



## 7 Day Dumfries and Galloway



**Experience the highlights of south west Scotland while being mindful of your carbon footprint - you will stay in Green Tourism awarded hotels and visit Gold Tourism awarded attractions in your hybrid or electric hire car.**

This is the perfect tour for returning travellers wanting to explore somewhere a little off the beaten track or local travellers wanting to discover more of what their home country has to offer. See a different side of Glasgow with a social enterprise company before heading south to visit Dumfries and Galloway. In this pretty region you will take in dramatic drives, historic castles and diverse gardens as well as a some adventure for all the family.

### Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Arrive in Scotland
<b>Day 2</b>	Explore Glasgow
<b>Day 3</b>	Dumfries & Galloway
<b>Day 4</b>	Outdoor Activities
<b>Day 5</b>	Guided Cycle Tour
<b>Day 6</b>	Scotland's Most Southernly Point
<b>Day 7</b>	Scenic Coastal Drive

### Highlights

- Invisible Cities tour of Glasgow
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery
- Menzies Pass and Wanlockhead - the highest village in Scotland
- Drumlanrig Castle
- Moat Brae
- Guided cycle tour
- Threave Castle
- Wood of Cree nature reserve
- Logan Botanic Gardens
- Culzean Castle & Country Park

# Full Itinerary



## Day 1: Arrive in Scotland

Spend your first day exploring Glasgow with Invisible Cities. They are a social enterprise that train people who have experienced homelessness to do unique specialised & themed guiding tours of their home city.



## Day 2: Explore Glasgow

Today we recommend a visit to the Glasgow Science Centre which is full of adventure and interactive learning for all ages. Next, take some time to explore the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum which has been given the Green Tourism Award and is home to the famous painting by Salvador Dali 'Christ of St John of the Cross'.



## Day 3: Dumfries and Galloway

Collect your electric or hybrid hire car and head south towards Drumlanrig Castle via the Mennock Pass and Wanlockhead - the highest village in Scotland. Spend some time exploring the "Pink Palace" of the Duke & Duchess of Buccleuch, with many activities to choose - castle & garden tours, adventure playground, bike trails, shop for souvenirs and much more.



On route out of Thornhill, be sure to stop at the eco conscious Lean Bean Café who serve local produce, focus on reducing plastic waste and boast an impressive refill store to help cut down on waste. Continue your journey to Dumfries, the childhood home of JM Barrie, author of Peter Pan. Discover the magic of Moat Brae which offers adventure, imagination and inspiration to young explorers.



## Day 4: Outdoor Activities

Today is full of activities with a visit to Loch Ken Galloway Activity Centre. Choose from a host of activities including, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, mountain biking and many more. In the evening head to the Galloway Forest Park to enjoy a walk under the dark skies, it has some of the lowest levels of light pollution in the world and is part of a UNESCO Biosphere.



## Day 5: Guided Cycle Tour

Today you will take a guided day cycle tour on e-bikes with Galloway Cycle Holidays. Visit the atmospheric Threave Castle, a fortress built in 1369 on an island in the river Dee then head to the coast at Palnackie to discover picturesque sandy beaches and an abundance of wildlife.



## Day 6: Scotland's Most Southernly Point

Today, you will head west starting with a stop at the Wood of Cree nature reserve. This is the largest area of ancient woodland in southern Scotland and offers incredible views. Your next stop will be the Logan Botanic Gardens and time permitting take a visit to Scotland's most southernly point - the Mull of Galloway lighthouse. Overnight in Stranraer/Portpatrick.



## Day 7: Scenic Coastal Drive

Take a scenic coastal drive north towards Ayrshire stopping at Culzean Castle & Country Park. Explore the woods, beaches, parkland, swan pond, deer park and cliffs then run wild in the Adventure Cove and Wild Woodland play areas. Continue on to Glasgow for an overnight stay before heading home tomorrow.