

# Cycle tour in Scotland: The Scottish Borders

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS, APPROX. 235 KM  
BOOKING CODE: EN-GBBM6

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●●  
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●●



## Your tour

Discover Scottish Border country by bike. This varied cycle tour in Scotland takes you through very changing landscapes. You will get to know the charming North Sea coast and cycle inland alongside the River Tweed. The further west you go, the hillier it gets. Deep green forests and heathland line the cycle paths here. Ruins of majestic castles and historic abbeys are also plentiful here, telling of the eventful histories of both England and Scotland.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Berwick-upon-Tweed
<b>Day 2</b>	Excursion to Holy Island, approx. 50 km
<b>Day 3</b>	Berwick-upon-Tweed – Kelso, approx. 60 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Excursion to Jedburgh, approx. 50 km
<b>Day 5</b>	Kelso – Melrose / Galashiels, approx. 25 – 30 km
<b>Day 6</b>	Excursion to Clovenfords and Stow, approx. 45 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	01.05. – 30.09.
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Daily arrival 01.05. – 30.09.2024

## Services

- 6 nights incl. breakfast, in good quality guesthouses and hotels of the local 3\* level
- Digital travel documents and route navigation via app
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Melrose, max. 1 piece per person
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Basic price per person

Double room	999,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	639,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	279,-
Rental bike (24-gear)	169,-

## Exemplary hotel list Standard

Berwick-upon-Tweed	Castle Hotel Berwick	<a href="https://www.grhotels.co.uk/castle-berwick/">https://www.grhotels.co.uk/castle-berwick/</a>
Berwick-upon-Tweed	Castle Hotel Berwick	<a href="https://www.grhotels.co.uk/castle-berwick/">https://www.grhotels.co.uk/castle-berwick/</a>
Kelso	Bellevue Guest House Kelso	<a href="http://bellevuehouse.co.uk/">http://bellevuehouse.co.uk/</a>
Kelso	Bellevue Guest House Kelso	<a href="http://bellevuehouse.co.uk/">http://bellevuehouse.co.uk/</a>
Melrose / Galashiels	George and Abbotsford Hotel Melrose	<a href="https://www.georgeandabbotsfordmelrose.co.uk/">https://www.georgeandabbotsfordmelrose.co.uk/</a>
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## Child reduction on basic price

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina.  
No child discount is offered on this trip.

## Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

## Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Return to Berwick-upon-Tweed: Self-drive by bus to Berwick, takes approx. 2 hours, connections several times a week, from there good connections to Newcastle Airport. Alternatively, take the train from Melrose to Edinburgh Airport.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

## Equipment of our rental bikes

- Replacement tube (per room)
- Bike lock
- Bottle cage
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

## Journey to Berwick-upon-Tweed

- Closest airports: Edinburgh, Newcastle
- Train station: Berwick-upon-Tweed (reached easily by train from Edinburgh and Newcastle airports)

## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Berwick-upon-Tweed

You cycle to Berwick-upon-Tweed, England's northernmost town. It is on a peninsula at the mouth of the River Tweed, which actually forms 30 km of the border between England and Scotland. Over the centuries, its status as a border town has influenced the city. Many significant events played out here during the English and Scottish wars over the border. The fortifications here, dating back to Elizabethan times are still intact.

### Day 2: Excursion to Holy Island, approx. 50 km

Along the coast you pedal to Holy Island. At low tide you can cycle over the causeway to get to the island, which was home to Lindisfarne monastery in the 7th century. Attacks by the Vikings in 793 marked the beginning of the Viking era. If you still have sufficient energy, you can continue south to Bamburgh and its majestic castle. Otherwise return inland.

### Day 3: Berwick-upon-Tweed – Kelso, approx. 60 km

Following the Tweed upstream, you cycle inland today. En-route, you pass the stately homes, Paxton House and Manderstone House, which are open to visitors. Next, cycle along quiet country roads to the market town of Kelso. With its Georgian buildings and market place built in a French style, it is one of the most attractive places in the area. Visit the nearby ruins of Kelso Abbey and Floors Castle.

### Day 4: Excursion to Jedburgh, approx. 50 km

The place you're aiming for on today's circular tour is Jedburgh. This little town developed around an Augustinian abbey, whose church was built by a bishop from Lindisfarne. In the 12th century, King David I had a castle erected here. The ruins of Jedburgh Abbey and Jedburgh Castle still mark the townscape. After lunch, cycle back to Kelso. As you have now reached the beginnings of Cheviot.

### Day 5: Kelso – Melrose / Galashiels, approx. 25 – 30 km

Today's section is relatively short so you can take your time today. The Tweed winds its way through green countryside, taking you to your destination. The ruins of Dryburgh Abbey are located on a bend in the river. This abbey has burned down several times – the last time in 1544. The heart of King Robert the Bruce is supposed to be buried here in Melrose Abbey.

### Day 6: Excursion to Clovenfords and Stow, approx. 45 km

Just a few kilometres on from Melrose is the historic Abbotsford House, which was built in the 19th century for the writer, Sir Walter Scott, on the south bank of the Tweed. Up and down gentle hills you now cycle to Clovenfords and then on to the village Stow of Wedale, where a pack horse bridge from 1650 spans Gala Water River. Finally you cycle back to Melrose.

### Day 7: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.