Experience 9 of Scotland’s finest historic homes located in the heart of the beautiful Scottish Borders.

Explore BIG HOUSES in the SCOTTISH BORDERS

Visit the finest historic houses and castles in the Scottish Borders, all within a 50 mile radius...

BY ROAD
There are three major trunk roads providing links from the North and South to all areas within the Scottish Borders; the A1 in the East and the A7 and A68 in the Central Borders.

BY RAIL and BUS
The stunning Borders Railway line takes just 55 minutes from Edinburgh Waverley to Tweedbank in the Scottish Borders. Alternatively, bus lines X62 and X95 pass through the Scottish Borders, and further public transport links operate from Galashiels to all main towns and villages in the area. For more information visit www.travelinescotland.com

WALKING
Wide open spaces and beautiful scenery make the Scottish Borders the perfect place for walkers all year round. The area is home to six national walks, as well as some 1500 miles of dedicated walking routes - make the most of your day and plan a walking tour of the Big Houses.

CYCLING
The Scottish Borders is home to wonderful cycling routes and many cycling events. The 7stanes offer fantastic mountain biking at Glentress, Innerleithen and Newcastleton. A cycling tour of the Borders’ Big Houses is a great way to explore the area and experience the beautiful landscape.

The Scottish Borders is home to some of the finest historic houses and castles in Scotland. Set amidst breathtaking scenery, there is a wealth of historic houses to view and grounds and gardens to explore. Our featured homes and castles have fascinating historical links and each has its own unique charm.

PLAN YOUR VISIT
Opening hours and admission fees vary from venue to venue and are subject to seasonal variations. Please visit the individual websites listed for further details. Group visits are welcome at all the Houses and Castles featured but must be booked in advance.

ACCESSIBILITY
All houses and castles featured welcome visitors with different access requirements, as well as guide and assistance dogs. As the facilities at each venue may vary, we recommend you book your visit in advance, highlighting your specific requirements.
NEIDPATH CASTLE

Home to clans, Fraser, Hay and Douglas, steeped in history and haunting tales. Neidpath Castle, is a step back in time.
Neidpath Castle, Peebles EH45 8NW
T: 01721 720333
E: enquiries@neidpathcastle.co.uk
www.neidpathcastle.co.uk

ABBOTSFORD

Stunningly located on the banks of the River Tweed, Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, is perhaps the most intriguing literary house in the world, where fact and fiction collide.
Abbotsford, Melrose, Roxburghshire, TD6 9BQ
T: 01896 752043 E: enquiries@scottabbotsford.co.uk
www.scottabbotsford.com

FLOORS CASTLE

Scotland’s largest inhabited castle and home to the 10th Duke of Roxburghe. An architectural masterpiece, with stunning walled gardens, extensive grounds, kids playground and cafes.
Floors Castle, Kelsa, Scottish Borders TD5 7SF
T: 01573 223 333 E: enquiries@floorscastle.com
www.floorscastle.com

TRAQUAIR

Scotland’s Oldest Inhabited House. Visited by 37 Scottish Kings and Queens and with strong associations to Mary Queen of Scots and the Jacobite Uprisings.
Traquair House, Innerleithen, Peeblesshire EH44 6PW
T: 01896 830323 E: enquiries@traquair.co.uk
www.traquair.co.uk

THIRLESTANE CASTLE

One of the oldest and finest inhabited castles with a key role in Scottish history and home for the Maitland family.
Thirlestane Castle, Lauderdale, Scottish Borders, TD2 6RU
T: 01578 722430 E: enquiries@thirlestane.ru
www.thirlestane.co.uk

MONTEVIOT HOUSE

Monteviot House, home to Kerr Clan Chief, overlooks the River Teviot and is surrounded by nine different garden “rooms”.
Monteviot House and Gardens, Jedburgh, Scotland, TD8 6UH
T: 01835 830380 E: enquiries@monteviot.com
www.monteviot.com

BOWHILL House and Country Estate

Enjoy a magical day out for all the family with house tours, exhibition, adventure playground, Victorian Kitchen, walks, ranger events, tearoom and shop.
Bowhill House and Country Estate, Bowhill, Selkirk, TD7 5ET
T: 01750 22204 E: info@bowhillhouse.co.uk
www.bowhillhouse.co.uk

MELLERSTAIN House and Gardens

One of Scotland’s finest stately homes with stunning Robert Adam interiors, gardens, parkland, coffee shop and holiday cottages.
Mellerstain House & Gardens, Mellerstain, Gordon, Berwickshire TD3 6LG
T: 01573 410225 E: enquiries@mellerstain.com
www.mellerstain.com

GUNSGREEN

Smuggler’s Palace, the house of secrets, find the unique hidden tea chute. Great for families, weddings, you can even stay.
Gunsgreen House, Eyemouth TD14 5SD
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www.gunsgreenhouse.org