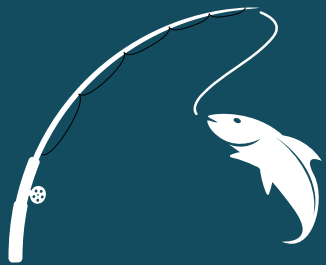


The Scottish Borders



**Rolling Hills.
Historic Towns.
An Iconic River**



Welcome to The Borders. Once a dangerous land, between two warring Kingdoms, the remnants of this violent past can be seen in the castles and tower houses which dot the landscape. Today however we find a peaceful place, full of natural wonder, the finest farmed produce and innovative new businesses making this corner of Southern Scotland one of the countries most exciting visitor destinations. The backdrop to it all is the mighty River Tweed, the silvery strand which defines this ancient place, and lends its name to Tweed - the world famous woven cloth first made in The Borders. Visitors to The Borders will receive a warm welcome, with activities and events all year round.



History of The Borders

A photograph of a stone tower, likely a hill fort, situated on a rocky outcrop. A person is standing on the left side of the outcrop, looking towards the tower. The background shows a cloudy sky and distant hills. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue, torn-edge graphic that separates the title from the text below.

Traces of the Celtic people who once called this land home can be seen in hill forts around the Tweed and Teviot valleys, as well as place names such as Peebles and Kelso. The invading Roman's made their massive fort Trimontium, in the shadow of the Eildon Hills, near Melrose, before the swift decline of the Empire. Much of the area now known as The Borders was then part of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Northumbria before finally and decisively coming under Scottish rule in 1018. From here it became a power base for Kings of Scots and frontline in centuries of struggle against England. In the aftermath of the calamitous Battle of Flodden (1513) an age of lawlessness and family warfare began - The Border Reivers cared little for national allegiance, making theft, murder and blackmail commonplace. Eventually this was suppressed and peace broke out, with the rise of the woolen textile industry giving The Borders fame across the globe for cashmere and tweed products. Railways carried Borders cloth to ports and around the world, however later decline would follow with only a small number of high end manufacturers remaining. The Borders today remains a fertile land for farming and forestry with visitors enjoying natural beauty, rich history and a warm welcome.

What to do in The Borders



Fishing - Book a guide to take you to the best spots for Salmon, Trout or Grayling fishing on the mighty River Tweed - The UK's finest Salmon river.

History - Spend the day discovering the four Medieval Abbeys, great houses or ancient hillforts. History is everywhere in The Borders!

Food and Drink - With outstanding farmland, fresh seafood and wonderful breweries and distillery, you will find a foodie paradise in The Borders.

Visit the Coast - The 30 mile Berwickshire Coast is a natural wonder, with world class marine environments, seabird colonies and unspoilt beaches waiting to be discovered.

Hike The Borders - A year round hillwalking gem, with routes to test any walker - from gruelling multi day hikes, to riverside strolls.

Private Tours

Why not book on to a private, driver led tour with an expert guide and experience The Borders through a locals eyes.

These tours will take you to the top tourist destinations, but also show you the hidden gems that are equally fascinating, but off the usual tourist path. Your guides passion is helping you forge a genuine connection with this land.

Private Tours are priced at £320 for a half day (meet at Galashiels or Tweedbank Railway Station) and £500 for a more luxurious, full day experience (pickup at location of your choice). Your tour can also include additional extras such as a distillery trip or access to some of the great houses of The Borders.

Private Tours can accommodate 1 - 4 guests.

For more details on the tours or on how to book, please email bill@bestfishingscotland.co.uk



Find us!



Times to Central Borders

Edinburgh Airport: 1 Hour

Newcastle Airport: 1.5 Hours

From Glasgow Airport: 2 Hours

Trains from Edinburgh Waverley to
Galashiels every 30 minutes

Driving from the South: A702 and A7
(West) & A68 and A1 (East)

