

SCOTLAND'S TAY
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DESTINATION TO
CELEBRATE
HERITAGE &
HOSPITALITY

A carefully curated four-day journey through some of Scotland's most storied landscapes — from the **coach-friendly** heritage centres of **Dunfermline** and **Perth** to the floral elegance of Fife's estates, the rolling farms of Angus, and the timeless charm of Highland Perthshire.

This itinerary invites groups to experience authentic rural life, majestic castles, artisan craftsmanship, and warm Highland welcomes, all delivered with the ease of a well-paced coach tour.

Ideal for both large and small groups.



DAY ONE

Begin your clients' northbound journey in the historic city of Dunfermline, once the capital of Scotland and the final resting place of King Robert the Bruce. The morning is dedicated to exploring the city's medieval quarter, including a walk through the magnificent **Dunfermline**Abbey and Cathedral, whose vaulted interiors and royal tombs tell the story of Scotland's kings and queens.

From there, the group travels east into the fertile lands of Fife. The first stop is the award-winning **Ardross Farm**, perched above the Firth of Forth near Elie. Here, your clients are welcomed with a seasonal farm-to-barn lunch, served with sweeping views across the rolling fields and shoreline.

A short drive inland brings the group to the secluded and stunning <u>Teasses Estate</u>. Guests enjoy a private garden tour, taking in sculpted terraces, vibrant borders, and a tranquil glasshouse. Tea and home baking await in the conservatory.

Later, the coach winds north to **Dundee**, Scotland's sunniest city and a cultural beacon on the Tay.

With its vibrant city centre, stunning waterfront area, and beautiful central parks, it is a great place for an overnight stay with numerous hotel options.





DAY TWO

After breakfast, the group begins the day at **Verdant Works Museum**, a beautifully restored 19th-century jute mill. Through interactive displays, preserved machinery and immersive storytelling, your clients are transported into the heart of Dundee's industrial heritage — a time when the global jute trade shaped the city's fortunes.

Leaving the city behind, the coach travels north into the gentle, rolling farmland of Angus to **Newton Farm**, a family-run enterprise near Forfar.

Here, guests are welcomed for a hands-on experience, which can be tailored for groups — feeding animals, learning about sustainable farming, and enjoying a warm drink or light bite in the rustic barn café. It's an engaging and authentic taste of rural Scottish life.

In the afternoon, the journey continues to the majestic **Glamis Castle**, one of Scotland's most atmospheric and storied stately homes.



The castle, which is famously, the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Glamis is steeped in royal history and intriguing legends. During a private guided tour, guests will explore grand rooms and intimate corridors and perhaps even hear a ghost story or two.

There is also time to stroll the extensive grounds or enjoy refreshments in the castle's charming Victorian Kitchen Restaurant.

From Glamis, the coach climbs steadily north into Highland Perthshire, passing through forested hills, heather-covered slopes and winding glens. This scenic drive offers a striking contrast to the cultivated lowlands left behind—a fitting approach to the handsome Victorian town of Pitlochry, nestled in the shadow of Ben Vrackie.

Overnight in Pitlochry.



SCOTLAND'S TAY COUNTRY

DAY THREE

This morning begins with a short but spectacular drive north past the Pass of Killiecrankie, a wooded gorge steeped in Jacobite history and known for its dramatic views — particularly beautiful in spring and autumn. As the coach climbs higher into the heart of Highland Perthshire, the group soon arrives at the striking white façade of **Blair Castle**, seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl.



Your clients will step into over seven centuries of Highland history during a private guided group tour, discovering how this fortress evolved from medieval stronghold to Georgian mansion. Highlights include the grand Ballroom with its antler display, the ornate State Rooms, and the fascinating relics of clan conflict and royal connections.

Outside, guests are invited to stroll through the Hercules Garden, a beautifully restored 18th-century walled garden complete with landscaped ponds, statues and apple orchards — or explore Diana's Grove, home to some of Britain's tallest trees.

From Blair Atholl, the coach winds south along the River Tay to the town of Dunkeld, where your clients will enjoy a relaxed afternoon. For those who wish, there's the opportunity to take a gentle, optional walk through The Hermitage — a scenic woodland trail leading to Ossian's Hall, a dramatic viewing platform overlooking the Black Linn Falls.

The route is fully accessible, with moderate difficulty, and suitable for many in the group.

Alternatively, guests may prefer to enjoy free time in Dunkeld — browsing independent shops, enjoying a quiet coffee by the river, or visiting the cathedral, partly in ruins and partly still in use, set among ancient trees and gravestones.

In the late afternoon, the group returns to Pitlochry, with time to relax before dinner or enjoy a stroll through town. For those seeking a final flourish, the Pitlochry Festival Theatre or a whisky bar overlooking the River Tummel offers a fitting end to the day.

DAY FOUR

The final day begins with a westward drive along the River Tay to Loch Tay, where your clients visit the **Scottish Crannog Centre** — a unique openair museum that brings Scotland's Iron Age vividly to life. Costumed guides lead interactive demonstrations of ancient skills such as firemaking, weaving and wood-turning, set beside the atmospheric waters of the loch.

A short drive brings the group to Aberfeldy, a charming Highland town where guests can enjoy lunch in one of the local cafés or at the Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery café.

In the afternoon, some of the group (tour capacity 32 pax) can take a guided tour of Dewar's Aberfeldy, exploring the still house, cask warehouse and heritage centre, followed by a tutored whisky tasting — a refined highlight of the itinerary.

Just beyond town lies <u>Lurgan Farm</u>, where guests are treated to a working sheepdog demonstration. Against a Highland backdrop, skilled collies respond to whistle commands to herd sheep across the hillside — an authentic and memorable conclusion to the experience.

From here, you can continue the coach journey, heading further north or returning to your home base.



DID YOU KNOW...

Scotland's Border Collies are widely considered the most intelligent dog breed in the world — capable of understanding over 200 verbal commands and responding to a shepherd's whistles from over half a mile away. Traditionally bred in the Scottish Borders and Highlands, these remarkable dogs can single-handedly manage flocks across rugged hillsides, working with precision, instinct, and barely a bark.



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