the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway and Museum is 5.2 miles / 8.4km



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Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway and Museum

Based in Bo'ness, just a 40-minute drive from Glasgow and Edinburgh, the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway is a four-star attraction that offers your clients the chance to board a vintage steam or diesel-hauled train and explore Scotland's largest railway museum. They can soak up the atmosphere of this heritage railway, travel by steam train and enjoy a scenic 10 mile journey along the Forth Estuary, through woodlands, past waterfalls and over the Avon Viaduct. Your clients can enjoy the on-train buffet where afternoon tea is served on most Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Partially accessible.

Bo'ness Station
 Union Street
 Bo'ness, EH51 9AQ
www.bkrailway.co.uk
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway and Museum and Mary's Meanders Tours is 4.4 miles / 7.1km

Mary's Meanders Tours

Based in Linlithgow, Mary's Meanders Tours have been welcoming visitors from all over the world for the past seven years. They share their enthusiasm for their local area and love telling tales of history and local traditions. Your clients can enjoy a range of tours, with the company specialising in Outlander, Mary Queen of Scots, filming and ancestry tours. From first contact, Mary Meanders tours will guide you clients all the way and make them feel at home. Languages available on request. For accessibility contact in advance.

Linlithgow
 West Lothian
www.marysmeanders.co.uk
[Link to trade Website](#)



Distance between Mary's Meanders Tours and Linlithgow Palace is 0.6 miles / 1km

Linlithgow Palace

Linlithgow Palace is a magnificent ruin set within its own park and was a favoured residence of the Stewart Kings and Queens from James I (1406-37) onward. Your clients will be able to see where King James V (1512) and Mary Queen of Scots (1542) were both born. Its high towers look out over lush greenery and a loch brimming with wildfowl. The palace was also used in more recent times as a filming location for the television series Outlander. Partially accessible.

Kirkgate
 Linlithgow
 West Lothian, EH49 7AL
www.historicenvironment.scot
[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Linlithgow Palace and Cairnpapple Hill is 4.5 miles / 7.2km



Cairnpapple Hill

Your clients can explore a rare ceremonial complex in the Bathgate Hills. The broad summit of Cairnpapple Hill was a significant site for ceremonies and burials for at least 4,000 years, and in its day would have been comparable to better known sites like the Standing Stones of Stenness. Your clients will discover its henge, which dates from about 3800BC. On a clear day, they might even be able to spot Goat Fell, the highest peak on the Isle of Arran.

2km east of Torphichen, West Lothian
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FOOD & DRINK SUGGESTIONS

[The Seabird Café at the Scottish Seabird Centre](#)

An award-winning café in an ideal location with views of the Bass Rock. A range of snacks and meals made with locally sourced produce.

[The Waterside Bistro, Haddington](#)

The Waterside Bistro is a family-run business providing food all day on the banks of the River Tyne with indoor and outdoor seating.

[Jay Bird's Larder](#)

A 5-star award winning outdoor eatery near Dunbar. It is a perfect venue for casual eating, socialising, family gatherings and children's parties.

[The Orangery at Dalhousie Castle Hotel](#)

Delightful 'Conservatory Style' restaurant, open all day, with views over Anna Park and the castle grounds. Serves primarily Scottish cuisine with continental influences.

[The Paper Mill](#)

The Paper Mill is an award-winning all-day restaurant and bar situated on the banks of the River North Esk. It serves fresh, seasonal produce, coffee and cakes.

[Café Party, Jupiter Artland](#)

A quirky, custom-made café that was recently partnered with Edinburgh's New Town restaurant, Fhior. Boasting a unique custom menu in a fascinatingly decorated setting.

[Stewart Brewing](#)

Stewart Brewing is Edinburgh's local, independent brewery producing hand-crafted beer in small batches, to unique recipes. Tasting tours are available.

[Archerfield Walled Garden](#)

A fabulous taste, shop and explore experience in the heart of East Lothian. There is a garden café serving a delicious menu and a food market offering the best of local produce.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

[Gilmerton House](#)

An exclusive use 5-star mansion situated in East Lothian with a choice of 10 luxuriously appointed bedrooms.



[Straven Guesthouse B&B](#)

A 4-star high quality Bed and Breakfast in Portobello with newly refurbished welcoming rooms, just one minute from the beautiful beach and promenade.



[Crosswoodhill Farm Holiday Cottages](#)

Secluded 3-5 star self-catering eco lodges in West Lothian, near Edinburgh, that sleeps groups of 2-16 people in 1800 acres of tranquillity in the Pentland Hills.



[Borthwick Castle](#)

This is one of the largest and best preserved medieval Scottish fortifications. It is available for exclusive private hire and offers 12 bed chambers and room for 85 guests.



[Linwater Caravan Park and Glamping Pods](#)

Caravan Park offering Glamping pods, camping pitches, touring pitches and self-catering accommodation.



[The Old Millhouse](#)

An 18th century listed Scottish country house set on the banks of the River Esk. A 5-star self-catering venue also nominated for best self-catering establishment at the Scottish Thistle awards.



[Carberry Tower Mansion House and Estate](#)

Carberry Tower is a wonderful historic 4-star Mansion House with 30 bedrooms set in 35 acres of beautiful grounds. Offers afternoon teas, caters for corporate events.



[Garleton Lodge Haddington](#)

This 5-star lodge with 6 bedrooms offers panoramic views across the Firth of Forth and along Scotland's Golf Coast. Guests can enjoy the restaurant, spa, a hot tub and golf facilities.

[Mercure Livingston](#)

A comfortable and convenient 3-star hotel with 120 bedrooms located in Livingston. The 9 meeting and private function rooms make it perfect for business and leisure.

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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
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 Bus information	www.scotrail.co.uk 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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