

Scottish Borders

Friday 8th - Monday 11th June 2012



Friday Departing Bradford at 8.00 we travel north with a stop at Tebay services en route to **Floors Castle**, home of the Duke & Duchess of Roxburghe. The castle, which is more of a stately home, was built by the first Duke in 1721 to a design by William Adam, overlooks the River Tweed and the town of

Kelso. The gardens are a mix of the formal and less formal, and at this time of year will be a blaze of colour and include a walled garden created between 1857 - 1860.

Saturday Today, you have a choice **either** to visit the **Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh** with its 70 acres of landscaped gardens, **or** to visit **Edinburgh** itself with its many attractions.

Sunday We visit the stunningly attractive **Abbotsford**, home of Sir Walter Scott, situated on banks of the River Tweed amongst the scenery which inspired Scott's novels. The house contains an impressive collection of historic relics including Rob Roy's gun, dirk and shield. Abbotsford houses an extensive library of 9,000 rare volumes. From here we travel, to the picturesque town of **Melrose**, with its ruined Abbey where the heart of Robert the Bruce is buried (*admission not included*).

Monday Today we visit **Traquair House**, which dates back at least to the 12th century and due to the turbulent nature of the times became one of the many fortified castles or pele towers built on both sides of the border. The priest hole in the house reflects the troubled times of the catholic family, and the Bear Gates installed in 1738 were only in use 6 years, and were closed, according to legend, following a visit by Bonnie Prince Charlie, the owners vowing never to open them again until a Stuart king rules in London. From here we travel to home with a stop at **Moffat**, arriving in Bradford mid evening.



The Hotel

Nestled in mature gardens amongst the gently rolling countryside of the Scottish Borders, Tinto House Hotel offers you the opportunity to savour the style and elegance of a bygone era, combined with all the modern comforts of a first-class

hotel. It has a restaurant and bar and all rooms include en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities and TV.



Hotel: Tinto House Hotel, Symington, Biggar Road, Lanarkshire, ML12 6FT Tel: 01899 308606



This 4 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Visits to Floors Castle, Abbotsford, Traquair House + Melrose & Edinburgh
- ☞ 3 nights dinner, bed & full breakfast

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£229.00
Per person in single	£274.00
Insurance	£21.85

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