

YPS Tour: Gardens & Abbeys of Edinburgh & the Scottish Borders - by coach

24th to 27th June 2018 (Sunday to Wednesday)

4 Days
from
£520 per person
Half-Board
Single supplement £120
per person



YOUR EXCURSIONS

24th June 8.15 am Leave York. Comfort stop at Hexham with time for refreshments (at own cost). Visit to "Floors Castle and Gardens". Lunch for the group, of soup and sandwiches, and an introductory talk with time to visit the Castle and Gardens. Short drive to the ruins of Kelso Abbey for brief stop before travelling on to the hotel in time to settle down before dinner.

25th June 9.15 am Drive to Melrose Abbey. English armies repeatedly ransacked Melrose Abbey, which was built by Cistercian monks from Yorkshire in 1136. Look out for the famous bagpipe playing pig. We continue to Abbotsford House and garden, the home of Sir Walter Scott. The garden he designed here is a rare example of a regency garden. An included light lunch at 1pm rounds off our visit here. We continue to Mellerstain House and Gardens and have time to explore them both. Private reception and talk at Traquair House this evening instead of dinner in the Hotel. Lady Catherine Maxwell Stuart will host this. Bar snacks at the hotel afterwards if requested (at own cost).

26th June Depart 9am Talk and tour of the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens. There is so much to discover and we have included a 90-minute tour with a guide who will introduce us to hidden treasures around the garden. The afternoon is free to explore the gardens further or to discover more of the treasures of Edinburgh. 5.30pm Meet at Waverley Station for a one way journey on the new Borders railway to Tweedbank station (£6.80 with a Senior Railcard) train at 5.55pm. 7pm Meet the coach at Tweedbank station, which will return us to the hotel for late dinner.

27th June 9.45 am Checking out of our hotel our first visit today is on the doorstep, Kailzie Gardens, including the walled garden, a laburnum walk, a rose garden and the Greenhouses. Time for morning coffee here. 11.30am Rejoin the coach to journey to Dryburgh Abbey. Our lunch stop will be at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill in Jedburgh TD8 6EA for lunch (at own cost). 3pm Rejoin the coach for the journey to York.

MACDONALD CARDRONA HOTEL

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What's Included:

- ✓3 nights bed & breakfast
- ✓2 lunches
- ✓2 dinners and 1 reception
- ✓Return coach travel
- ✓Visits and meals as stated
- ✓Complete luggage handling
- ✓Tips for hotel / driver

Optional insurance £12pp
(non-refundable)
Deposit £50 per person (non
refundable)

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