

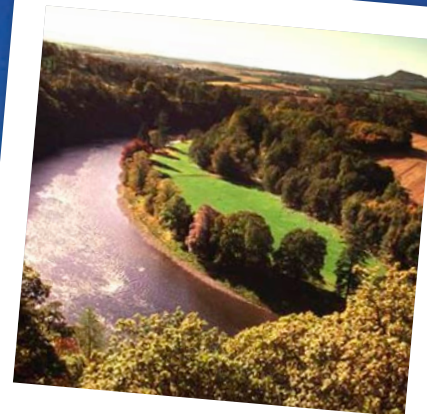
A PERFECT DAY

for GOLF

SCOTTISH BORDERS

The Scottish Borders are perhaps more famous for their great rugby teams and fast-flowing salmon rivers, but they're also home to some excellent golf courses – 22 in all – a fact that you can verify for yourself when you take the short trip down from central Scotland, or come north across the border from England.

The rolling countryside – a tapestry of rich farmland, native woodland and pine forest, and sweeping heather-clad moorland – makes a spectacular backdrop, no matter where you choose to play. Indeed, there's no such thing as a suburban golf course in this part of the world! And – as an added bonus – you'll find the locals friendly and welcoming, and prices of good food and quality accommodation a pleasant surprise.



River Tweed

Morning



Jedburgh

Mounthooly Driving Range

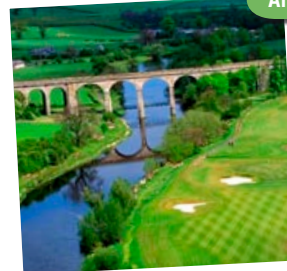
If you fancy a spot of limbering up before the main event, then Mounthooly Driving Range, situated just north of Jedburgh, could be just the place. Facilities here include a 16-bay floodlit range, a putting green, a 9-hole pitch and putt course, along with golf club hire and tuition and swing analysis if you require it. And – if you find you've stayed a little longer than expected – there's also a restaurant next to the site.

The Roxburghe

The 54,000 acre Roxburghe Estate near Kelso includes the Duke and Duchess's main residence, Floors Castle, Scotland's largest inhabited castle and a major tourist attraction that is well worth a detour from the nearby fairways. (If you're a birdwatcher don't miss the tiny room literally stuffed with hundreds of ancient avian exhibits!) Nearby fairways come in the shape of the Championship course which forms part of the Roxburghe Hotel complex, close to the small village of Heiton and about 4 miles from Kelso.

This lovely parkland course has been voted the 5th best inland course in the country – an accolade further enhanced by Sam Torrance's choice of the 14th hole – known as The Viaduct – in his top 18 all-time favourite holes.

Afternoon



Roxburghe Viaduct

Evening



Burts Hotel

The Burts Hotel

Fifteen miles to the west of Kelso lies the picturesque Borders town of Melrose. In its ancient market square you'll find the perfect 19th Hole, Burts Hotel, which has been managed by the same family for the past 40 years. Housed in an 18th century building full of charm and elegance, it offers a great selection of wines and ales plus an award-winning restaurant. It's just the place to relax and enjoy some delicious home-made cooking, and reflect upon those shots that 'almost were' over a glass or two of something refreshing!