

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

Walk in the footsteps of royalty, famous scientists and poets; imagine the sound of horses' hooves thundering up to the castle or take a peek into the traditional closes and read the blue plaques for a glimpse into the past.



● 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*

