



"Visit us at Gretna Green and find a unique shopping and eating experience combined with over 260 years of history and heritage in the Scottish Borders. Your first and last stop in Scotland!"



GRETNA GREEN

SINCE 1754

GROUP TRAVEL GUIDE 2019



FIVE-STAR HISTORIC
SCOTTISH VISITOR ATTRACTION
& SHOPPING VILLAGE

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G R E T N A G R E E N . . . a
m a g i c a l p l a c e . . .

... with a romantic heritage of over 250 years. A place synonymous with love, excitement and the beautiful rebellion of young lovers 'finding a way'. Our story began in 1754 when the 'Marriage Act' was passed, stating that you needed your parents' permission to marry under the age of 21. But here's the thing... the Act only applied in England and Wales, not in Scotland which has always had a more relaxed approach to marriage. Straight away, the young and in love began eloping to Scotland to escape the constraints of an unpopular law, proving that love conquers all.

Gretna Green is the first village in Scotland, just over the border, and so it quickly became the haven for runaway lovers. Many a legendary tale can be told of couples, often helped by the local villagers, being pursued by angry fathers desperate to stop the wedding but arriving too late. And so the tradition of the Gretna Green wedding began, a tradition that over the years has become so much more and is now an important part of folklore famous the world over.

For the first hundred years or so, couples would arrive on horseback or in horse-drawn carriages to be met by the blacksmith at the Famous Blacksmiths Shop, or at Gretna Hall, the historic manor house built in 1710. Anyone could perform a wedding ceremony in those days, but these buildings both had prominent locations in the village. The blacksmith and his anvil quickly became icons of the 'red hot marriage': turning from his work of forging metals in the heat of the fire, he would forge lives together in the heat of the moment. It is from here that the legend of the 'anvil wedding' began.

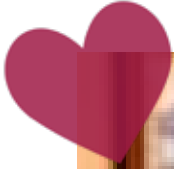
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SINCE 1754

The greatest LOVE story in the world



Through the ages, modes of travel have changed, along with fashions and laws, but the enduring spirit of Gretna Green survives. To this day the same sound of hammer ringing on the anvil seals a wedding in our village. It really is the case that love is in the air!

*So strong is the romantic history of Gretna Green that it has featured through the ages in classic novels such as *Pride and Prejudice*, television series like *Downton Abbey* and countless songs, films, poems and programmes. Kings, pop stars and celebrities from many walks of life have visited, drawn by the love, the heritage and the romance.*



◇ SCOTTISH WHISKY & GIN TASTING

OUR WHISKY AND GIFTS SHOP

at Gretna Green is renowned for its vast range of well-known, unusual blends and the rarest of malt whiskies. It is one of the widest ranges of Scotch malt and blended whiskies and also has a superlative range of liqueurs that will give aficionados a thirst for further knowledge!

WHISKY TASTING EXPERIENCE...

The Whisky Team are knowledgeable in not only the skills of comparing whisky flavours, but also the production of

our nation's favourite tipple and the history behind 'the water of life'.

FOR GROUPS WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN WHISKY you can book a Whisky Tasting Demonstration. A description of the various whisky regions and the mysteries behind whisky production are part of this experience. The climax is a nosing and tasting session with your group able to sample measures of from the four famous whisky regions.

◇ THE WATER OF LIFE



**WHISKY
& GIN
TASTING
FROM
£2.99 PER
PERSON***



This 20 minute presentation is for groups of up to 25 people and costs £4.99 per person*

MINI WHISKY TASTING EXPERIENCE...

Discover the diversity of Scotch whisky in this Mini Whisky Tasting Experience. It's still interesting and great fun but with smaller tipples of whisky. Your group will sample 2 malts; 2 whisky liqueurs and one surprise!

This 10 minute presentation is for groups of up to 25 people and costs £2.99 per person*

SCOTTISH GIN TASTING EXPERIENCE...

Scotland is world-famous for its Whisky, but did you know we're also reknowned for **high-quality gin** too? We have our 'Gins of Scotland Tour' here at Gretna Green, where your group can learn

about the top Scottish gin distilleries and the different profiles that make each flavour unique! A new and exciting experience to tantalise the tastebuds!

For groups of up to 25 people, the 10 minute gin tasting experience costs £2.99 per person; with the 20 minute presentation priced at £4.99 per person*.

BOOK A TIME SLOT FOR YOUR CLIENTS BY EMAILING: groups@gretnagreen.com or CALL 01461 337893. *2018-2019 Rate

◇ WEDDING
RE-ENACTMENTS



Admission to the
Gretna Green Story
museum is £2.95 per
person, group rate;
£3.75 for
individuals.

Offer an unforgettable
experience for your
clients at no extra charge
to the admission rate for
the Gretna Green Story
museum.

The Blacksmith Guide takes
on the role of 'Blacksmith
Priest' and with a
little help from members

of the group a re-enactment of
a runaway wedding takes place.

Your group choose an
unsuspecting couple of
run-aways and a pair of angry
parents and the story begins...



◆ IN THEIR
OWN WORDS

"It's entertaining and fun. The laughter peals out spontaneously and constantly as everyone is now in holiday mood."

◆ ANVIL HANDFASTING



GRETNA GREEN
OLD SMITHY
Marriage

Why not offer your groups the chance to experience a spontaneous handfasting at Gretna Green. This unique, romantic experience is a chance to step back in time and celebrate their life together!

◇ LOVELOCKS

£19.99

Our **LoveLocks** give visitors the opportunity to 'lock in their love' at Gretna Green.

Before you leave us, they can **inscribe their lock** with their names or initials and memorable date and attach it to our colourful **LOVE Wall** or hide it inside our **Courtship Maze**.

For more information on **LoveLocks** or their personalised engraving, contact our Group Travel Team.

“ We loved hanging our Love-Lock and we can't wait to come back and see it again in years to come! “

Find out more about our **exclusive discounts** on **LoveLocks** when purchased with re-enactments or handfastings **from our team!**



◇ EATING AT
GRETNA GREEN



Quality ingredients, combined with Gretna Green culinary love delivers delicious dishes with a Scottish twist... and a wee gift from us!

Our self-service foodcourt gives your clients the opportunity of choice on the day, from our fantastic selection of Scottish food options available from hot and cold food counters...



BLACKSMITHS FOODCOURT & BAR

AT GRETNA GREEN

◇ H O M E M A D E
S C O T T I S H
F O O D S . . .

Got something else in
mind?

Menus can be adapted to
suit individual client's
request and budget.

◇ GROUPS MENU ◇ 2018-2019



B R E A K F A S T

SERVED 9AM - 11.30AM

Filled roll with tea/
coffee

£4.99

5 item breakfast plus
tea/coffee

£5.99

MORNING COFFEE

SERVED UNTIL 11AM

Tea/coffee with
scone & jam

£2.99



COMPLIMENTARY
GRETNA GREEN
SOUVENIR

Each guest will receive a surprise
Gretna Green gift when they
hand over their meal
voucher at the
till point



CREAM TEA

SERVED FROM 2PM

Homemade scone with jam and clotted cream or
homemade cream sponge served with tea/coffee

£4.99

Afternoon teas are also available. Please contact us
for more information and pricing.

ALLERGEN ADVICE: Please let us know if any of your clients have
allergies. Full allergen advice is available upon request.

LUNCH & TEA-TIME DINING FROM £8.49



GRETNA GREEN LUNCH & HIGH TEA MENU

OPTIONS SERVED FROM 11.30AM - 6.30PM

Soup & Sandwiches with tea/coffee **£6.99**

Served in Blacksmiths Private Dining area

Baked potato with choice of 1 filling from our selection of hot or cold fillings with tea/ coffee **£6.99**

Additional fillings can be added. Served in Blacksmiths Private Dining area

ONE COURSE WITH TEA & COFFEE **£8.49**

Scottish Fish & Chips

Gretna Green Homemade Steak Pie

Traditional Scottish Haggis, Neeps and Tatties

Vegetarian Pasta Option

ADD A SECOND (AND THIRD) COURSE OPTION OF EITHER DESSERT AND/OR SOUP

Soup ADD £2.99

Dessert ADD £3.50

Served in the private dining for Groups in Blacksmiths Restaurant.

ADD a glass of Wine, Pint of Beer/Lager or a Scottish Malt Whisky ONLY £3.95



FOODHALL

AT GRETNA GREEN

◇ FOOD HALL TASTE EXPERIENCES

Allow us to take you on a **culinary journey of Scotland**, from the **traditions** of Salmon and Haggis to the country's favourites of Tablet and Irn Bru. Our **three taste experience tours** each include **history and product sampling**. Why not combine our food and drink tasting experiences for an even more **memorable day at Gretna Green Food Hall**.

Taste of The Scottish Borders

Every part of Scotland is famous for its unique culinary delights. Learn more about the popular tastes from Scottish Borders

Selkirk Bannock
Ecclefechan Tart
Honey & Oatcakes
Ecclefechan Wine

£2.50 per person

Scotland Food and Drink Experience

Discover their history and sample the unique Scottish flavours of the:

Cloutie Dumpling
Salmon
Shortbread
Tablet
Haggis
Irn Bru

£4.99 per person

The Shortbread Story

Learn about the fascinating history of shortbread and sample some of Scotland's favourites brands while learning about what made them famous:

Walkers
Deans
Crystal

£2.50 per person

Looking for something else? We can tailor our food experience to suit your group requirements.

◇ SHOPPING AT
GRETNA GREEN



Alongside our extensive range of Gretna Green own-brand products, including our Cashmere range and Scottish products – tartan and clan gifts, whisky, shortbread and Scottish foods – we have a range of luxury brands for your clients to explore and enjoy; including TAX FREE shopping for international guests. EXPLORE the Gretna Green **'Whisky & Gifts'**, **'Wee Big Shop'**, **'Gretna Green Since 1754'**, **'Gifts at Gretna Green'** and **'Foodhall'** all in our own Gretna Green Shopping



◇ L U X U R Y
B R A N D S . . .

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SWAROVSKI, NESS,
JOULES, DARTINGTON
CRYSTAL, WALKERS &
MORE

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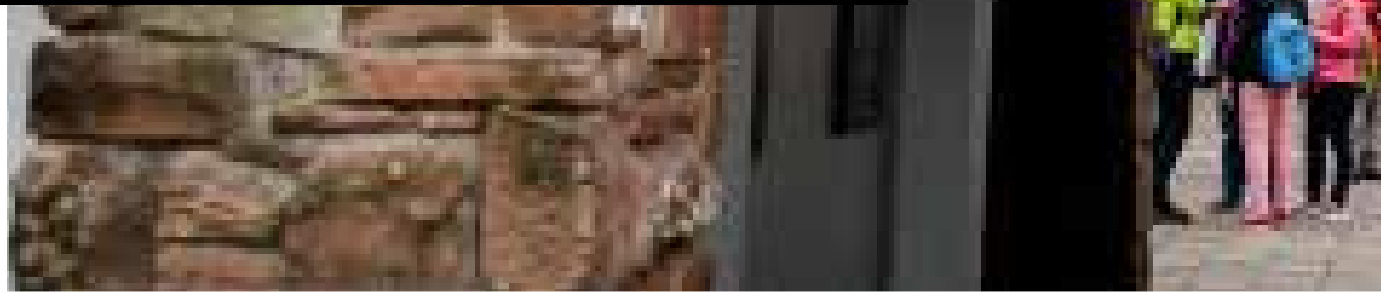
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INFO & BOOKING ◇

Our collection of experiences are not to be missed, when you visit the gateway to Scotland and our expert **Group Travel Co-ordinators, Pauline & Vikki**, can offer a wealth of information and advice to help you arrange your visits.

Choose one of our ready-made packages or let us tailor your visit!





◇ GET IN TOUCH

CALL or EMAIL NOW to BOOK

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