



## Autumn in the Borders

The most southerly part of the English/Scottish border meets the Solway Firth a few miles north of Carlisle. Most people simply stay on the M74 and aim to cross the intervening landscape to the Central Belt or beyond as quickly as possible. This means that those parts of Scotland closest to most of England are amongst the least known and least visited by people from either side of the border or beyond: truly Undiscovered Scotland! Gretna has been a haven for romantic lovers for more than 250 years and this tradition is still going strong today. Gretna Green lies a mile across the border into Scotland from England and was the first changing post across the Scottish Border for the stagecoaches on the main London to Edinburgh route and so began its long association with the romance of the runaways.

### GRETNA HALL HOTEL ★★★ 01461 338257

The Gretna Hall Hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the Scottish Borders, originally built in 1710 as a manor house, Gretna Hall Hotel is an ideal setting for your leisure break thanks to its great location, charm and character. Dining is provided in the Gretna Hall Hotel's Anvil Restaurant which serves freshly prepared dishes complemented by the finest selection of wines. The Hotel Has a Lift and some Ground Floor Rooms May be Requested. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Direct Dial Telephone, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.



## 5 DAYS

16th - 20th November £ 233  
Single Supplement £ 32.00 Insurance £ 15.00

### ITINERARY

#### Sunday

Departing in the morning we travel through the Lake District to the border at Gretna Green, arriving at our Hotel late afternoon.

#### Monday

An excursion along Solway's secret coast, past Castle Douglas and Newton Stewart, returning through the scenic Galloway Forest Park to our Hotel.

#### Tuesday

A morning visit to Dumfries, known as the "Queen of the South" for its old red sandstone

buildings and spacious parks.

#### Wednesday

Today we travel east through Border Reiver country to the town of Jedburgh, with its many attractive historic sites. We continue through Peebles and drive along the Tweed valley to Moffat before returning to our Hotel.

#### Thursday

Leaving our Hotel we return south calling at the seaside resort of Morecambe before returning to Shropshire, arriving late afternoon.

### Look What's Included!

- Welcome Drinks on Arrival.
- Entertainment During our Stay.
- 4 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Included Excursions to Solway Coast, Dumfries, Jedburgh and Moffat.



## Dunoon House Party

Dunoon is situated on the West Coast of Scotland on the beautiful Cowal Peninsula, Cowal has the advantage that it has all the beauty of the sparsely populated Highlands and Islands. Dunoon is the capital of the region, and grew from a village to a major Clyde seaside resort in the 1800. The Cowal peninsula, formed by Loch Fyne to the west and Loch Long to the east, is the most visited part of Argyll. The landscape of the south-west Cowal is in complete contrast to the townscape of Dunoon. The Kyles of Bute, tracts of water separating the north end of Bute from Cowal, offer some of the most breathtaking scenery in Scotland.

### THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL ★★★ 01369 705810

The Royal Marine Hotel in Dunoon is set amongst the stunning Argyllshire scenery overlooking the Clyde estuary. A warm and friendly welcome awaits guests at the Royal Marine, an attractive, award winning Hotel with many original features. The Royal Marine Hotel's Ghillies Cafe Bar offers an extensive menu in an informal setting and the Kilcreggan Room is more formal dining serving a table d' hote menu. The Hotel does not have a Lift. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television, Telephone and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.



## 5 DAYS

2nd - 6th November £ 279  
Single Room Supplement £ 40.00 Insurance £ 15.00

### ITINERARY

#### Sunday

After a morning departure we drive to Gourock and take the ferry over the Firth of Clyde to Dunoon, arriving in time for a welcome cocktail reception before our evening meal and entertainment.

#### Monday

We follow the shores of Loch Eck then past Garelochhead and Dumbarton to the city of Glasgow, there will be plenty of time to visit the many attractions that combine to provide the energy and sophistication of a great international city. We return to Dunoon by way of Western Ferries.

#### Tuesday

Past the Kyles of Bute and by ferry to the Isle of Bute where we shall visit Rothesay, we return to the mainland driving around Loch Riddon to Tighnabruaich. Tonight there will be further entertainment.

#### Wednesday

At leisure in Dunoon, tonight there will be a farewell cocktail reception and Highland Gala Dinner.

#### Thursday

Re-crossing the Clyde once more we head south to Shropshire, arriving home late in the afternoon.

### Look What's Included!

- Situated on the Promenade.
- Highland Gala Dinner.
- Entertainment During our Stay.
- 4 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- All Ferry Crossings.
- Included Excursions to Glasgow, Rothesay and Tighnabruaich