



Scotland destination text

Scotland with its dramatic and ever changing scenery has inspired generations of travellers.

The stunning landscape is rich in history. The many castles which shelter in the rolling border hills are reminders of struggles with English raiders. West coast and highland ruins and settlements were once the seats of a thriving Celtic culture, which can be uncovered still today. The romantic appeal of this mythology is matched by the craggy splendour of historic glens, where once fierce battles were fought.

Most of this compelling beauty is easily accessible, with excellent rail links to the north and west and a network of quiet roads all over the country.. There are castles, houses, museums and gardens all waiting to be explored. Scotland's unique craft industries are open to all too – choose from cashmeres and tartans, glass and silver wear, or discover one of the many distilleries delighted to open their doors to curious and thirsty visitors.

Scotland's towns and cities offer attractions of their own. Along Fife's East Neuk and up to Aberdeen and beyond, a series of fishing ports, rocky cliffs and sheltered beaches offer the pleasures of the seaside. To the west is Glasgow, home to great art collections and museums, and north are Perth and Inverness, vibrant centres of Highland culture for generations. St Andrews, the home of golf, is an hour's drive from Edinburgh's city centre.