

STORIES OF SCOTLAND

Castles, gardens, battlefields and much more!

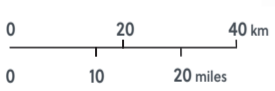
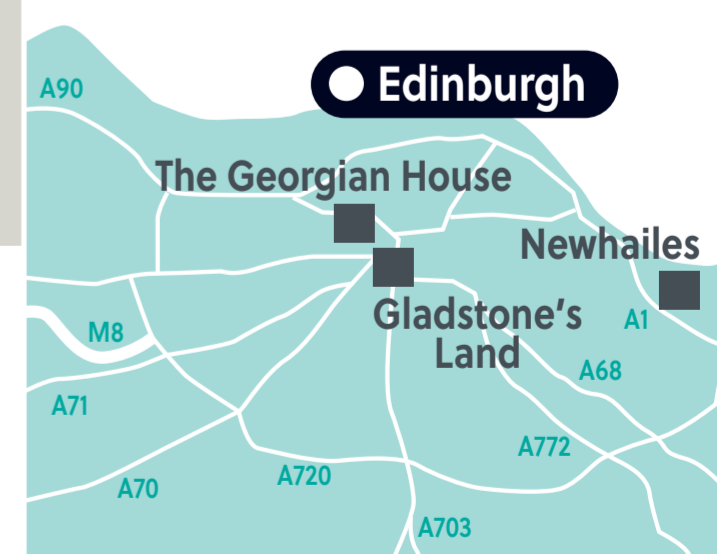
Ideal for groups and FITs on short breaks and touring holidays.

As one of the UK's largest conservation charities, we manage many of Scotland's favourite heritage attractions, including world-famous gardens, historic battle sites, castles, palaces and stately homes. Many are 4 and 5 star visitor attractions with multi-lingual interpretation, tax free shopping and group-friendly cafes.



KEY

- WESTERN WONDERS
- EASTERN DELIGHTS
- SOUTHERN GEMS

GLASGOW
Greenbank Garden
Holmwood
Pollok House
The Tenement House

An hour apart, Edinburgh and Glasgow are two strikingly different yet beautifully complementary cities.

EDINBURGH
The Georgian House
Gladstone's Land
Inveresk Lodge Garden
Malleny Garden
Newhailes

Before starting your Scotland tour, take the opportunity to explore some of our city highlights and hidden gems.



WESTERN WONDERS

Start your journey from Glasgow or Edinburgh to discover:



THE BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN – prepare for battle!

Stirling FK7 0LJ

700 years after the famous Scots victory in 1314, experience medieval warfare like never before through cutting-edge 3D technology. Discover how the tactics and decisions of two kings inspired events which defined the Scottish nation.

A major attraction for group and FIT programmes within easy reach of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Perfect for day trips and as an exciting start or finish to any tour of Scotland.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Alloa Tower; Culross Palace & Garden

Non-NTS: Duncarron Medieval Village; National Wallace Monument; Stirling Castle (HS); Stirling Old Town Jail



THE HILL HOUSE

Helensburgh G84 9AJ

A masterpiece of domestic architecture designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and filled with original Mackintosh furniture. Beautifully restored gardens, also partly designed by Mackintosh.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Geilston Garden

Non-NTS: Argyll Forest Park (FCS); Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



CRARAE GARDEN

Crarae, Inveraray PA32 8YA

Britain's finest example of a Himalayan woodland garden. Magical all year round, with tumbling waterfalls, exotic trees, rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and magnolias. National Collection of southern beech.



Other attractions in the local area:

Non-NTS: Auchindrain; Inveraray Castle; Inveraray Jail; Kilmartin House Museum



ARDUAINE GARDEN

Arduaine, Oban PA34 4XQ

Amazing views overlooking the Sound of Jura. Rich in rare and exotic plants from around the world, especially South America and East Asia, along with blue Tibetan poppies, Chatham Island forget-me-nots, carnivorous plants, palms and ferns. The bistro and restaurant at the Loch Melfort Hotel offer a wide selection of fresh, locally sourced dishes. www.lochmelfort.co.uk



Other attractions in the local area:

Non-NTS: Bonawe Historic Iron Furnace (HS); Dunstaffnage Castle (HS); Oban Distillery



GLENCOE VISITOR CENTRE

Glencoe PH49 4HX

The dramatic landscape and towering mountains stand as a monument to the infamous massacre of February 1692. Award-winning visitor centre with innovative interactive displays and stunning mountain views. Wildlife safari tours. Location of James Bond film Skyfall.



Whilst in the area visit:

GLENFINNAN MONUMENT

Glenfinnan PH37 4LT

Stand on the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his Standard on 19 August 1745 at the start of a campaign which ended at the Battle of Culloden on 16 April 1746. Climb to the top of the monument and enjoy spectacular views of the viaduct made famous by the Hogwarts Express in the Harry Potter movies.



INVEREWE GARDEN & ESTATE

Poolewe IV22 2LG

One of the world's great gardens, this plantsman's paradise has specimens from around the globe, including Chinese rhododendrons, Chilean lantern trees and South African bulbs. Also home to the rare Wollemi pine, until recently thought to be extinct.



Whilst in the area visit:

CORRIESHALLOCH GORGE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

The 1874 suspension bridge offers exhilarating views of this spectacular 46-metre deep, mile-long box canyon.



CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD

Culloden Moor, Inverness IV2 5EU

Award-winning visitor experience with 360° total immersion theatre and superb displays of artefacts and weaponry. Listen to first-hand accounts leading up to 16 April 1746 when the course of British and world history changed forever. Multilingual audio battlefield guides.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Brodie Castle and the Playful Garden

Non-NTS: Fort George (HS); Jacobite Cruises Loch Ness



BRODIE CASTLE

Brodie, Forres IV36 2TE

Beautiful 16th century tower house packed with antique furniture, porcelain, a fabulous art collection and a magnificent library containing 6,000 volumes. Here the new Playful Garden creates a magical experience for all to enjoy. National Collection of daffodils.



Other attractions in the local area:

Non-NTS: Culbin Forest (FCS); Dallas Dhu Historic Distillery (HS); Elgin Cathedral (HS); Johnstons Cashmere Heritage Centre; Knockando Woolmill; Pluscarden Abbey; Spynie Palace (HS); The Malt Whisky Trail

EASTERN DELIGHTS

Start your journey from Glasgow or Edinburgh to discover:



CULROSS PALACE

Royal Burgh of Culross KY12 8JH

Step back in time at this preserved 17th century village. In the centre is the the Palace with its amazing painted ceilings and the beautifully reconstructed period garden, complete with herbs, fruit and vegetables, and rare Scots Dumpy Hens. Culross has featured in scenes of the hugely popular Outlander series.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Alloa Tower; The Battle of Bannockburn

Non-NTS: Duncarron Medieval Village; National Wallace Monument; Stirling Castle (HS); Stirling Old Town Jail



FALKLAND PALACE & GARDEN

Falkland, Cupar KY15 7BU

Magnificent 16th-century royal hunting lodge, where Mary, Queen of Scots spent some of the happiest days of her life. Beautiful tapestries and interiors. The gardens designed by Percy Cane are the only complete example of his work in Scotland. Also home to Britain's oldest tennis court, built in 1539.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Kellie Castle; Hill of Tarvit

Non-NTS: RSPB Loch Leven; Scottish Deer Centre



HILL OF TARVIT MANSIONHOUSE & GARDEN

Cupar KY15 5PB

Remodelled by the Scottish architect Sir Robert Lorimer, the house showcases an exquisite collection of French and Chippendale-style furniture, along with paintings by Raeburn and Ramsay. Lorimer-designed gardens and traditional 9-hole hickory golf course. www.kingarrock.com



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Balmerino Abbey; Kellie Castle & Garden

Non-NTS: St Andrews Castle (HS); St Andrews Cathedral (HS); Tentsmuir Forest (FCS)



HOUSE OF DUN & MONTROSE BASIN NATURE RESERVE

Montrose DD10 9LQ

Beautiful Georgian house with grand public rooms and elaborate plasterwork. Home to the Hutchison Collection of 20th-century paintings by prominent Scottish Colourists. Fabulous Victorian gardens and internationally important nature reserve for migratory wading birds and wildfowl.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: J M Barrie's Birthplace; Barry Mill

Non-NTS: Arbroath Abbey (HS); Edzell Castle (HS); Glamis Castle



CRATHES CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE

Banchory AB31 5QJ

Part of Scotland's Castle Trail

Magical 16th-century turreted castle with resident ghost, the Green Lady. Extraordinary interiors and painted ceilings. See the ancient Horn of Leys, a gift from King Robert the Bruce in 1323. One of Europe's finest walled gardens, and the estate is home to Go Ape, the north of Scotland's only high wire tree-top adventure course. www.goape.co.uk



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Drum Castle; Craigievar Castle



DRUM CASTLE

Drumoak, by Banchory AB31 5EY

Part of Scotland's Castle Trail

Gifted by King Robert the Bruce in 1323, this stronghold is unique among Scottish Castles, combining the oldest intact square tower in Scotland, a Jacobean mansion house and Victorian Extensions. Visit the beautiful Garden of Historic Roses and the Old Wood of Drum – a remnant of the ancient Royal Forest of Drum and site of Special Scientific interest.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Craigievar Castle; Castle Fraser; Leith Hall

Non-NTS: Balmoral Castle; Cairngorms National Park; Royal Lochnagar Distillery (DD)



PITMEDDEN GARDEN

Ellon AB41 7PD

One of Britain's great gardens, dating from 1675. Over 5 miles of intricate box hedging form six parterres filled with 40,000 plants. Extensive herbaceous borders, fragrant with honeysuckle, jasmine and roses. 80 varieties of apple trees, as well as fountains, sundials and topiary.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Haddo House, Fyvie Castle

Non-NTS: Glen Garioch Distillery; Tolquhon Castle (HS)



FYVIE CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE

Fyvie, Turriff AB53 8JS

Part of Scotland's Castle Trail

Discover 800 years of ghosts, myths and legends. Extraordinary Scottish Baronial fortress with lavish interiors and intricate ceilings. World-famous art collection, including the largest private collection of Raeburns in the world. Restored 1903 racquet court and bowling alley.



Other attractions in the local area:

Non-NTS: Huntly Castle (HS); Bennachie (FCS); The Malt Whisky Trail

To complete your Eastern Delights tour, continue to Brodie Castle and the Playful Garden and Culloden Battlefield and link up with our Western Wonders tour.

SOUTHERN GEMS

Start your journey from Glasgow or Edinburgh to discover:



THE GEORGIAN HOUSE

Edinburgh EH2 4DR

Part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, this Robert Adam masterpiece, in the city's elegant New Town, is adjacent to Bute House, the official residence of the First Minister of Scotland. Step back in time and experience fashionable late 18th- and early 19th-century high society living. Discover grand rooms like no others in central Edinburgh, rich in paintings, silverware, china and furniture; then compare this 'upstairs', well-to-do lifestyle with the 'below stairs' life of the domestic staff.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Newhailes; Gladstone's Land

Non-NTS: Palace of Holyroodhouse; Edinburgh Castle (HS)



NEWHAILES

Musselburgh EH21 6RY

An amazing survival story, this neo-Palladian villa, rescued using pioneering conservation methods, boasts some of the finest rococo interiors in Scotland. Discover exquisite Chinese hand-painted wallpaper, gilded golden eagles, Italian marble fireplaces and a library once described as 'the most learned drawing room in Europe'.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Georgian House; Gladstone's Land

Non-NTS: National Museum of Flight; Glenkinchie Distillery



POLLOKHOUSE

Pollok Country Park, Glasgow G43 1AT

'The Scottish country house at its best', surrounded by beautiful parkland in the heart of Glasgow. Fabulous interiors, period furnishings, silverware and ceramics. One of the finest collections of Spanish art in Britain, with masterpieces by Goya, Murillo and El Greco, including Lady in a Fur Wrap.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Greenbank Garden; Holmwood; The Tenement House

Non-NTS: Burrell Collection (Reopening 2020)



BRODICK CASTLE, GARDEN & COUNTRY PARK

Isle of Arran KA27 8HY

Often described as Scotland in miniature, Arran is a must-see island destination, with Brodick Castle its crowning jewel. Set against the towering peak of Goatfell, this spectacular ducal castle spans 800 years of Scottish history and has Napoleonic connections. It combines elegant interiors, rich in antique furniture, paintings and silverware, with magnificent formal gardens and manicured terraced lawns. Three National Collections of rhododendron.



Other attractions in the local area:

Non-NTS: Arran Aromatics; Isle of Arran Distillers; Lochranza Castle (HS)



ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Alloway, Ayr KA7 4PQ

Award-winning museum housing the world's definitive Burns collection, including a miniature volume of verse that travelled 5.7 million miles to space. Step under the thatched eaves of Burns Cottage, birthplace of Scotland's national poet. Cross the Brig o' Doon and explore Alloway Auld Kirk, both immortalised in Tam o' Shanter. Climb to the top of Burns Monument in the beautiful riverside gardens.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Bachelors' Club; Souter Johnnie's Cottage, Culzean Castle & Country Park

Non-NTS: Crossraguel Abbey (HS); Dumfries House



CULZEAN CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK

Maybole KA19 8LE

An 18th-century Robert Adam masterpiece in amazing clifftop location. Beautiful interiors and collections; the Armoury boasts one of the most important collections of flintlock pistols and swords in the world. Strong links with President Eisenhower. Magnificent terraced gardens, sandy beaches and caves. Interactive multi-media tour.



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Souter Johnnie's Cottage



THREAVE ESTATE

Castle Douglas DG7 1RX

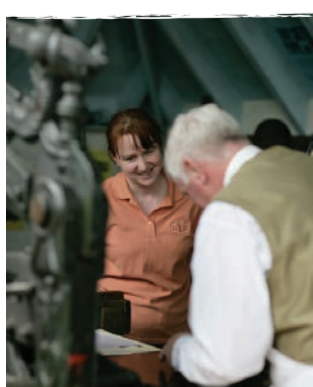
A grand Scottish Baronial house set in 26 hectares of world-famous gardens, including 200 varieties of daffodils. The 600 hectare estate features wetlands with bird hides and an osprey viewing platform, and is a Special Protection Area for breeding waders and wintering wildfowl. Also home to Scotland's first bat reserve, where seven species can be found; two marked bat walks (bat detectors available for hire).



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Broughton House, Rockcliffe

Non-NTS: Drumlanrig Castle; Threave Castle (HS); Galloway Forest Park (FCS)



ROBERT SMAIL'S PRINTING WORKS

Innerleithen EH44 6HA

Enjoy a fantastic hands-on experience at the UK's only fully restored Victorian letterpress jobbing printers. Have a go at authentic typesetting and see the 100-year-old presses working at full throttle. Whatever your age, you'll leave with a big smile and perhaps a souvenir!



Other attractions in the local area:

NTS: Harmony Garden; Priorwood Garden

Non-NTS: Abbotsford; Melrose Abbey (HS); Traquair House

Return to Edinburgh or Glasgow.

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For the love of Scotland

We are the largest member organisation in Scotland. As a conservation charity, we are supported by more than 360,000 members and are funded largely by donations.

Since 1931, our love for Scotland has fuelled our desire to protect the things that make it special. By championing Scotland's natural, built and cultural heritage we inspire those around us.

From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wilderness, we encourage people to connect with the things that make Scotland unique while protecting them for future generations.

We do it so our heritage will always have a home. We do it so our countryside will remain unspoilt, and accessible.

We do what we do... for the love of Scotland.

	Café/Restaurant		Walking trails
	Gift shop		Areas accessible for wheelchair users
	Coach parking at or near the property		Facilities for hearing-impaired visitors
	Car parking at or near the property		Information for visually impaired visitors
	Information available in different languages		Good chance of spotting bats
	Venue available for corporate and private hire		Good chance of spotting wildlife

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