

Day Tours



South of Scotland



Who we are

The South of Scotland has shaped the nation's history and culture for centuries, the borderland where Scotland truly starts.

No other part of Scotland has a border – it is unique to the south of Scotland. Being on a border inevitably brings a history of warring and raiders – this land has been fought over. This can be seen in the defensive strongholds, and the customs and traditions used to protect the land that still remain today.

The Scottish Borders is defined by its varied landscape and spellbinding abbeys, its heritage sites, awe-inspiring stately homes and castles and unique traditions such as the Common Ridings.

Dumfries & Galloway with its rocky shores and sandy beaches, its large forests and green spaces invites visitors to explore the lands, natural habitats and the dark sky at a quiet pace.

Within easy reach from Northern England and central Scotland, this region is for the foodie, adventure seeker, the history fan, the stargazer and those seeking authentic experiences away from the crowds.

The South of Scotland Destination Alliance is the industry led DMMO for the South of Scotland. We assist tour operators with information, advice and marketing collateral to build tourism programmes in the region.

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Experience the South of Scotland

Off the beaten track



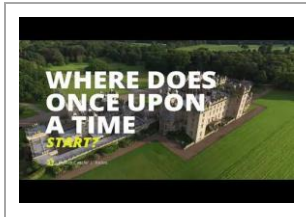
The south of Scotland, the area south of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Borderland to England, is a land far from the busy tourist hotspots of the north. It is a region full of hidden gems, friendly locals, surprising experiences - of culture, history and big nature.

For groups and FIT



This document will give you a range of day tour options, suitable for groups and FIT with options to tailor the programme or add an educational aspect as and when required. Let your guests explore the beautiful south of Scotland away from the busy paths.

Our destination video



For a flavour of the south of Scotland, to see where Scotland starts, watch our destination video.

Day Tours/ Edinburgh

Within easy reach of Scotland's capital city lies a region that offers a variety of experiences and visits all within short driving times allowing your guests a memorable day out.

Use the map on our [website](#) to find cafes, bistros and restaurants for your guests' lunches and refreshment breaks.

Soul of Southern Scotland

Sir Walter Scott is known as the forefather of tourism in Scotland. The greatest writer of his time, his novels told of the courageous people of Scotland, the beautiful scenery and this started a trend of visitors to Scotland which remains today. Scott also brought back tartan to the country, which had been banned after the Jacobite rising in 1745 - the visit of King George IV to Scotland in 1822 was the first visit of a reigning monarch to Scotland in nearly two centuries. The visit increased the king's popularity in Scotland, turning some subjects away from the rebellious radicalism of the time. However, it was Sir Walter Scott's organisation of the visit, with the inclusion of tartan pageantry, that was to have a lasting influence, by elevating the tartan kilt to become part of Scotland's national identity.

Visit Abbotsford House near Melrose, Scott's 'Conundrum Castle', and hear more about our literary giant, his life and legacy. Sir Walter Scott's 'palace of the imagination'. Abbotsford is the extraordinary home of the 19th century novelist and 'Great Scott' who popularised tartan, saved the Scottish banknote and rediscovered his country's Crown Jewels. Discover a treasure trove of intriguing objects which inspired his greatest poems and novels.

At Lochcarron of Scotland, the world's leading manufacturer of tartan, you will not only see how the fabric is made but also appreciate what a far-reaching attraction it holds on the fashion world.

At the Great Tapestry of Scotland, across from Abbotsford and the river Tweed in Galashiels, you take a journey through Scottish history. It is made up of 160 hand-stitched panels by 1000 stitchers and 300 miles of wool (enough to lay the entire length of Scotland from the border with England to the tip of the Shetland Isles in the North Atlantic). It was created by community artists all across Scotland, depicting aspects of the history of Scotland from 8500 BC until its launch in 2013. A brand new purpose-built national exhibition centre and visitor experience housing the Tapestry will open in Galashiels in the heart of the UK's premier textile region in 2021.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ [Abbotsford](#) (Melrose)
Options: Private guided tours for FIT & Groups, special interest tours, catering
- ❖ [Sir Walter Scott's Court Room](#) (Selkirk)
Options: Fit self guided, Guided group tours
- ❖ [Lochcarron of Scotland](#) (Selkirk)
Options: Private guided tours for FIT & Groups, special interest tours, shopping
- ❖ [The Great Tapestry of Scotland](#) (Galashiels)
Options: Private guided tours for FIT & Groups, special interest tours, catering

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Agriculture and animal husbandry

The Scottish Borders is known as the breadbasket of Scotland due to their strong farming traditions. From fishing at the coast to grain production and all that is related to it inland. It is a region rich in wide-open spaces, rolling hills, ideal for livestock. This tour invites visitors to meet the people who work the land and the four-legged charges they look after.

Beirhope Alpacas is a family run smallholding, located in the Cheviot Hills, close to St Cuthbert's Way. It sits on the old Roman road just outside the hamlet of Hownam, near Jedburgh. Surrounded by stunning scenery visitors are invited to get away from the hustle and bustle and meet the alpacas, or even take a walk with them – the alpacas all love to be fussed over.

Jackson's of Jedburgh is a family farm in historic Reivers country, they have been stewards of Kersheugh Farm since 1971. Meet the young family who now runs the farm and meet their four-legged charges close up including the famous fluffy Highland cows, goats, pigs and sheep.

Julie from Neth Hill Border Collies has been working with Border Collies, the regional breed, since 1982. Over the last few years, she has bred and trained many highly successful sheepdogs for both farming and field trials, winning national and international competitions. Julie is happy to demonstrate her technique 'the Natural Way' to visitors.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ **Beirhope Alpacas** (Kelso/ Jedburgh)
Options: Private Group visit, private FIT visit with walk option, themed visit (knitting, felting, tailored event)
- ❖ **Jackson's of Jedburgh** (Jedburgh)
Options: Private Group and FIT visits, guided and self-guided options
- ❖ **Neth Hill Border Collies** (Heriot)
Options: Private visit Groups/ FIT, special interest visit, pre-booking essential

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Gardens of the Scottish Borders

A wonderful round trip with sights from coast to country with visits to some of the most wonderful gardens in Britain. Julian Fellows' *Belgravia* has been filmed at Manderston – why not visit the house as well as the gardens.

Floor Castle is the largest inhabited castle in Scotland with a wonderful expansive garden and estate. And of course, *Greystoke*, the legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes was filmed here. Its gardens combine one of the finest Victorian kitchen gardens in the spectacular Walled Garden with the formal Millennium Garden. They are a showpiece of seasonal interest and inspired new creations.

Dawyck Botanic Garden is located in the hills of the Scottish Borders and enjoys an almost continental climate. Plants from the mountainous regions of Europe, China, Nepal, Japan and North America thrive here. It is home to one of Scotland's finest tree collections including some of Britain's oldest and tallest trees. The 65-acre five star garden offers also woodland and burnside walks.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ **Manderston** (Duns)
Options: Private Group Tours, Private FIT visit (minimum charge applied), prebooking essential, catering available on request
- ❖ **Floors Castle & Gardens** (Kelso)
Option: Private Tour Groups & FIT, ask for a tour guided by the Head Gardener
- ❖ **Dawyck Botanic Garden** (nr Peebles)
Option: Self guided FIT visits, Groups guided tours, special interest tours

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Textiles at the Heart of the South

The Borders region – a land of rolling hills, fabulous forests, and fast-flowing rivers – is rightly famed for the creation of first-class fabrics, woollens and tweeds that are favourites with everyone from local farmers to the world's top fashion designers. Quite how one small corner of Scotland came to clothe the world is a story worthy of a great writer and today's visitors.

Although the history of weaving in the Borders dates back to the Middle Ages, it was not until the 1700s before linen production became a local cottage industry. This began in 1777 when the Manufacturers' Corporation of Galashiels was formed. Although it had just 23 members, they were filled with ambition and had built their first mill by 1800.

Take a day trip right into the heart of textile country to visit some of the tweed, cashmere and tartan manufacturers, to see the production sites and chat with the workers about their special skills while you

are there. The Borders Textile Towerhouse gives visitors a unique insight into the region's knitwear and tweed manufacturing history. And to round off the day pop into the Borders Distillery for a tour and a dram.

Visits can be arranged via the team at Famously Hawick, particularly for special interest visitors.

Guests will be looked after by a specialist guide and there will be the ability to tailor the experience or elements of the tour to the groups' specific interest.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ [Johnston's of Elgin](#)
- ❖ [Borders Textile Towerhouse](#)
- ❖ [Lovat Mill](#)
- ❖ [Borders Distillery](#)

Options: Group/ FIT visits, special interest tours, catering, exclusive high end/private shopping

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Great Houses of the Borders

The Scottish Borders is a rural, hilly region with a rich borderland history of significant wars between Scotland and England. It is a prosperous region which is also home to a remarkable number of historic houses, stately homes and ancient castles. The same families have lived in these outstanding houses for many centuries and are happy to show visitors around. You are able to sample a sizeable slice of Scottish history and folklore in an area easily explored within a day.

We have chosen three of the 11 Great Houses of the Scottish Borders for you. Thirlestane Castle is a magnificent 16th-century castle set in a quiet meadow landscape in the Scottish Borders, just over half an hour's drive from Edinburgh. The castle was originally a great stone keep but over the years became a grand ducal palace. It is the ancient seat of the Earls and Duke of Lauderdale, and today it continues to be the Maitland family home.

Bowhill House and country estate near Selkirk is set deep in the heart of the Scottish Borders, beside winding glens and heathery hills. It is the magnificent country home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and home to part of the world famous Buccleuch art collection.

Traquair is Scotland's oldest inhabited house. Visited by 27 Scottish Kings and Queens, Traquair dates back to 1107 and has been lived in by the Stuart family since 1491. Originally a royal hunting lodge, Traquair played host to Mary, Queen of Scots. Today, they welcome visitors from all over the world who enjoy the extraordinary history of this lived in family home. You can also visit Traquair House Brewery situated in one of the wings of the house and sample the ales in the brewery shop and museum.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ **Thirlestane Castle** (Lauder)
Options: Private guided tours Groups/ FIT, ask for a tour by the Maitland Family
 - ❖ **Bowhill House** (Selkirk)
Options: Private guided tours Groups, FIT on request, prebooking essential
 - ❖ **Traquair House** (Innerleithen)
Options: Private Group and FIT guided tours, ask to meet the Lady of Traquair, catering available on site – lunch, afternoon tea or champagne in the High Drawing Room.
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Thirlestane Castle and **Traquair** also offer guest accommodation for client who wish to love like a lord for one night or more.



Coastal Escape

The Berwickshire Coast is a true hidden gem: an area rich in history, culture, special landscapes, and breath-taking views. With a mix of unspoiled countryside and coastline to explore, a remarkable past to discover and a huge choice of activities, you are spoiled for choice.

The picture-perfect harbour at Eyemouth is the largest on East Berwickshire's dramatic coastline. A beautiful market town with local shops and eateries with a vibrant fishing communities' heritage and culture.

Head to visit Gunsgreen House – John Nisbet's smuggling haven which stands across from the town on the harbour. Whilst he presented himself as a local merchant, Nisbet's designed Gunsgreen House to aide his smuggling needs with a tea chute and large cellars for direct access to the sea for tobacco, tea, and brandy deliveries.

It has an active fishing harbour and a fresh catch always means fantastic fish and chips – book lunch at Giacopazzi's for award winning fish & chips, it is also home to the most delicious ice-cream.

If you are looking for more local history - The Fishing Disaster of 1881 occurred after a severe storm struck on October 14th, which resulted in the deaths of 189 fishermen thus leaving their families behind. There are a total of four emotive memorials found at Burnmouth, Eyemouth, St Abbs and Cove each representing the families left behind.

Not far from Eyemouth is the small village of St Abbs which had a starring role in the *Avengers: Endgame* film as Thor's town, New Asgard. The waters off the Berwickshire coast have long been considered special by marine biologists as they contain a fantastic abundance and diversity of marine life and are also wonderful for diving.

Why not take a guided walk with a local nature specialist along the coast path to overlook the Wuddy Rocks and Horsecastle Bay. As you walk learn about the seabirds, wildflowers, the history of village, early Christian history (St Ebba and St Cuthbert). The views are spectacular and the terrain is an undulating route with a slight hill along a narrow cliff top path.

Visit to include are –

- ❖ [Gunsgreen House](#) (Eyemouth)
Options: Guided group tours, self guided FIT tour
- ❖ [Giacopazzi's Fish & Chips](#) (Eyemouth)
Options: Groups and FIT sit down or takeaway, [Oblo Bar](#) for seafood platters
- ❖ [St Abbs](#)
- ❖ Nature Guide (Liza Cole, [In our Nature](#))
Options: Private guided walks and nature exploration activities in the Eyemouth/ St Abbs area for groups and FIT.

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Exclusively for FIT and small groups – Why not book the Coastal Escape itinerary as an exclusive FIT themed coastal tour with [Scottish Food & Drink Trails](#). Whiles in the area you may wish to take a private rib trip out to sea with [Eyemouth Rib Trips](#).





Day Tours/ Glasgow

Here are a range of day tours from/to Glasgow and also some linear options to explore further which are based on travelling between the north of England and Glasgow.

Use the map on our [website](#) to find cafes, bistros and restaurants for your guests' lunches and refreshment breaks.

A day in the life of Robert Burns

Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott both called the south of Scotland their home and their great works of literature live on for all to enjoy. He was born in Ayrshire in 1759 but spent the end of his life living in Dumfries since 1788. He started life as a farm labourer – a 'ploughman poet' writing in his spare time. He took over Ellisland Farm before moving to the town of Dumfries to work as an excise officer. Robert Burns left his mark on both Scottish culture and on Dumfries. There are numerous sites around the town which can be seen on a gentle walking tour.

Start at the Burns' Statue, which is opposite the Burgh Church of Dumfries (aka Greyfriars Kirk). The statue was carved by Italian craftsmen using marble from the city of Carrara in Northern Italy and unveiled in 1882.

Walking towards the River Nith you cross the river on the Devorgilla Bridge which was built around 1270 and was rebuilt in the 15th Century and is one of the oldest in Scotland, so Burns would've used it while he lived in Dumfries. Turn left at the end of the bridge past the Old Bridge House Museum, formerly an inn where Burns liked to drink.

Along the banks of the river you'll find the Robert Burns Centre in a converted 18th century watermill. The Centre tells the story of Burns' time in Dumfries with objects and artifacts on display. And the building is home to Scotland's smallest film theatre, which holds regular screenings.

Carry on along Burns Street and you'll see a statue of Jean Armour, Robert Burns' wife. They met when she was 19 and ended up having nine children together, the last one born on the day of his funeral. It was a turbulent relationship though – her parents disapproved, six of their children died, Burns fathered at least four more illegitimate children (including one with the barmaid at the Globe!) and had a habit of disappearing.

From here turn down Burns Street where you'll find the Robert Burns House and a memorial garden outside. Burns and his family moved into this 18th-century sandstone house in May 1793, when the street was known as Mill Street. It is where Burns spent the last three years of his life living and working. You can see the study he wrote in and the bedroom where he died of rheumatism at the age of 37 on 21 July 1796. The house is furnished with beds, chairs and tables from the period.

Cross the road to St Michael's and South Parish Church – Robert Burns' final resting place, you find his mausoleum at the back of the graveyard, a bright white dome among the more sombre red sandstone graves. Inside there's a sculpture of Burns with a plough and his muse Coila hovering over him. Also do call into the church to see the family pew and stained-glass windows of Robert Burns and Jean Armour.

You might want to consider a visit and tour and indeed lunch at the Globe Inn, which can be found down a narrow passageway lined with murals depicting Burns' poems. The Globe was established in 1610, making it one of the oldest pubs in Scotland. It was also one of Burns' favourite 'howff', or watering hole. The pub has Burns memorabilia such as handwritten letters and plaster busts on show, and lines of his poems are etched into the window panes of the bedroom he used to stay in upstairs. You can even sit in Burns' favourite chair next to the fireplace – though anyone who does has to recite one of his verses or pay the forfeit of buying a round for the whole pub.

On your return to Glasgow, just outside of Dumfries, you can continue the story of Robert Burns by visiting Ellisland Farm, a short drive north of Dumfries - some of Robert Burns' best loved nature poems were inspired by the tranquil setting of Ellisland Farm. Ellisland Museum & Farm, the house built by Robert Burns in 1788 as his home to bring his family together for the first time is today a much celebrated museum housing one of the world's most important collections of Burns treasures.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ [The Burns' Statue](#)
Options: free unrestricted visit
- ❖ [Robert Burns Centre](#)
Options:
- ❖ [Robert Burns Mausoleum](#)
Options: free unrestricted visit
- ❖ [Robert Burns House](#)
Options:
- ❖ [The Globe Inn](#)
Options: Group prebooking essential, lunches, dinners, tea/ coffee
- ❖ [Ellisland Museum & Farm](#)
Options: FIT and groups visit, prebooking groups essential, tailored educational visits possible

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Castles and Abbeys of Dumfries & Galloway

The first thing you'll notice about Dumfries & Galloway is just how beautiful this part of lowland Scotland is, with an undulating coastline of rocky shoreline and sandy beaches, whilst inland, there are acres of forest and green spaces.

The history of Dumfries and Galloway can be traced back to Roman times, since when the region has been visited by Picts, Vikings, Saxons and Danes, before becoming a battleground between the Scots and English.

A number of famous names from history have featured in the past of this corner of Scotland. In the 13th century William Wallace chased the English army back south through the Nith Valley. Victory was to be his and he rested at Caerlaverock Castle before passing through Dumfries on his way back north. Robert the Bruce, before becoming king, attacked and claimed Dumfries Castle, which had been held by the English. He later triumphed at the Battle of Bannockburn and won Scotland's freedom.

On this day trip you take a journey though time, starting with a visit of Drumlanrig Castle, also known as the pink palace. The Castle has 120 rooms, 17 turrets and four towers and the producers of *Outlander* used the castle for filming the second series.

It is one of the seats of the Douglas family in Dumfriesshire. Sir James Douglas (known also as "The Good" or "Black Douglas") was a right-hand man of Robert the Bruce.

Caerlaverock Castle could not be any more different. With its triangular shape, it is unique among British castles. A walk around the castle gives a sense of its strength, the economy of form and pleasing geometry.

Finish the day with a visit at Sweetheart Abbey and discover the tale of devotion behind the abbey's evocative name. Monks named it Dulce Cor in memory of Lady Dervorguilla, who founded the abbey in tribute to her beloved husband, John Balliol.

Visit to include are -

- ❖ [Drumlanrig Castle](#) (Thornhill)
Options: Private guided group and FIT, prebooking essential
- ❖ [Caerlaverock Castle](#) (Dumfries)
Options: HES property, self guided only for groups and FIT
- ❖ [Sweetheart Abbey](#) (Dumfries)
Options: HES property, self guided only for groups and FIT

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Outdoor Adventure (Linear Day Tour)

Dumfries and Galloway is an area of outstanding natural beauty from wild coastlines to inland forests. A paradise for people seeking the great outdoors and experiencing nature. The South Ayrshire and Galloway Biosphere is testament to this regional beauty and the commitment of people within it to live in harmony with their natural environment.

The Galloway Forest Park is a large part of the Biosphere and the Red Deer Range was established in 1977 to give visitors the chance to see these beautiful creatures up close in a natural environment. Around 25 red deer live here today – watch for them from the viewing area and hide. As you savour this wild place and watch for red deer, you're likely to spot other amazing wildlife too. Keep an eye on the skies for buzzards and other birds of prey who haunt these hills. The hide is also a great place to see a variety of moorland and woodland birds that gather at the feeding station at the hide.

Red kites have been congregating at Bellymack Hill Farm since 2001 when they were reintroduced to Galloway. This is partly due to the prevailing SW winds which create updrafts from the hillside, enabling kites to ride the air effortlessly over the farm. The visitor centre provides all-weather, close-viewing of the action, together with more distant views of perched birds against the panoramic Galloway countryside.

Crawick Multiverse is an amazing land art installation for you to explore and enjoy. A renowned cultural theorist, landscape designer, architectural historian and co-founder of the Maggie's Cancer Care Centres, Charles Jencks was commissioned by the Duke of Buccleuch in 2015 to design an inspiring landscape on the former open-cast coal mine near Sanquhar in Dumfries and Galloway. Whether you are interested in cosmology, science, art or just want to walk and savour the beautiful landscape this is the place to visit.

Visit to include are –

- ❖ **Crawick Multiverse** (Sanquhar)
Options: foc, bookings not required
- ❖ **Galloway Forest Park Red Deer Range** (Galloway Forest)
Options: foc, bookings not
- ❖ **Red Kite Feeding station** (Castle Douglas)
Options: open 2 – 4pm, feeding times at 2pm, pre-booking for groups recommended

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Literary Dumfries and Galloway (Linear Day Tour)

The South of Scotland is as wonderful and as beautiful as it appears in literature. In John Buchan's 1915 thriller, *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, they decided to flee to the 'nearest wild part of Scotland' which was Galloway. The untouched landscapes of Dumfries & Galloway has been a source of literary

inspiration for centuries. These lowlands are spoilt with rocky shorelines, sandy beaches and acres of forest and green spaces.

Dumfries has been home to two of Scotland's favourite authors, J M Barrie the creator of *Peter Pan*, and Robert Burns. J M Barrie was born in Kirriemuir in Angus and spent five years of his adolescence in Dumfries, playing adventurous games with his friends in the 'enchanted land' at the grand Georgian house Moat Brae. Today, visitors can explore the house and its gardens where *Peter Pan* began with a plethora of indoor and outdoor activities.

Robert Burns – or *Rabbie* as he is widely known – is Scotland's most celebrated writer. Every year on 25 January, Scotland celebrates his birthday with a traditional Burns Night supper where Scots raise a toast to the haggis and Burns' poems are recited. In Dumfries, you can explore the former family home of Robert Burns at Ellisland Farm Museum, visit the 4-star attraction [Burns House Museum](#) (not suitable for large groups) and for those looking to quench their thirst they can do so at Rabbie's favourite watering hole, the Globe Inn.

Annandale Distillery provides an intriguing link to the literary greats and the history of the region. The Distillery was first established in 1836 but closed for 90 years before being reborn in 2014. The two whiskies that Annandale have created are Man o Words and Man o Swords, named after Robert the Bruce and Robert Burns - very cleverly the two words, words and swords, run together - and they have it carved in local wood all around the distillery. Bruce was the Lord of Annandale and had a castle in Annan and he became King of Scotland at Dumfries Castle so the distillery has named their whisky after two local heroes.

Visit to include are –

- ❖ [Moat Brae](#) (Dumfries)
Options: Private guided group tours, special interest educational, guided FIT tours on request
- ❖ [The Globe Inn](#) (Dumfries)
Options: Burns Tours on request for FIT and Groups, Lunch and Dinner
- ❖ [Ellisland Farm](#) (outside Dumfries)
Options: Guided Group Tour, special interest/ educational tours available
- ❖ [Annandale Distillery](#) (Annan)
Options: Guided Groups Tours, private guided or scheduled tour for FIT, Tasting Options

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History and Heritage (linear day tour)

From the natural heritage of the Solway Firth and the Galloway Forest to the important role the region played during the First World War, there is so much to uncover in Dumfries and Galloway.

Gretna Green sits alongside the main town of Gretna, it is well known as the marriage capital of the UK. Following the 1754 Marriage Act, couples under the age of 21 were not permitted to marry in England or Wales without their parents' consent. This caused an influx of young

couples to cross the border into Scotland, to marry at the Gretna Green Famous Blacksmiths Shop. Around 5,000 couples still tie the knot in Gretna every year.

Drive through Gretna, a planned town, built in 1916 during the First World War to house the people working at the Devil's Porridge. It is situated on the Scottish side of the border with England. However, the area was settled in much further back and historically it is deemed as one of the first villages in Scotland. It follows the old coaching route from London to Edinburgh.

It will take you to the Devil's Porridge Museum, which commemorates HM Factory Gretna, the largest munitions factory in the world during the First World War and explores the stories of the Solway Military Coast during the Second World War and beyond. The museum uses artefacts, information panels, film and audio, photographs and oral histories to bring the fascinating history of this Border area to life!

The Museum has been developed by the local community over the past 20 years; from a small exhibition in St John's Church and via a large uninsulated industrial shed in Eastriggs to the fantastic modern interactive museum it is today.

Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum is a small independent museum passionate about the history of aviation and the local area. A fantastic collection of aircraft, including the Battle of Britain veteran Loch Doon Spitfire, a supersonic Lightning fighter and a wartime assault glider collection are available to view. There are dedicated displays on the Home Front, RAF Dumfries and the Bomber War, and the only dedicated Airborne Forces collection in Scotland. The museum is based in the former control tower of the wartime RAF Dumfries which holds a huge collection of memorabilia, as well as one of the finest displays of aero engines in the country.

Visit to include are –

- ❖ [Gretna Green Blacksmith's Shop Museum](#) (Gretna Green)
Options: Private guided groups tours, group and FIT experiences, catering
- ❖ [The Devils Porridge](#) (Eastriggs)
Options: Private guided group tours, special interest/ educational prebooking essential, FIT self guided
- ❖ [Dumfries Aviation Museum](#) (Dumfries)
Options: Group and FIT tours

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