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HERITAGE

THE BURRELL COLLECTION

NEW

The magnificent Burrell Collection in its purpose-built home surrounded by beautiful parkland, is ranked amongst the most significant civic museum collections in the UK, comparable to the National Gallery and the V&A in London.

A staggering 9,000 objects form The Burrell Collection including one of the most significant holdings of Chinese art in the UK, medieval treasures including stained glass, arms and armour and tapestries which rank amongst the finest in the world, and paintings by renowned French artists including Manet, Cezanne and Degas.

Groups Tours at the Burrell Collection:

Burrell Treasure Tours: Join a knowledgeable museum guide who will take your guests on a journey through the newly displayed galleries, highlighting must see objects and stories.

Burrell Insight Tours: Discover more about the exquisite objects within the Burrell Collection through a focused tour that delves deeper into the collection area of your choice: Islamic Art, Degas and French Art, Chinese Art or Medieval Treasures.

Exclusive First Look: Avoid the queues with advance entry before opening to the public.

Email: grouptours@glasgowmuseums.com

Website: burrellcollection.com

Phone number: 0141 276 9539



HERITAGE

KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Create an unforgettable experience for your group in the spectacular setting of one of Glasgow's best-loved buildings.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum was ranked in Lonely Planet's top 500 experiences in the world (2020). With one of Europe's finest civic art collections, you'll find everything from dinosaurs to Dutch Masters.

Groups Tours at Kelvingrove:

Group Welcome: Be welcomed to Kelvingrove by one of the knowledgeable guides with a personalised introduction.

Kelvingrove Gems Tour: Explore the gems of Kelvingrove including Charles Rennie Mackintosh, paintings by the Glasgow Boys, Scottish Colourists and Salvador Dali.

Premium Curator Tour: Discover more about your favourites with this bespoke escorted tour, providing an exclusive opportunity to delve into the collection area of your choice with an expert curator.

Exclusive First Look: Avoid the queues with advance entry before the museum is open to the public.

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Website: glasgowlife.org.uk/museums

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RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

Offer your group something a little out of the ordinary with a visit to the award-winning transport museum.

The award-winning Riverside Museum houses the city's vast transport collection and street scenes from a bygone era. Moored alongside the museum is the Tall Ship - an icon of Glasgow's shipbuilding heritage.

Groups Tours at Kelvingrove:

Group Welcome: Be welcomed to Kelvingrove by one of the knowledgeable guides with a personalised introduction.

Riverside Tipple: Travel back in time with a whistle-stop tour of Glasgow's history, before retiring to the beautifully recreated Mitre Bar for an exclusive cider tasting with award-winning Scottish maker, Thistly Cross Cider.

VIP Interactive Tour: This expert guided tour offers fascinating insight into Glasgow's remarkable history, with exclusive access to trains, trams and fire engines from the past.

Dockside Drams: Enjoy an interactive tour of Riverside Museum followed by a visit to the recreated Mitre Bar, where Cask 88, one of the world's foremost experts in rare and antique whisky will lead your guests through a tasting of three malts.

Exclusive First Look: As special guests your group can avoid the queues with advance entry before the museum opens to the public.

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HERITAGE

THE MITCHELL: SCOTTISH GENEALOGY EXPERIENCE

Discover your Scottish ancestry in an iconic Glasgow landmark.

Scottish Genealogy Experience: Research your family history and links to Scotland with highly knowledgeable archivists, in one of Europe's largest public libraries, The Mitchell Library.

Email: grouptours@glasgowmuseums.com

Website: glasgowlife.org.uk/museums

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TOUR

CITY SIGHTSEEING GLASGOW

NEW

City Sightseeing open top bus tour is the perfect way to see Glasgow. There is a choice of recorded commentary in 7 different languages as well as live commentary courtesy of friendly, local and knowledgeable tour guides.

Recognising Glasgow's thriving music scene, the city's open top bus tour has added a music tour to its sightseeing offering narrated by the renowned multi-award-winning singer songwriter, Eddi Reader. The music tour showcases Glasgow's vast musical history while promoting some of the city's most iconic music venues including King Tut's, Barrowlands, The Royal Concert Hall, SWG3 and the Ovo Hydro to name a few.

Email: info@citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk

Website: citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk

Phone number: 0141 204 0444



TOUR

CLYDESIDE DISTILLERY

Glasgow's stills are flowing once again at the Clydeside Distillery, Glasgow's first dedicated Single Malt Whisky distillery in over 100 years. Dock yourself at the Clydeside Distillery, on the banks of the Clyde, and enjoy tales of Glasgow's history and its bonds with the whisky industry. There are a full range of exciting experiences for guests to enjoy from beginners to whisky connoisseurs.

The café serves local Scottish produce and guest can try pairing whisky with doughnuts or a flight of whisky served with Scottish cheese, chutney and oatcakes.

Round off your visit with a trip to their shop stocking drams and bottles from whisky distilleries across Scotland and pick up your own personalised bottle.

Bespoke and private group tours can also be arranged.

Website: theclydeside.com
Phone number: 0141 212 1401



MACKINTOSH AT THE WILLOW

Mackintosh at the Willow re-opened to the public in September 2018 after an extensive restoration. The Willow Tea Rooms building was originally opened by Miss Cranston and designed by Glasgow's iconic architect and designer, Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1903.

Today Mackintosh at The Willow is home to beautiful Tea Rooms in this internationally recognised, A-listed building. Mackintosh at the Willow comprises of a 200-seat restaurant across 3 floors and a variety of beautiful spaces each with their own character and unique design, including the famous Salon de Luxe. Guests can enjoy exclusive afternoon teas, lunches and treats.

Explore the Exhibition and hear the story of successful and forward-thinking local entrepreneur Miss Kate Cranston and her unique collaboration with Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his wife Margaret Macdonald. With interactive, audio and visual displays there's plenty to get involved with.

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Website: mackintoshatthewillow.com

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TOUR

WALKING TOURS IN SCOTLAND - GLASGOW

Discover a city, meet a local, and support a local business all in the most sustainable way - on foot! Discover Scotland through a local's eyes with Walking Tours in Glasgow.

Immerse yourself in a different side to Glasgow on a unique street art and modern culture tour. Meander down alleys and under bridges to uncover some of the city's most beautiful pieces of art that are taking over the walls by storm.

Explore the life, works and tales of Glasgow's most famous designer, architect and artist, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, on this first of its kind tour in Glasgow.

Discover Glasgow's West End neighbourhood with its own unique history and culture. Home to the iconic University of Glasgow, Scotland's most visited Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum and the relaxing Botanic Gardens, the West End is a must visit on any trip to Glasgow.

Email: walkingtoursinscotland@gmail.com

Website: walkingtoursin.com

Phone number: 0141 474 0746



TOUR

NATIONAL PIPING CENTRE BAGPIPE EXPERIENCE

See and hear the heritage of the great Highland bagpipe at the National Piping Centre.

The Museum of Piping at The National Piping Centre holds three hundred years of piping heritage. The themed display focuses on the Scottish tradition, with bagpipes thought to date back to the 18th century.

The National Piping Centre offers a simple introduction to playing the iconic Scottish bagpipes. Your clients will be welcomed by a World Class Scottish Bagpiper and given a tour of The Museum of Piping. A full demonstration of the bagpipes will follow along with an opportunity for them to learn, play and have fun with this challenging instrument.

- Groups from 1-19 clients £165.
- Groups from 20-120 clients £10 per person.
- This musical experience lasts approximately 90 minutes.
- Additional hospitality available at the venue.

Email: hotel@thepipingcentre.co.uk

Website: thepipingcentre.co.uk/museum-heritage/come-try-the-bagpipes/

Phone number: 0141 353 5551



FOOD &
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MHARSANTA : SCOTTISH FOOD AND DRINK EXPERIENCES

Situated in the heart of Merchant City, Mharsanta brings a taste of Scotland to you. Mharsanta has a passion for using seasonal, local produce from Scotland in a sustainable manner and are here to ensure guests have the very best experience from the moment they walk through the door.

Capacity in the main restaurant is 80, a further 40 seated in the private dining room, The Hideout, and 36 on the outdoor terrace.'

Glasgow's City Centre Whisky Tour – enjoy a fantastic storytelling experience that focuses on curious facts and amazing stories behind distilleries, brands, and whisky makers.

Trad Trail Experience - Glasgow Music City Tours and Mharsanta restaurant have teamed up to create a series of tasty, toe-tapping nights out combining a walking tour with a delicious dinner at Mharsanta plus fabulous folk music from local musicians.

Email: info@mharsanta.co.uk

Website: mharsanta.co.uk

Phone number: 0141 552 9900



TOUR

WEST BREWERY

Located in the beautiful Templeton Carpet factory next to Glasgow Green, WEST brewery is one of the UK's most advanced small breweries. Using a combination of traditional techniques and cutting age technology WEST's mission is to brew the finest beer in the UK. They are the only brewery in the UK to produce beers according to the German Reinheitsgebot purity law.

Clients can enjoy a 45-minute tour of the brewery, available Friday - Sunday for £11.50.

Email: brewerytour@westbeer.com

Website: westbeer.com

Phone number: 0141 550 0135



THE TENNENT'S BREWERY TOUR

Go behind the scenes of what was once called a “madman’s dream” on the Tennent’s Brewery Tour. See what makes Tennent’s one of Scotland’s most enduring symbols and get a personal taste of what makes the beer so special.

Wellpark Brewery in Glasgow is home to more than 450 years of brewing tradition and award-winning beers. Every guided tour starts at the Tennent’s Story Heritage Centre and finishing at the tasting experience.

There are several tour experiences to choose from including:

- **Brewery Tour**
- **Tennent’s Tour and Craft Beer Masterclass**
- **Tennent’s Heritage Walking Tour**
- **Celtic Park and Brewery Tour**
- **Cycle and Brewery Tour**
- **Glasgow Music and Brewery Tour**

Email: bookings@tennentstours.com

Website: tennentstours.com/tennents-tour

Phone number: 0141 202 7145

A photograph showing a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black jacket and jeans, standing in front of a building with a sign that reads "KING TUT'S WAH WAH HUT". She is gesturing with her hands and appears to be speaking to a group of people. The group includes a man in a grey shirt and two women, one with long blonde hair and another in an orange sweatshirt. The building has a red and white design with the words "WAH WAH HUT" repeated on it.
TOUR

GLASGOW CITY MUSIC TOURS

NEW

From the Royal Concert Hall to King Tut's via the Conservatoire, the **Music Mile Tour** is a whistle-stop guide around Glasgow city centre, an area teeming with music venues past and present.

Walking the oldest streets of the city, our **Merchant City Music Past and Present Tour** covers cherished venues such as the mighty Barrowland Ballroom and the venerable Britannia Panopticon – Britain's oldest surviving music hall.

Trad Trail Tour enjoy an hour-long, folk music-themed, guided walking tour around some of the city's oldest streets followed by a two-course meal of hearty, home-style food at Mharsanta Scottish restaurant. The evening includes a contemporary folk music session from Glasgow's up-and-coming talent.

Email: info@glasgowmusiccitytours.com

Website: glasgowmusiccitytours.com

Phone number: 0141 558 2715



TOUR

AUCHENTOSHAN DISTILLERY

Discover everything Auchentoshan has to offer and what sets it apart as a Lowland Single Malt.

Take in all the unique aspects of the triple distillation process, uncover each stage of whisky making, sample hand-drawn cask expressions and finish with a tasting on the **Auchentoshan Ultimate Tour**.

Dive deeper into the distillery's story on the **Auchentoshan Essence Tour**, experience the essential factors and production techniques and finish with a flight of four whiskies.

The Auchentoshan Whisky Tasting - relax and savour the flavour of four drams including two hand filled distillery exclusives in the tasting lounge.

Email: Wendy.Dunlop@BeamSuntory.com

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A photograph showing two men in a wooden-paneled room, likely a distillery. One man in the foreground, wearing glasses and a light blue shirt, is holding a whisky glass and looking at it closely. Another man in a white shirt is seated next to him, also holding a glass. There are several other glasses and bottles on the table between them. In the background, there are shelves filled with many more bottles of whisky.

TOUR

GLEN GOYNE DISTILLERY

Join a Distillery ambassador on the **Glengoyne Tour and Tasting** enjoy a tutored tasting of two Glengoyne Highland Single Malt Whiskies and learn about the bold complex flavours. Discover what happens when you pair world class Single Malt Whisky with the ‘best truffle in the world’ on the **Collection Tour and Tasting**.

Create your own single malt in the Sample Room on the **Malt Master Experience** or enjoy an exclusive tasting of the highly limited Glengoyne 25 and 30-year-old plus a specially selected wild card whisky on the **Fine and Rare Tasting**.

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FOOD &
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Food & Drink Tour

GLASGOW FOOD AND DRINK TOURS

Come join us on an award-winning food walking tour and experience the thriving food scene of Glasgow's leafy west end. With our tours you will wander through our vibrant city, tasting an eclectic mix of quality Scottish food and drink.

Enjoying the Glasgow patter and some Gaelic, your local tour guide will walk you through the history and culture of Glasgow, visiting many interesting hidden gems off the beaten track.

Visit amazing, independent restaurants, shops and bars where you'll interact with the locals, taste unique delicacies, sample some fabulous gin and enjoy a wee dram on the **West End Wander**. Alternatively, enjoy an evening wander taking in the local bars and restaurants.

Arrange a private tour on **The Finnieston Trail** where you'll enjoy the thriving food scene of Finnieston.

Email: info@glasgowfoodndrinktour.co.uk

Website: glasgowfoodndrinktour.co.uk

Phone number: 07925049252



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HARD ROCK CAFE

Hard Rock Cafe Glasgow is located in the heart of Glasgow's historic Style Mile in the restored, renaissance-inspired Athenaeum Theatre. Established in 1893, this striking theatre has musical history of its own: originally a music school, it later became the home to the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama.

With historic musical memorabilia gracing every wall, Hard Rock Cafe Glasgow fits right into the historic charm of the area and honours the history of the Athenaeum Theatre.

Email: Glasgow.SalesCoordinator@hardrock.com

Website: hardrockcafe.com/location/glasgow/

Phone number: 0141 353 8798



RED BUS BISTRO

Step aboard the enchanting Red Bus Bistro for an afternoon tea like no other and combine two quintessentially British classics with an Afternoon Tea aboard our vintage Routemaster bus in Glasgow.

Choose the Gin Tour and enjoy gin ‘teapot-tails’ of flavoured Scottish gins all muddled with aromatic herbs and topped with dainty edible flowers.

Private Glasgow dining experiences can also be arranged for groups.

Email: info@redbusbistro.co.uk

Website: redbusbistro.co.uk

Phone number: 01355 229448



MACKINTOSH

HOUSE FOR AN ART LOVER

Set within the magnificent grounds of Glasgow's Bellahouston Park and inspired by the designs of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, House for an Art Lover combines art gallery and exhibition space, events venue, café, multipurpose artists' studios and magnificent visitor attraction into one unique and inspiring venue.

Guided tours from groups of 10 or more are available to book via the contact details below six weeks prior to your date of visit. There is a minimum requirement of 10 people for a guided tour. Groups of fewer than 10 people can enjoy the self-guided audio tour.

The Art Lover's Cafe and Shop are open 7 days, serving breakfast from 10am with lunch and Afternoon Tea available from 12noon. For larger groups this beautiful venue can be booked for private events and dinners.

Email: info@houseforanartlover.co.uk

Website: houseforanartlover.co.uk

Phone number: 0141 483 1600



POLLOK HOUSE

Pollok House, known as Glasgow's answer to Downton Abbey, is a grand country house located within Pollok Park. With lavish family rooms packed full of period furnishings, as well as the UK's finest collection of Spanish art, this is a must see when visiting Pollok Park. English speaking guided tours of the property are available by pre-booking.

Prices are £6.50 for adults, £5 for concessions and £4.50 for groups of 12pax. Coach parking is available for one coach and refreshments are available from the Edwardian Kitchen.

Email: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
Website: nts.org.uk/Property/Pollok-House



HERITAGE

HOLMWOOD HOUSE

One of the National Trust for Scotland's properties in Glasgow, Holmwood House is a magnificent Sir Alexander 'Greek' Thomson designed villa that was built between 1857-9. Groups can enjoy the ornately decorated rooms and beautiful riverside grounds.

English speaking guided tours of the property are available by pre-booking and audio tour available in English, French and German.

Email: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
Website: nts.org.uk/Property/Holmwood



THE TENEMENT HOUSE

An authentic time capsule of life in early 20th-century Glasgow. At first glance, the Tenement House appears to be an ordinary middle-class tenement from the late 19th century, standing in Garnethill. However, when you step inside, the faithfully restored four rooms appear as if frozen in time and provide a rare glimpse into life in Glasgow in the early 20th century.

Shorthand typist Miss Agnes Toward lived here from 1911 until 1965 and preserved her furniture and possessions with love and care. She held on to all sorts of things that most people would have thrown away, and this extensive personal archive has become a valuable time capsule for visitors today.

Email: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
Website: nts.org.uk/Property/Tenement-House



THE HILL HOUSE

Located 20 minutes along the Clyde from Glasgow, The Hill House is considered to be Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh's domestic masterpiece. Commissioned by Glasgow publisher Walter Blackie, Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his wife, Margaret MacDonald, designed almost everything you can see here, from the building itself to the furniture and textiles. A home to the Blackie family for nearly 50 years, the Hill House has fascinating stories waiting to be discovered.

- Be inspired by the unique building, interiors and collection designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret Macdonald Mackintosh in the 'Glasgow style'.
- Find out about the Blackie family, who called the Hill House their home.
- Ask questions about the Hill House Box and the National Trust for Scotland's pioneering approach to caring for this building.
- Explore inside the Box and see the Hill House and Helensburgh like never before from the walkways around the house and over the roof.

Email: traveltrade@nts.org.uk
Website: nts.org.uk/TheHillHouse

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