

Saturday 26th

Last chance to enjoy the Border Country, with a run into the Kielder Forest to Kielder Water reservoir. The Final Tour Dinner at Matfen Hall hope to have as guest speaker, the owner Sir Hugh Blackett, owner of a Bristol 400 and classic car enthusiast. Mileage about 50

Sunday 27th

Depart for home when you wish, see separate details for the southern group. Tour mileage 500'ish

Our Prices for the nine night Scottish Borders Tour **From £1335.00 per person sharing accommodation**

For other types of accommodation - superior, deluxe rooms or suites, please see Booking Form for details.

What's Included on The Tour:

- Bed and full English or Scottish breakfasts for 9 hotel nights
- Five hotel dinners
- Final Tour Dinner with wines, water and coffee
- Welcome Reception on Friday 18th
- A visit to the Birdoswald Roman Fort in Cumberland
- A visit to the famous Beamish Living Mueum of the North
- Detailed Tour and Route Guide, Rally Plates and services of an experienced professional Tour Director



What's not included:

- Fuel and toll charges – though there's only one Toll bridge on the planned route
- Meals and drinks other than stated in the itinerary.
- Insurance – either personal or the car, including repatriation. We recommend that you have at least got in date service for the car.
- Items of a personal nature, other than stated in the itinerary, tips and gratuities, laundry, phone calls.



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Join like minded folk – Cars of all ages welcome
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Our Hotels

The Crown Hotel, Wetheral, near Carlisle

Two nights, the 18th and 19th May

Set in a picturesque village, some 5 miles from Carlisle, this 4 star hotel has 51 rooms, an award winning restaurant, as well as the village pub bar serving typical pub food. The Spa has a 50m pool, gymnasium, squash court, sauna, solarium and steam room.

Just down the lane from the hotel is the restored village railway station, where you can catch the train to Carlisle, and thus not use your car into the city. You can then even take the Carlisle to Settle train and enjoy the mountain landscapes and the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct. Approx 1 hour 45 minutes each way to Settle. www.crownhoteltwetheral.co.uk



Dryburgh Abbey Hotel, St Boswells, Melrose

Four nights, the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd May

A beautifully restored Scottish Country House, it sits on the banks of the River Tweed, next to the ruins of Dryburgh Abbey, Sir Walter Scott's final resting place.

Set in a 10 acre estate, there is a modern leisure Spa with indoor pool. The four star hotel has a 2 AA-Rosette Restaurant as well as a bistro restaurant. It has fishing rights on the River Tweed and the 10thC Abbey adjoins the property. There are 38 rooms. www.dryburgh.co.uk



Matfen Hall Hotel, Northumberland

Three nights, the 24th, 25th and 26th May

Set in 300 acres of parkland this magnificent ancestral home of Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett, now a 4* hotel, has 53 rooms, a 27 hole golf course, driving range and full spa facilities. The 2 AA Rosette Library Restaurant offers fine dining, whilst the Golf Club House offers bistro food. A magnificent stately home it became a hotel in 1999. We hope to have Sir Hugh join us for dinner and speak to us on our final night there. www.matfenhall.co.uk



All the hotels featured in this brochure have private parking and tea making facilities in the rooms.

The Tour Itinerary

Friday 18th

The Tour starts with the Welcome Reception and Dinner at The Crown Hotel Wetheral. Participants who have enjoyed the two day drive from near Ashbourne, in the Peak District will be joined by those who have travelled independently to the start of The Scottish Borders Tour.

Saturday 19th

A free day with suggested places to visit. Gretna Green is only 15 miles away, and for true naffness it is hard to beat. However Carlisle is an interesting city and well worth visiting. It is suggested that you walk the 2 minutes to the station and take the train to Carlisle – a 15 minute journey. In Carlisle visits to the Old Tullie House with its special gardens and art collection, as well as the Guildhall and Border galleries are well worth while. A journey on the famous Carlisle – Settle railway is easily achieved. The evening is free for you to eat, either at the hotel or locally.

Sunday 20th

To Dryburgh today. First we go through Brampton and along Hadrian's Wall to visit Birdoswald Fort. Here you have the chance to see the English Heritage museum showing the original turf Wall, a full size replica of the Wall and the full intriguing story. Then it's the B6318 to Langholm and the B709 and B7009 to Selkirk and so to St Boswells and Dryburgh Abbey Hotel. Dinner is included in the hotel this evening. Mileage is 96



Hadrian's Wall

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd

There now follows three free days at this lovely location. A suggested itinerary for each day is:

Monday – a short local run to visit Melrose Abbey, with its 14thC church architecture, and two National Trust of Scotland Gardens that are very close by – Priorwood Gardens and Harmony Garden. The evening is free for you to eat as you wish. Mileage about 25

Tuesday – An excellent mountain drive today, taking the back roads to Peebles, then via the B712 to Tweedsmuir and over the hills via the photo on the front of the brochure to the A708 and back via Selkirk to our hotel. Again, a free evening, why not try the Golf Club Bistro? Mileage about 85

Wednesday – A gentle run via the back roads to Jedburgh to see its 16thC Abbey, the Castle Jail and Mary Queen of Scots fortified 16thC home, as well as this pleasant market town. This evening dinner is included in our Hotel. Mileage about 40



Thursday 24th

North to England today! Sounds funny but such is the wavering border that our first stop at Berwick-upon-Tweed is north of Dryburgh on Tweed (no the River doesn't run uphill). Then we travel down the North Northumberland Heritage Coast going past Holy Island to Bamburgh. Optional visit to Bamburgh Castle, one of the finest castles in Britain. From here to Alnwick, Rothbury and so to Matfen and the superb Matfen Hall. Dinner is included this evening. Mileage is 104

Friday 25th

Visit to Beamish Museum using the back roads around Newcastle. This living museum of the north has shops, and houses from Edwardian times, Trams, steam locomotives, real people; bakers, miners, dentists, school teachers and others are there to bring it all to life for you. The evening is free for you to eat where you wish. Mileage about 70

