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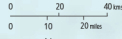


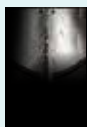
Ideal for groups and FITs on short breaks and touring holidays

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

Also see **In and around Glasgow**.

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.





THE BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN

Stirling FK7 0LJ

25 miles/40 km from Glasgow 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

33 miles/53 km from Glasgow 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.



GEILSTON GARDEN

Cardross G82 5HD

25 miles/40 km from Glasgow city centre

Garden of tranquillity

Escape to one of Scotland's most compelling and diverse gardens on the Firth of Clyde. Discover the walled garden, dating from 1797, with its giant Wellingtonia and impressive Mackenzie & Moncur heritage glasshouse, the kitchen garden and apple orchard, as well as the millpond, waterfall and Geils marriage well. During spring, stroll along the bluebell-lined paths beside the Geilston Burn and in summer be inspired by the prairie borders in full bloom.



THE HILL HOUSE

Helensburgh G84 9AJ

31 miles/50 km from Glasgow city centre

Visited by Brad and Angelina!

During the filming of World War Z, the Hollywood A-listers visited this Charles Rennie Mackintosh masterpiece of domestic architecture, famed for its original Mackintosh furniture and 'Sleeping Princess' gesso panel. The beautifully restored gardens mirror Mackintosh's stunning interior designs, from the 'lollipop' hollies in the carriage circle to the design and colours of the rose garden.





GLENCOE

Glencoe PH49 4HX

89 miles/143 km from Glasgow city centre

As featured in the 007 blockbuster Skyfall

This dramatic landscape of towering peaks stands as a monument to the infamous massacre of February 1692, one of the most tragic events in Scottish history. Nestling at the foot of the glen along the A82, our award-winning visitor centre, with interactive displays, is the perfect stop-off point to enjoy awe-inspiring views and a relaxing break in our group-friendly café. Pre-book a ranger-led walk or Land Rover safari and experience the glen and its wildlife from a totally different perspective.



BRODICK CASTLE

Isle of Arran KA27 8HY

35 miles/56 km from Glasgow city centre to Ardrossan Harbour, followed by ferry crossing

Spanning 800 years of Scottish history

Described as Scotland in miniature, Arran is a must-see island oasis, with Brodick Castle its crowning jewel. With Napoleonic connections, this spectacular ducal castle combines elegant interiors rich in antique furniture, paintings and silverware, with wonderful formal gardens, manicured terraced lawns, wildflower meadows, tumbling waterfalls and breathtaking views of Brodick Bay and Goatfell.

Nurtured by the warming effects of the Gulf Stream, the historic walled garden boasts many exotic plants from around the world, while three National Collections of rhododendrons guarantee colour and fragrance all year round.



ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Alloway, Ayr KA7 4PQ

39 miles/62 km from Glasgow city centre

Home of Scotland's national poet

Robert Burns's life as a poet, musician, lover, humanitarian and national hero has universal appeal. An inspiration for literary masters, rock legends and filmmakers, his artistic legacy consists of more than 600 poems and songs written over a short lifetime, ranging from 'Auld Lang Syne' – sung the world over at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve – to the ghost story Tam o' Shanter and the romantic 'Ye Banks and Braes'.

Our award-winning museum comprises the famous Burns Cottage where the poet was born over 250 years ago, the historic landmarks where he set much of Tam o' Shanter, the elegant monument and gardens created in his honour and a modern museum housing the world's most important collection of his life and works.

For an exclusive Burns experience, join us in the place where it all began and celebrate the National Bard's birthday with a traditional Burns Supper, including pipes, poetry and the ritual slicing of a steaming haggis. Burns Night is on 25 January, but we invite you to celebrate at any time of the year – pre-booking is essential.





CULZEAN CASTLE

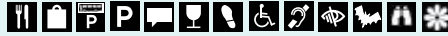
Maybole KA19 8LE

49 miles/78 km from Glasgow city centre

The perfect day out!

One of Scotland's top visitor attractions, Culzean Castle is an 18th-century Robert Adam masterpiece. With strong links to President Eisenhower, the castle boasts beautiful interiors and collections, including one of the most important collections of flintlock pistols and swords in the world.

From its clifftop location, the castle is framed by enchanting terraced gardens, a deer park, woodland walks, sandy beaches, caves and panoramic sea views. The maritime climate allows the cultivation of many exotic plants including palm, banana and lemon trees. Highlights include the colourful borders, sunken garden and fruit-filled glasshouses, as well as the Victorian vinery, Camellia House, Fountain Court and Orangery.



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