



South & West

Culzean Castle

Garden Tasting Tour

- Built in the 18th century, the Walled Garden at Culzean is one of the largest in Scotland and a significant garden in our care. It consists of two sections divided by a spine wall – the pleasure garden and the kitchen garden, which grows an array of fruit and vegetables year round. Join our garden team to learn what we plant, when and why, before enjoying some seasonal produce from the garden. Includes a guided tour of Culzean Castle.

Optional Extras

- Gin and tonic garnished with produce from the garden
- Pre/post tour drinks in the castle



Robert Burns' Birthplace

Poets and Pints

- Welcome to Burns Cottage, where Robert Burns spent the first seven years of his life. The cottage was later turned in to a pub and historical graffiti dating from the 1800s where patrons of the Burns Head Inn wanted to leave their mark can still be seen today. In the authentic atmosphere of the cottage, enjoy a tasting of local ale, named after Burns characters, whilst hearing tales and poems aplenty. Then explore the rest of the site and museum, visiting places that inspired the works of Scotland's Bard before finishing the experience by raising a pint to Rabbie Burns!

Optional Extras

- Tastings of Ayrshire Fare
- A traditional Burns' supper of haggis, neeps and tatties
- View artefacts from the vault



Robert Burns' Birthplace continued...

Superstition and Belief

- This immersive experience brings to life the superstitions, tales and history behind the epic poem, Tam o Shanter, which is widely regarded as Burns' masterpiece. Your clients will be welcomed by our Burns expert, who will guide them around the amazing built heritage of Alloway that inspired this tale, sharing tales of folklore and witchcraft from letters that Burns himself wrote. The experience includes visits to Alloway Auld Kirk and the iconic Brig o' Doon, before concluding at the museum for tastings of local beer, whisky and cheese. Your clients will be given a gift manuscript of Tam o Shanter as a memento of their experience.



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Pollok House

The People of Pollok House

The ancestral home of the Maxwell family since the 13th century, the current Pollok House was built in 1752 and extended in 1890. In Pollok's heyday there were 48 household members of staff to look after just 3 members of the family. The house was famed for its unparalleled hospitality. Join us as we share the stories of the people of Pollok House - find out how the Maxwell's shaped and were shaped by Scotland's history, see 'how the other half lived' in the grand upstairs of the main house, and venture downstairs to the vast servants quarters to hear stories about the staff and how they ran the house.

Optional Extras -

- Cream tea or afternoon tea in the Servants Hall or in the Dining Room
- Cookery demonstration in the 'Still Room'



Weaver's Cottage

The Fabric of Scotland

- Weavers Cottage, located in the village of Kilbarchan, transports visitors back 200 years to a time when hand-woven textiles were the pride of Scotland's weaving industry. This quaint little cottage, with its low beams and period furniture shows the process of making cloth on a working loom and using yarn dyed using plants from its garden, a truly sustainable means of colouring the fabric. Kilbarchan was once known as the village of a thousand looms, times have changed dramatically since then. Today Weavers Cottage is home to the last working handloom in the village and used by specialist weavers to make tartan. Your clients can join us to learn the history of tartan, hear what life was like for the weavers who lived here and see our 200-year old loom in action, before trying their hand at weaving on our more modern loom – a great photo opportunity! Includes exclusive use of Weaver's Cottage.

