

CHAS TRIP 2018

The 2018 trip will take us back “north of the border”. “Haste ye back!” This time we are heading to Edinburgh and Jedburgh.

We will leave Chorley on Sunday 8th July and on the outskirts of Edinburgh we will visit the world-famous Rosslyn Chapel, which featured in Dan Brown’s “The Da Vinci Code”. Brown described it as the “most mysterious and magical chapel on earth”. It was built in the 15th century and is one of Scotland’s most remarkable buildings featuring majestic stonework by master craftsmen.



We will be staying for two nights at the Novotel Edinburgh Park Hotel.

On Monday 9th July we will visit The Real Mary King’s Close and the National Museum of Scotland. The Real Mary King’s Close is on the Royal Mile. In the 17th century it was one of the busiest streets in the city. It was then sealed off from the world for nearly 400 years. We will tour the Close and discover how rich and poor lived.

At the National Museum of Scotland our main focus will be on the Scottish History and Archaeology galleries. Treasures include the Pictish Hilton of Cadboll Stone, Iron Age Gold Torcs, the Roman Cramond Lioness, and the Lewis Chessmen. There will be displays covering all the well-known names from Scottish history, but also displays covering trade, the economy and religious and political controversies. From the Jacobites to a mighty Newcomen

Atmospheric engine, all tastes will be covered!



On Tuesday 10th July we will leave Edinburgh and head off to Jedburgh which is a small town in the Borders. Jedburgh Abbey was founded by King David 1 around 1138. It is an imposing, towering ruin and we can explore the site, cloisters and herb garden.



Also in Jedburgh are the Mary Queen of Scots Visitor Centre and the Castle Jail. The visitor centre was where Mary stayed in 1566 and displays describe the story of her turbulent life. The Castle Jail was built in 1823 and was in its time a model prison, taking on board the ideas of John Howard, the prison reformer. The visit will take us around the cell blocks in this unique building and we will hear some of the stories of the residents.

We will leave Jedburgh to return to Chorley in the afternoon.

Price to be confirmed but approximately £280 for all travel, 2 nights dinner bed and breakfast and admission charges for visits. Single supplement £58 per person per night (Advisable to find a friend.)