

Traditional high street with independent shops and cafés.



● Jedburgh Market Place

Jedburgh has an impressive calendar of special events taking place throughout the year, so there are plenty of good reasons to plan a return visit.



● Jethart Ba'

Events

February/ March – Jethart Ba'

Two traditional handball games played in the streets on the Thursday after Shrove Tuesday or the following Thursday.

March – Borders Counties Rally

This takes place in Jedburgh and the borderland forests. It is the opening round of the MSA British Rally Championship.

May – Jedburgh Sevens

The Jed-Forest 7s (*the friendly 7s*) is traditionally the finale of the Borders' popular Kings of the 7s tournament.

June – Riverside Rock

The Borders' premier music festival has something for everyone.

June/July – Callant's Festival

Two weeks of rideouts culminating in Festival Day in early July when the ancient battle cry of "Jethart's here!" is shouted by the Callant at the annual ceremony held in Abbey Place. The Jedburgh Border Games takes place the following day.

October – Jedburgh Running Festival

A weekend of races comprising: Three Peaks 38 mile Ultra Marathon; the Ultra Marathon Relay race; CaniSports Scotland Canicross races; Half Marathon road race and a 10k Wheelchair and Handbike race.

December – Jedburgh Winter Festival

Held at the beginning of the month to coincide with the turning on of the Christmas lights.



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Historic Gateway to Scotland

Jedburgh Abbey

Castle Jail &
Museum

Mary Queen
of Scots' Visitor
Centre



● Castle Jail & Museum



● Jethart Callant at the Redeswire rideout



JEWEL OF THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

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Situated just 10 miles from the border with England, Jedburgh was once a battleground but now offers visitors from all over the world a warm welcome as the historic gateway to Scotland.

A traditional Scottish town so significant it was given Royal Burgh status in the 12th century.

The magnificent spectacle of **Jedburgh Abbey** is an unforgettable image, frequently photographed. Dating back to the 12th century, it is possibly the best surviving remains of an Augustinian Abbey in the whole of Scotland.

At the top of the town is the majestic **Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum**, a favourite haunt for ghost hunters. The building is a former prison and now houses the town's museum. It was built on the site of a royal castle which was demolished in 1409.

Mary Queen of Scots' Visitor Centre is a 16th century stone tower house where she is believed to have lodged, and almost died, in 1566 when visiting the town. It is dedicated to telling the story of her eventful life.

Opposite the Abbey in Lothian Park, there's an imposing 40ft stone sculpture known as **'The Eel'** designed by artist Max Nowell and erected to commemorate Jedburgh's part in the internationally significant

findings of 18th century Scottish geologist James Hutton. In 1787, while visiting the town, he discovered unusual rock formations which indicated the earth was much older than previously believed. This became known as *Hutton's Unconformity*.

Jedburgh also has the added distinction of having over 140 listed buildings - the highest number for any comparable small town in Scotland.



● *Mary Queen of Scots*

A gentle stroll into town from the free car parks offers cafés, restaurants and takeaways as well as plenty of independent shops along the way.

And if you are planning to stay, Jedburgh has a great selection of accommodation catering for all the family. The town is an increasingly popular choice as a base for those planning to explore the beautiful Scottish Borders region.



● *Jedburgh Abbey*



Special buildings, events and people are commemorated on the Jedburgh Blue Plaque Trail (there are 32 plaques in all) which threads its way around the town. Visitors are encouraged to follow the trail to discover Jedburgh's rich and varied history.



● *Jethart Callant and his Henchmen (supporters) leaving the Castle Jail*

There is nothing like a great ruin for visitor appeal and Jedburgh Abbey ranks alongside the best of them, providing a breathtaking welcome for those arriving in the town from the south.



● *'The Eel' sculpture*



● *Jedburgh's cannon*



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● Riverside walk

Whether it's a day trip, a weekend break or an extended stay, the Scottish Borders has something for you.

Jedburgh is an increasingly popular location for people seeking a welcoming base for their stay in the Borders and on the doorstep of a range of activity breaks including fishing on the River Tweed, mountain biking, golfing and hill walking.

The town is home to one of four historic abbeys in the Borders - the others are close by at Dryburgh, Melrose and Kelso.



● Festival Day

The Abbey is, without doubt, Jedburgh's jewel in the crown and well worth a visit but there's so much more to see and do in this beautiful Borders town. Whether you want to take a step back in time, wander round the shops or enjoy a picnic by the riverside, it's all just a gentle stroll away.

The Castle Jail, built on what was once known as Gallows Hill, is the perfect starting point for the Jedburgh story - a bloody past and a very spooky present indeed. Built in the 1820s on the site of the demolished castle, it is a favourite location for ghost hunts.

The jail is an example of the new kind of reform prison pioneered by John Howard where prisoners were encouraged to change their behaviour as well as being punished for their crime.

Visit the cells and exercise yard while learning about the town's history and the achievements of its most famous citizens which are displayed in the museum.

Mary Queen of Scots' Visitor Centre houses a superb exhibition, including personal possessions, charting the Catholic Queen's tragic life and includes a death mask believed to have been taken after she was beheaded at Fotheringay Castle in 1587.

The ramparts along the eastern boundary of the Abbey were built as defences and are a reminder of the brutal battles fought in the town but today they offer you a peaceful place to sit and reflect.

Pleasant riverside walks are only a few minutes from the car parks and they will bring you conveniently back into the town for food and drinks.

Cafés, bistros, award-winning restaurants and bars also help make the town a popular stop for visitors. The High Street's independent shops offer an interesting range of goods, enhancing tourism appeal.

Jedburgh is the perfect base for those wanting to explore more of this beautiful part of the UK and the knowledgeable staff at the Information Centre are ready to help you plan your visit.

We have a fine choice of quality B&Bs, self-catering establishments and hotels - many pet friendly. They enjoy a brisk trade all year round, particularly with those who travel to the Borders with activity breaks in mind.



● Mary Queen of Scots' visitor centre



● Peniel Heugh

Nearby at **Peniel Heugh** we have the landmark Waterloo Monument, commemorating Wellington's victory at the famous battle. Built between 1817 and 1824, the tower is 150ft high. The walk to the hilltop monument offers a great view of the borderlands and may conveniently be coupled with a coffee stop at Harestanes Countryside Visitor Centre.



● Rainbow over Jedburgh town

The Capon Tree, located a couple of miles south of Jedburgh just off the A68, is one of the last surviving oak trees of the ancient Jed Forest. Close by flows the Jed Water, cutting its course between sandstone cliffs.

Ferniehirst Castle, home and ancient seat of the Kerrs, a famous reiving family, lies two miles south of Jedburgh on the east bank of Jed Water. Open to the public in July for guided tours.

Stately homes such as Floors Castle, Mellerstain and Traquair are a convenient drive away - and every route is a scenic journey.

Bowhill, just outside Selkirk is the historic home of the Dukes of Buccleuch, steeped in history and packed with art treasures. The grounds offer pleasant country walks.

Another 'must visit' for the list is **Abbotsford**, the home built by novelist **Sir Walter Scott** and the inspiration for some of his most famous works.



● Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford

In September 2015 a new railway service for the Scottish Borders was opened to link the area with Midlothian and Edinburgh. The **Borders Railway** has made the whole of the Scottish Borders much more accessible with the service running from Tweedbank near Melrose into Edinburgh's central Waverley station, from which there is access to the rest of the UK's rail network.

