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Discover great local attractions



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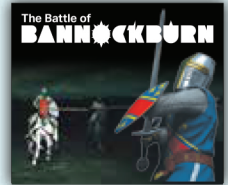


Ideal for groups and FITs on short breaks and touring holidays

An hour apart, Edinburgh and Glasgow are two strikingly different yet beautifully complementary cities, both excellent bases for day trips around Scotland.

Also see **In and around Edinburgh**.

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 cafés.



Glasgow

- Tenement House
- Pollok House
- Holmwood
- Greenbank Garden

Edinburgh

- The Georgian House
- Gladstone's Land

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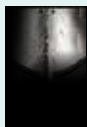
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THE BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN

Stirling FK7 0LJ

34 miles/55 km from Edinburgh city centre

Prepare for battle!

700 years after King Robert the Bruce's famous victory in 1314, experience medieval warfare like never before and discover how the tactics and decisions of two kings inspired events which defined the Scottish nation.

A major new attraction for group and FIT programmes from 2014, The Battle of Bannockburn is within easy reach of both Edinburgh and Glasgow, perfect for day trips and as an exciting start or finish to tours of Scotland.



ALLOA TOWER

Alloa FK10 1PP

36 miles/58 km from Edinburgh city centre

Scotland's oldest and largest keep

Dating from the 14th century, this is the oldest and largest keep in Scotland and the ancestral home of the Earls of Mar and Kellie. The Tower has entertained many monarchs over the centuries, including Mary, Queen of Scots and James VI and I. Explore the medieval dungeon, sweeping Italianate staircase, rare double groin-vaulted ceiling and 1st-floor well.



CULROSS PALACE

Culross KY12 8JH

24 miles/38 km from Edinburgh city centre

Witches, potions and cures

Step back in time and explore the cobbled streets, historic palace, buildings and garden of this 17th-century royal burgh overlooking the Firth of Forth. Famed for its Scots Dumpy hens, the palace garden is rich in aromatic and medicinal plants – many of which were essential components of medieval potions and cures. The 39 Steps and the superhero movie Captain America: The First Avenger were filmed here, and look out for the bust of legendary Admiral Cochrane, the inspiration for the popular Horatio Hornblower novels.



FALKLAND PALACE

Falkland, Cupar KY15 7BU

37 miles/59 km from Edinburgh city centre

Britain's oldest royal tennis court

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.





HILL OF TARVIT

Cupar KY15 5PB

42 miles/67km from Edinburgh city centre

Fun 9-hole hickory golf course

One of Scotland's finest Edwardian mansionhouses, showcasing exquisite Chippendale-style furniture and masterpieces by Raeburn and Ramsay. The Lorimer-designed gardens, with formal lawns, yew hedging, flowering borders and sunken rose garden complement the estate's 9-hole hickory golf course. Step back in time and enjoy a round of golf as it was played over 100 years ago, with traditional clubs, bags, tees and balls.



KELLIE CASTLE

Pittenweem KY10 2RF

47 miles/75km from Edinburgh city centre

Spookily charming!

Enchanting castle dating from 1360 with resident ghost. Magnificent plaster ceilings and long-concealed mural by Phoebe Anna Traquair. Sir Robert Lorimer-designed furniture and Hew Lorimer's sculpture studio. Inspirational 400 year-old walled garden scented with old-world roses.



BRANKLYN GARDEN

Perth PH2 7BB

43 miles/69km from Edinburgh city centre

A garden of wonders

Gardeners and botanists the world over flock to this charming garden, famed for its National Collections of Meconopsis, Cassiope, Lilium and Rhododendron. A treasure chest of rare and unusual plants from across the globe, highlights include vivid blue Himalayan poppies, species collected by Scottish plant hunters Ludlow and Sherriff, and outstanding collections of alpine, herbaceous and peat garden plants.



ROBERT SMAIL'S PRINTING WORKS

Innerleithen EH44 6HA

29 miles/47km from Edinburgh city centre

Mind your Ps & Qs!

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!





PRIORWOOD GARDEN

Melrose TD6 9PX

40 miles/64km from Edinburgh city centre

Scotland's only dedicated dried flower garden

This rustic walled garden beside 12th-century Melrose Abbey is a specialist centre for the traditional craft of dried flower arranging. Explore herbaceous borders filled with tall delphiniums, 'Danish Flag' poppies and a myriad of scented blooms used in dried flower arranging and pot-pourri. Over 70 varieties of heritage apple are grown organically in the orchard, along with pears, plums, gages and damsons, as well as vintage fruits such as quinces, medlars and mulberries.



HARMONY GARDEN

Melrose TD6 9LJ

40 miles/64km from Edinburgh city centre

Wild orchids, dwarf narcissus and dog's-tooth violets

Home to the Borders Book Festival, this is a garden of colourful herbaceous borders, enticing fruit and vegetable beds. In spring, the bulb lawn is a carpet of flowering dog's-tooth violets, fritillaries, dwarf narcissus, wild orchids and crocuses, as well as old and rare daffodils. Highlights include the Victorian kitchen garden, bell-shaped border and golden border.



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