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Mercat Tours

Providing award-winning storytelling since 1985, Mercat Tours will captivate you with passion, humour and flair promising a unique and lasting memory. This family-run business, now B-Corp certified, offer an extensive scheduled tour programme with daily departures to Edinburgh Castle, the many closes of the Royal Mile, and exclusive access to the Blair Street underground vaults in Edinburgh. Private and bespoke tours are also available.

Mercat House, 28 Blair Street Edinburgh, EH1 1QR

Edinburgh ghost and history walking tours | Mercat Tours Link to Trade Website













Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 0.7 miles / 1.2 Kms - 8 mins walk



Islander Workshop

For well over a century, islanders of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland have woven the beautiful and intricate cloth known as Harris Tweed®. It is the only fabric in the world that is protected by its own Act of Parliament, meaning that by law, the cloth must be made from pure virgin wool which has been dyed and spun on the islands and handwoven at the home of the weaver. In the Islander Workshop your clients can unleash their creativity and craft their very own Mini Satchel handbag; selecting their own choice of coloured components and a choice of Harris Tweed® lids

Islander Workshop, 42 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh, EH1 2QE <u>Islander</u> Link to Trade Website







Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 1.0 miles / 1.6 kms – 9mins drive / 16 mins walk

Johnnie Walker Princes Street

An experience like no other, bringing to life the story of the brand and its makers, creating a unique welcome for people from around the world. Your clients can enjoy an immersive journey through the 200-year-old history behind the world's best-selling Scotch whisky, as well as world-class food and drink. The experience is hosted across eight floors of a transformed landmark building.

Johnnie Walker Princes Street, 145 Princes Street Edinburgh, EH2 4BL

Scotch Whisky Home | Johnnie Walker UK Link to Trade Website





3.6 miles / 5.8 kms - 26 mins drive







A Wee Pedal

From the serene Union Canal to the quaint charm of Dean Village, feel the pulse of the city through its lesser-used paths, its history and its culture. Cycle to vibrant Portobello Beach, dramatic Arthur's Seat or beautiful Dean Village and along the way experience the city's diverse landscape and history unfold before you. Join them for a cycling adventure and discover a different Edinburgh. Tour starting location to be confirmed during reservation process.

Bridgend Farmhouse, 41 Old Dalkeith Road Edinburgh, EH16 4TE

A Wee Pedal









Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 2.3 miles / 3.7 kms – 15 mins drive

The Tolbooth Tavern - Dinner

The Tolbooth Tavern in Edinburgh is part of the original Canongate Tolbooth which was built in 1591. This medieval building was used to collect tolls from travellers entering the burgh at the Canongate. The ground floor became The Tolbooth Tavern in 1820. The Tolbooth Tavern is a cosy traditional Scottish pub full of character and charm. It boasts a fantastic spot along the Royal Mile where the small exterior gives way to a spacious bar and mezzanine dining area.

167 Canongate Edinburgh, EH8 8BN

The Tolbooth Tavern | Lomond Leisure Group Link to Trade Website







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Distance from Edinburgh to the day's first attraction 33.3 miles / 53.9 kms - 1 Hour 16mins drive

Great Tapestry of Scotland

Discover Scotland's history through a captivating visual story from the Ice Age to today at the Great Tapestry of Scotland, housed in a purpose-built visitor centre in Galashiels, a short journey from Edinburgh. Spanning 143 meters of hand-stitched embroidery, the tapestry was crafted by 1,000 volunteers across Scotland and explores the nation's history. It's a remarkable artwork, made by the nation for the nation.

14-20 High St, Galashiels, Scottish Borders, TD1 1SD

The Great Tapestry of Scotland

Link to Trade Website













Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 18 miles / 29 kms – 31 mins drive



Jedburgh Abbey (Historic Environment Scotland)

Explore one of four great abbeys established in the Scottish Borders in the 1100s. Built over more than 70 years, Jedburgh Abbey is striking for its unusual mix of Romanesque and early Gothic architecture. Breathe in the sweet scent of herbs in the recreated cloister garden, then sense the wealth and importance of the site from artefacts on display in the visitor centre.

4/5 Abbey Bridgend, Jedburgh Scottish Borders, TD8 6JQ

Jedburgh Abbey | Lead Public Body for Scotland's Historic **Environment**

Link to Trade Website

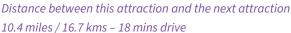












10.4 miles / 16.7 kms - 18 mins drive

Wilson's Farm & Kitchen

Their Field to Fork farm tours showcase their animals, crops, biodiversity and sheep dog demonstrations, using products from their own and neighbouring farms. The in-house catering takes advantage of some great artisan producers, the knowledgeable team only choose the finest ingredients. Through their monthly supper club and roast club join them for some decadence, or book privately. Welcoming small groups to coach parties in their converted 19th century stables offering toilets, welly boots and Wi-Fi.

Cowbog, Morebattle, Kelso, Scottish Borders, TD5 8EH

Travel Trade - Wilson's Farm & Kitchen

Link to Trade Website







Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 41.9 miles / 67.4 kms - 1 hour 9 mins drive

1881 Distillery & Gin School

1881 Distillery is home to Scotland's largest residential Gin School. Located above the original Peebles Hydro swimming pool, guests can enjoy threehour-long distillery experiences. Explore the gardens of Peebles Hydro, meet Felicity our gleaming copper still, and craft your own gin.

Peebles Hydro, Innerleithen Road, Peebles, Scottish Bord

1881 Distillery & Gin School

Link to Trade Website







Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 20.6 miles / 33.1 kms – 37 mins drive

Abbotsford - The home of Sir Walter Scott

Abbotsford, the home that Sir Walter Scott built in his beloved Scottish Borders in the early 19th century, is the enduring legacy of one of the world's greatest writers. 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. Our 5 star 'Palace of the Imagination' offers wonderful facilities - visitor centre, restaurant, nature walks, accommodation and of course Abbotsford House itself – a museum for living in.

The Abbotsford Trust, Abbotsford, Melrose Roxburghshire, TD6 9BQ

Abbotsford - The Home of Sir Walter Scott

Link to Trade Website











Distance between this attraction and Edinburgh 38.2 miles / 61.4miles - 1 hour 11 mins drive

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Distance from Edinburgh to the day's first attraction 28 miles / 45.0 kms - 58 mins drive

Cluny Activities

From Farming to Leisure, Cluny Activities is a family-run business that has been operating for over 25 years. Niche Activities such as Footgolf and Clay Pigeon Shooting and exciting experiences like Mini Highland Games, Segway riding and Archery all to be found at Cluny Activities. They offer flexible packages for different group sizes and budgets, with food options available to complement your clients visit.

By Cluny, Kirkcaldy Fife, KY2 6QU

Cluny Activities - Activity Centre in Fife

Link to Trade Website







Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 22 miles / 35.4 kms - 43 mins drive



Ardross Farm Shop - Lunch

This family-run farm and shop is passionate about helping people connect with their food again. Your clients can meet the animals, handpick vegetables, learn about beekeeping and ancient grains and eat local food. Ardross Farm run various events throughout the year including Farm-to-Barn Supper Clubs, guided farm walks and seasonal food fairs.

Elie, The Kingdom of Fife, KY9 1EU Ardross Farm Shop Link to Trade Website









Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 11.1 miles / 17.8 kms - 22 mins drive



Kingsbarns Distillery

Located close to St Andrews, the Kingsbarns Distillery and Visitor Centre sits in a charming 18th century farm steading. The distillery offers a range of different tours and tastings from the Wemyss Malts collection of Scotch whiskies to Darnley's Gin and features an exhibition space which explores the history behind the name 'Kingsbarns'. Your clients can also enjoy light refreshments in the café or buy whisky in the souvenir shop. Private dinners and events can also be organised.

East Newhall Farm, Kingsbarns Fife, KY16 8QE

Kingsbarns Distillery

Link to Trade Website











0.9 miles / 1.4 kms - 4 mins drive

Cambo Gardens

Cambo Gardens look after the Plant Heritage national snowdrop collection and have over 350 varieties. During snowdrop season (late January to early March) follow the markers through the stunning winter gardens or pick up a map to discover a wonderful array of snowdrops and aconites carpeting the woodlands all the way down to the sea. They welcome group visits and can tailor tours from general to specialist groups and have facilities to cater for parties up to 100. Themed and seasonal interest tours are available year round.

Cambo Gardens & The Stables Visitor Centre Cambo Estate, Kingsbarns, St Andrews Fife, KY16 8QD

Cambo Gardens, Fife











Distance between this attraction and Edinburgh 562 miles / 90.4 kms - 1 hour 47 mins drive

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Distance from Edinburgh to the day's first attraction 26.3miles / 42.3 kms - 1hour 3 mins drive



The Kelpies at the Helix

Step inside this 5-star visitor centre where you will discover the craftsmanship and attention to detail that make the Kelpies truly remarkable. View these magnificent 30m tall sculptures at your own leisure or book onto one of their daily tours to find out so much more. Why not then take a cycle or walk through lush greenery and enchanting woodlands to The Falkirk Wheel, the world's only rotating boat lift, linking the Forth and Clyde Canal to the Union Canal 35 metres above.

The Helix Falkirk, FK2 7ZT

Helix Park Falkirk | The Helix

Link to Trade Website













Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 17.8 miles / 28.6 kms - 33 mins drive

Stirling Castle (Historic Environment Scotland)

Stirling is one of Scotland's greatest stone castles – an icon integral to how we understand the nation's story. In its grandeur with its superb sculptures and beautiful gardens. It was a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations from christenings to coronations. Book ahead for out-of-hours exclusive tours of Stirling castle with one of our expert guides. We can also arrange catering for your groups.

Castle Wynd Stirling, FK8 1EJ

Stirling Castle | Historic Environment Scotland Link to Trade Website











Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 0.5 miles / 0.8 kms - 9 min walk

Made in Stirling

This vibrant curated marketplace has capacity for artists and makers to sell, learn, make and teach. 'Meet the Maker' experiences are provided after opening hours and give a platform to a collective of local artists and makers to not only showcase their work, but to let you know about their practices and inspiration behind their pieces. The 'Make your Own Scottish Keepsake' workshop allows you to make a Scotland-inspired keepsake to commemorate your travel.

44 King Street Stirling, FK8 1AY Made in Stirling

Link to Trade Website









Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 0.4 miles / 0.64 kms - 6 min walk

Old Town Jail - NEW Winter Crime & Cask Tour

Stirling Old Town Jail is a must-visit destination for those seeking a glimpse into Scotland's rich and fascinating history. Located in the heart of Stirling's charming Old Town, just a stone's throw from the iconic Stirling Castle, the Old Town Jail is renowned for its immersive live performance tours, which offer visitors the opportunity to hear the histories of punishment and the tales of the Burgh's most notorious heroes and villains. Pre-book their new Winter Crime & Cask tour, a performance journey through the history of whisky in Scotland. The tour concludes with a whisky tasing in the Jails hidden drinking den, the Debtors Room.

St Johns Street Stirling, FK8 1EA Stirling Old Town Jail









Distance between this attraction and Edinburgh 39.6 miles / 63.7 kms – 1 hour 9 mins drive



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Distance from Edinburgh to the day's first attraction 16.1 miles / 25.9 kms - 33 mins drive

Yarrow Cookery School

Sophie & Richard Yarrow believe in the power of food to connect people, nourish communities, and create lasting memories. Their travel trade experiences celebrate Scottish produce and can be easily tailored to meet unique wishes. Each session provides the joy of hands-on cooking, where guests craft every dish from scratch. Highlights include:

- Haggis bon-bons and whisky tasting (1 hour)
- East Lothian field to fork (4 ½ hours)
- Local Scottish seafood featuring sustainable North Berwick lobster (4 ½ hours)

Longniddry Steading, Longniddry East Lothian, EH32 0NZ

Yarrow Cookery School Link to Trade Website











Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 8.7 miles / 14.0 kms - 16 mins drive

Archerfield Walled Garden

A Garden Café serving imaginative and delicious menus throughout the day; a food market offering the absolute best of local produce, with freshly prepared sandwiches, pies, cakes, and coffees with your client's choice to sit in or take away; a gift shop with a fabulous range of products. Explore all their amazing trails, there are some wonderful running routes, and a magical fairy trail for your clients to explore.

Archerfield Estate, Dirleton East Lothian, EH39 5HQ

Archerfield Walled Garden

Link to Trade Website













Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 6.9 miles / 11.1 kms - 16 mins dive



NB Distillery

A family-owned distillery that produces multi award winning NB Gin and Rum. Book ahead to discover a unique experience for your clients to learn, sample and relax on their Ginspiration Tours or just pop by to visit the distillery, see the majestic copper stills and buy at great prices from the Cellar Door Shop. NB Distillery offers a unique and luxury tasting experience like no other!

Halflandbarns, North Berwick East Lothian, EH39 5PW

NB Distillery

Link to Trade Website









Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 10.8 miles / 17.4 kms - 22 mins drive

The Cheese Lady

An award-winning specialist cheesemonger, offering a curated selection of the finest farmhouse and artisan cheeses from the British Isles and the Continent. These complex cheeses are crafted with care and precision by cheesemaking masters, matured to perfection in their new maturation room. They offer private bespoke tasting events/masterclasses, led by their founder and best-selling author, Svetlana. They offer tastings of European, British, Scottish cheeses, paired with artisan wine range, whisky and/or local liqueurs for groups 6-20.

3 Court Street, Haddington East Lothian, EH41 3JD

The Cheese Lady

Link to Trade Website







Distance between this attraction and the next attraction 11.4 miles / 18.3 kms - 16 mins drive

Belhaven Brewery

Established in 1719, Belhaven Brewery is the oldest working brewery in Scotland. Situated in Dunbar, the brewery nestles amongst the rolling barley fields of East Lothian, just 20 miles from Edinburgh. As the home of Scottish Brewing, they pride themselves in producing the Nation's No.1 Ale (Belhaven Best) and No.1 Stout (Belhaven Black), alongside their awardwinning range of craft beers and ales, all made using our fresh water source, local barley and unique Belhaven yeast.

Brewery Lane, Dunbar, East Lothian, EH42 1PE

Belhaven Brewery Link to Trade Website







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FOOD AND DRINK SUGGESTIONS

Scottish Cafe and Restaurant - Contini

Located in the Scottish National Gallery with iconic views into Princes Street Gardens, this is an award winning sustainable Scottish restaurant run by Contini.

Afternoon Tea at Café at the Palace

Found at the end of the Royal Mile in a striking setting within the Palace of Holyroodhouse, this is one of the top destinations for afternoon tea. All locally sourced produce.

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.

Rhubarb at Prestonfield House

A glamourous restaurant just a stone's throw from the city centre serving exceptional Scottish cuisine with locally sourced produce from small artisan suppliers.

Red Bus Bistro | Edinburgh Bus Tours

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.

Tigerlily - Edinburgh

This is a restaurant, bar and hotel found on George Street serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, that also has an renowned cocktail menu, turning it into one of the city's liveliest venues on Fridays and Saturdays.

Amber Restaurant

Located within The Scotch Whisky Experience on The Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Amber is a traditional Scottish restaurant that offers unique and exciting dishes to delight the palate.

Cafe 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.

Jay Bird's Larder | Foxlake Adventures

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

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

100 Princes Street, Red Carnation Hotels

Set right in the heart of the capital with spectacular views from the dining room of Princes Street Gardens and Edinburgh Castle. You are only a stone's throw away from all the major sights the city has to offer.

Edinburgh Central

A centrally located 5-star youth Hostel with a variety of rooms available – private and dormitories. Hostel can be privately rented.

The Caledonian Edinburgh, Curio Collection by Hilton

A 5-star luxury hotel located in a former Victorian rail station on Princes Street. With views of Edinburgh Castle, the hotel has an indulgent Spa offering organic Scottish seaweed treatments and has 241 rooms.



The Balmoral, a Rocco Forte Hotel

An iconic 5-star hotel in the centre of Edinburgh with 167 rooms, 20 suites, stunning views of the city and a majestic clock tower.



Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club -

A 4-star Hotel just 20 minutes from Edinburgh offering luxury accommodation with 215 rooms, various dining options, meeting and events spaces, and 2 golf courses.



Kimpton Charlotte Square

Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel is a historic luxury boutique hotel with a private garden and a spa, residing in the heart of Edinburgh in the New Town.



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.

Novotel Edinburgh Centre

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.

Straven Guesthouse

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



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.



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VisitScotland's websites

Our travel trade website offers the travel industry a one-stop-shop for Scotland information, inspiration and toolkit. 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 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

Go Rural Website www.goruralscotland.com

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