

# SCOTLAND'S TAY COUNTRY - 4 DAY ITINERARY

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### Royal Burgh Culross - Culross Palace

Historic Culross is one of Scotland's most picturesque towns. Your clients can explore the beautiful refurbished Culross Palace which dates back from 1597 and imagine what it would have been like to live within the splendid interiors. The Palace also boasts a stunning reconstructed period garden, complete with herbs, fruits and vegetables. Recently, Culross has found fame as a film location for the tv series Outlander. The ruined church, which was the Black Kirk in season one, is at a short walk away from the village centre.

#### Culross

Dunfermline, KY12 8JH

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

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Distance between Royal Burgh of Culross and Dunfermline Abbey and Palace is 9.9 miles /15.8km.



### Dunfermline Abbey and Palace

One of Scotland's most important royal sites, including the shrine of St Margaret, Scotland's only female saint. Beginning as a priory founded by Malcolm's wife, Queen Margaret, it was re-established as an abbey by her son in 1128 and is the final resting place of King Robert Bruce, notably minus his heart, along with seven other Scottish kings. Your clients will discover that the abbey's great nave is also the most visually stunning example of Romanesque architecture in Scotland.

St Margaret Street,  
Dunfermline, KY12 7PE

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

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Distance between Dunfermline Abbey and Palace and Scottish Fisheries Museum is 35.1 miles /56.5km.

### Scottish Fisheries Museum

This collection cared for by the Scottish Fisheries Museum is a Recognised Collection of National Significance that tells the story of how, through a constant process of innovation, the Scottish fisheries became such an important part of the lives of so many Scots. The site includes buildings from the 16th century on the harbour of a small fishing port. Your clients can see over 15 historic boats including the sailing flagship Reaper, and over 66,000 objects from across Scotland including paintings, costumes and photographs.

#### St Ayles

Harbourhead

Anstruther, KY10 3AB

[www.scotfishmuseum.org](http://www.scotfishmuseum.org)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Scottish Fisheries Museum and St Andrews Cathedral is 10.5 miles /16.8km.

### St Andrews Cathedral

Even in its ruinous state, St Andrews Cathedral remains a prominent landmark highly visible from the sea. St Rule's Tower, in the precinct, is part of the first church of the Augustinian canons at St Andrews built in the early 12th century. In the museum, your clients will discover an outstanding collection of early and later medieval sculptures and other relics found on the site. Close by is St Andrews Castle, the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St Andrews.



#### The Pends

St Andrews, KY16 9QL

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Distance between St Andrews Cathedral and The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum is 14.5 miles /23.4km.

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## DUNDEE

### The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum

The exhibits at this award-winning free attraction are housed within a magnificent Victorian, Gothic-revival style building where art, history and regular exhibitions offer your clients a fascinating insight into Dundee. Throughout the galleries your clients can learn about early man in the area, admire stunning paintings and explore artefacts from industries past and present, plus enjoy a tour of some of the displays with Audio Guides. The museum also contains an extensive retail area and a welcoming café.

Albert Square  
Meadowside  
Dundee, DD1 1DA

[www.mcmanus.co.uk](http://www.mcmanus.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum and Dundee Museum of Transport is 1.2 miles /2km.



### Dundee Museum of Transport

Dundee's latest addition to Scotland's city of culture. Your clients will have the opportunity to learn about local transport pioneers, Dundee's tram network, railway, roads and marine history. The various changing exhibitions include cars, commercial vehicles and buses from local and national collections. Your clients can also get up close and see the much-loved magical car *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and have a look at the museum's recreation of Dundee's first flying machine.

Unit 10 Market Mews  
Market Street  
Dundee, DD1 3LA

[www.dmoft.co.uk](http://www.dmoft.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Dundee Museum of Transport and HMS Unicorn is 1 mile /1.7km.

### HMS Unicorn

Nearly 200 years old, HMS Unicorn is one of the six oldest ships in the world and Scotland's only example of a wooden warship. Built for the Royal Navy and launched in 1824, HMS Unicorn is now preserved as a historic ship and visitor attraction in Dundee and boasts four atmospheric decks for your clients to explore. Visitors can go aboard and step back in time to learn about the history of the Navy in Dundee and warships in 'the Golden Age of Sail'.

South Victoria Dock Road  
Victoria Dock  
Dundee  
Angus, DD1 3BP

[www.frigateunicorn.org](http://www.frigateunicorn.org)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between HMS Unicorn and Verdant Works is 1.5 miles /2.4km.

### Verdant Works

Your clients can visit this 5-star attraction and hear the rattle and roar of the original restored machinery transporting them back over 100 years to an era when jute was Dundee's key industry. The industry employed 50,000 people in the city at its peak and supplied much of the world's demand for jute goods. Your clients can explore this amazing beautifully refurbished Mill building and hear the tales of the mill workers, see how they lived and worked. A fascinating insight into Dundee's social history.

West Henderson's Wynd  
Dundee

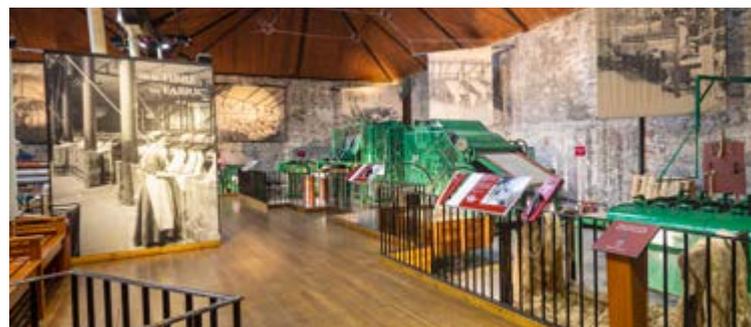
Angus, DD1 5BT

[www.verdantworks.co.uk](http://www.verdantworks.co.uk)

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Distance between Verdant Works and Barry Mill is 11.7 miles /18.8km.



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## ANGUS

### Barry Mill

Now a haven of tranquillity, Barry Mill is one of only a handful of mills still powered by water. Rebuilt after a fire around 1814, it is probably the largest and finest example of its type still in operation. Your clients can hear the splash of the waterwheel at this 19th century mill, the rumble of milling machinery, and the smell of grinding corn as the process of milling grain into oatmeal in the traditional manner is explained.

Mill Road

Barry Village

Carnoustie

Angus, DD7 7RJ

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

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Distance from Barry Mill to Arbroath Abbey is 9.9 miles / 15.9km.



### Arbroath Abbey

Arbroath Abbey is famously associated with the Declaration of Arbroath, which asserted Scotland's independence from England in 1320. Parts of the abbey church and domestic buildings remain, notably the gatehouse range and the abbot's house. Your clients can explore the substantial ruins of a Tironensian monastery, founded by William the Lion in 1178. Your clients can also enjoy the herb garden along the south wall of the abbey church. The visitor centre provides a walk-through audio-visual with a sound loop system.

Abbey Street

Arbroath

Angus, DD11 1EG

[www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot)

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Distance from Arbroath Abbey to House of Dun is 15.9 miles / 25.5km.

### House of Dun

Overlooking the Montrose Basin, House of Dun was designed and built by William Adam in 1730 for David Erskine, Lord Dun. The house contains royal mementos of that period and many examples of Lady Augusta's wool work and embroidery. This handsome Georgian house boasts stunning interiors and outside, your clients can explore the garden and woodland walk and re-created Victorian walled garden. They can also take the opportunity to enjoy a light lunch or some delicious home baking in the tearoom.

Montrose

Angus, DD10 9LQ

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

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Distance between House of Dun and Glamis Castle is 25.6 miles / 41.2km.

### Glamis Castle

Glamis Castle is a living, breathing monument to Scottish heritage, hospitality and enjoyment for all. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth and The Queen Mother. Once inside, every room has its own story and the evolution of the castle and its tales and secrets are brought to life by enthusiastic and knowledgeable tour guides. Your clients can also discover the extensive gardens and grounds.

Glamis

by Forfar

Angus, DD8 1RJ

[www.glamis-castle.co.uk](http://www.glamis-castle.co.uk)

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Distance between Glamis Castle and Scone Palace is 25.3 miles / 40.7km.



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## PERTHSHIRE

### Scone Palace

Scone Palace has an exciting and colourful history. It has been the seat of parliaments and the crowning place of the Kings of Scots, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. As well as housing an outstanding collection of antiques, paintings and rare artefacts, its grounds are renowned throughout the world. Your clients will discover where the Stone of Scone, known as the Stone of Destiny, once stood. They can also enjoy a gentle stroll over 100 acres of Gardens and Grounds.

Scone

Perth, PH2 6BD

[www.scone-palace.co.uk](http://www.scone-palace.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Scone Palace and Black Watch Castle & Museum is 2.5 miles/4.1km.



### Black Watch Castle & Museum

This 5-star attraction tells the unique story behind Scotland's premier Highland regiment. A visit to the ancestral Home of The Black Watch brings the history of Scotland's oldest Highland Regiment's to life, through artefacts, paintings, photographs, personal stories and interactive displays. Housed within the historic Balhousie Castle and located in the city of Perth, The Black Watch Castle and Museum provides to your clients an excellent café, shop, free parking, guided tours and changing programme of events and exhibitions.

Balhousie Castle

Hay Street

Perth

Perthshire, PH1 5HR

[www.theblackwatch.co.uk](http://www.theblackwatch.co.uk)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Black Watch Castle & Museum and the Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery is 30.5 miles /49.1km.

### Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery

Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery is one of the most acclaimed visitor attractions Perthshire has to offer. Your clients can hear the extraordinary tale of John Dewar & Sons and the inspiring story behind America's top selling Scotch whisky. Distillery and warehouse tours are available, along with a unique heritage centre providing interactive challenges and access to archives. Your clients will get to visit the warehouse and learn more about the angel's share. The shop offers exclusive bottling and there's also a café serving local produce.

Aberfeldy

Perthshire, PH15 2EB

[www.dewars.com](http://www.dewars.com)

[Link to Trade Website](#)



Distance between Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery and Blair Castle & Gardens is miles/km.



### Blair Castle & Gardens

Blair Castle is a 5-star attraction nestled in the landscape of Highland Perthshire. Your clients can explore the fascinating past of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl over 700 years of Scottish history on display across 30 rooms. Find out how Queen Victoria's famous stay led to the creation of Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders. The grounds feature a magnificent nine acre walled garden, an extensive wooded grove, a ruined kirk, a red deer park and a gothic folly.

Blair Atholl

Pitlochry

Perthshire, PH18 5TL

[www.blair-castle.co.uk](http://www.blair-castle.co.uk)

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## FOOD & DRINK SUGGESTIONS

### Balgrave Steak Barn

This former sawmill clings to its rustic past with walls of potato boxes and rough-hewn communal tables. Burgers and sausages are made in their butchery, all cooked to order on a massive wood-fired BBQ.

### Forgan's St Andrews

Forgan's has a simple aim to deliver quality Scottish food and drinks in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Suitable for large lunches and intimate dinners Forgan's is the ideal location for your next event.

### Café at the British Golf Museum

The Café offers local produce in a superb setting, with views of the 1st tee of the Old Course in St Andrews. The Café is the ideal venue for private functions and fine dining.

### Verdant Works Café

Set in Dundee, serving daily specials including Dundee Cake, scone with Heatherhills jam and cream and speciality teas and coffees in relaxed and friendly surroundings.

### The McManus Café

The McManus Café has an extensive menu offering a selection of dishes freshly prepared on the premises, ranging from grilled breakfast, soup and sandwiches, filled rolls and bagels, to dishes for bigger appetites.

### The Old Boatyard Restaurant

A family run restaurant for 9 years set in a beautiful setting overlooking Arbroath harbour and the Bell Rock lighthouse. They serve delicious, fresh seafood using only the finest locally-sourced ingredients.

### The Castle Kitchen at Glamis Castle

Set in the original Victorian kitchen space and open for morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea. Where possible they use local produce- often including fruits and vegetables from the castle's own garden.

### The Castle Café at the Black Watch Castle and Museum

The award-winning Castle Café is located alongside the historic Balhousie Castle and offers a friendly, informal dining experience with table service in relaxed surroundings. Throughout the year the menus change to reflect seasonality.

### Campbell's Bakery

Scotland's Oldest Bakery, Campbell's in Crieff, has opened its doors to offer a unique behind the scenes experience in a real working bakery. Iain Campbell leads a class through one of his family's recipes.

### Effie's of Perth

Restaurant and traditional tearoom serving 30 blends of teas. Your clients are assured of a warm welcome, good food and something just a little bit...magic. Featured in Peter Irvine's Scotland the Best.

## ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

### Hawkwood House

Exclusive use 5-star self-catering set in the hamlet of Peat Inn, just a few miles from St Andrews. Beautifully appointed and equipped to appeal to the most discerning of guest with 5 en-suite rooms.

### University of St Andrews

The University of St Andrews offers great value accommodation during the Summer months in four locations within the centre of town. There are bed and breakfast and self-catering options.

### Fairmont St Andrews

A 5-star hotel in St Andrews with 209 rooms, including 19 suites. A world class resort boasting 36 holes of championship golf, a spa and 15,000 square feet of conference space.

### The Landmark Hotel

A converted 19th-century mansion sitting on six acres of gardens outside central Dundee. The hotel has 95 guest rooms, 5 meeting rooms, an indoor pool, fitness centre, sauna, and steam room.

### Holiday Inn Express Dundee

Overlooking the River Tay, The Holiday Inn Express Dundee offers 95 double, twin and accessible rooms. Guests can also host events for up to 30 people in 2 naturally lit and well-equipped meeting rooms.

### Panmure Arms Hotel

3-star Inn in Edzell with 16 en-suite rooms and conference and function facilities. They also provide the very best quality food in their restaurant and a stunning location which is surrounded by wilderness.

### Links Hotel

4-star hotel in Montrose with 36 rooms. This former Edwardian townhouse can be found opposite the historic Mid Links and is an excellent choice for private guests, smaller groups and families.

### Ballathie House Hotel

4-star hotel near Perth with 41 rooms and 2 conference meeting rooms. The setting and architecture of the house is stunning, with the interiors full of tradition, with elegantly furnished public areas.

### Grandtully Hotel by Ballintaggart

A vibrant 8 bedrooms hotel with 30 cover restaurant, bar, outdoor terrace and private dining room. Taking its lead from Ballintaggart Farm, The Grandtully is focused on an exceptional Scottish food and drink experience.

### Salutation Hotel

A 3-star hotel in Perth with 84 en-suite rooms. An ideal venue for weddings, conferences, the hotel is full of character and thought to be one of the oldest hotels in Scotland.



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### **Taste Our Best**

One way to ensure that you'll enjoy great quality Scottish food and drink, prepared with care and delivered with passion, is to look for places that are part of Taste Our Best, our food and drink quality scheme.

## **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	<a href="http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com">www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com</a>
Destination Education Programme	<a href="http://www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent">www.visitscotlandtraveltrade.com/scotsagent</a>
VisitScotland consumer site	<a href="http://www.visitscotland.com">www.visitscotland.com</a>

### **Information on travel trade websites:**

- Inspirational itineraries
  - Downloadable e-brochures and maps
  - Link to multimedia library for images and videos
  - Online destination education programme
  - 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	<a href="http://www.britrail.com">www.britrail.com</a>
News & Weather information	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather">www.bbc.co.uk/weather</a>
British Train information	<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>
Scottish Train information   Bus information	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk">www.scotrail.co.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.citylink.co.uk">www.citylink.co.uk</a>
Historic Environment Scotland	<a href="http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk">www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</a>
National Trust for Scotland	<a href="http://www.nts.org.uk">www.nts.org.uk</a>
Scottish Tourist Guides Association	<a href="http://www.stga.co.uk">www.stga.co.uk</a>
Scotland's Tay Country Travel Trade Site	<a href="http://www.taycountry.uk/traveltrade">www.taycountry.uk/traveltrade</a>