



Traquair House
Scotland's Oldest Inhabited House

INFORMATION FOR GROUPS VISITING TRAQUAIR IN 2019

OPENING DATES:

Daily from 1st April – 31st October
Weekends only November

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April to June 11.00am – 5.00pm
July & August 10.00am-5.00pm
September 11.00am – 5.00pm
October 11.00am – 4.00pm
November 11.00am – 3.00pm
(Weekends only in November)

We are delighted to accept groups of any size throughout the year and personal guided tours by the 21st Lady of Traquair, Catherine Maxwell Stuart, can be arranged in advance.

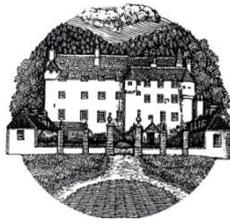
Guided tours can be arranged outside normal opening hours and sometimes during opening hours at less busy times of the year.

During house opening hours we can arrange a guide to welcome the group and give a 5 minute introductory talk about the history of the house before the group is free to tour the house on their own.

Cost: £8.00 per adult, £7.00 per senior or £4.00 per child.

(Minimum 20 people)

Guides are on hand to answer questions and we have extensive foreign language room translations if required.



TRAQUAIR EXPERIENCES FOR GROUPS

Exclusive Guided Tours

Catherine Maxwell Stuart, 21st Lady of Traquair, will take your group on an exclusive guided tour of Traquair.

Cost: £20.00 per person

Guided Tour with Experienced Guide

Cost: Adult £12.00 per person, Seniors £11 per person

We follow with some favourite group experiences but are happy to adapt each tour if there is a particular interest within the group. Other special interest tours include Needlework and Textiles; Jacobite & Archive and Manuscript Tours. Please speak to somebody in the office about your specific requirements or see our themed tours below.

Drinks Reception followed by Guided Tour

For a unique experience of Traquair we offer receptions hosted by Catherine Maxwell Stuart, 21st Lady of Traquair in our 17th century High Drawing Room followed by a guided tour. Cuvée Catherine, our own French sparkling wine and soft drinks will be served. Guests will be provided with a complimentary guide book.

Cost: £30.00 per person (includes Room Hire)

Guided Tour followed by Ale Tasting

Guided Tour with Experienced Guide and to finish a private ale tasting. This gives your group the opportunity to taste all three delicious bottled ales brewed at Traquair in our 18th century Dining Room.

Cost: £18.00 per person
(includes Room Hire)

Guided Brewery Tour

Take an exclusive look into the workings of the famous Traquair Brewery housed in the eighteenth century wing where the world famous Traquair House Ales are produced.

This tour is followed by samplings in our Brew Shop for £7.00 per person or £9.00 in the 19th Century Dining Room

Minimum of 10 guest and a maximum 20 guests (due to the size of the Brewery)
15 – 20 minutes



THEMED TOURS

Special interest Tours of Traquair

Textiles & Embroideries

Traquair is renowned for its embroideries and textiles which include petit point embroidery from the 1600's, colifichet work, quilting and the Mary Queen of Scots bed as well as a large collection of priests' vestments.

We can offer special themed guided tours where we will give you access to some of the embroidery and vestments not usually on public display.

Cost of Tour with experienced guide: £14.00

Archives & Manuscripts

Traquair has a superb family archive that dates back to the mid 1300's and is a treasure trove of charters, accounts, documents signed by Kings and Queens, Jacobite coded letters and family correspondence from the eighteenth century that provide a real insight into family life at Traquair. Our archivist is happy to get out a small selection of documents that you will be able to see at close quarters and provide a short talk explaining her work and the background to some of the documents.

Cost of Tour with experienced guide and archivist: £ 16.00

Mary Queen of Scots

To commemorate Mary Queen of Scots visit to Traquair in 1566, this tour has a particular emphasis on Mary, her close connections with Traquair, the artefacts we hold such as her rosary and crucifix or the cradle she used to rock her son James when she visited the house.

Cost of Tour with experienced guide £10.00

Historical Ghost Tour

A superb historical ghost tour bringing the history of Traquair to life through characters from its past. Atmospheric and just a little spooky you can step back in time as never before. A truly breathtaking experience!

The tour takes approx 1 hour finishing with a glass of mulled wine.

Tours can be arranged during the hours of darkness throughout the year.

Cost: £22.00 per person

Minimum numbers of 15 guests or £250.00

Morning Coffee or Afternoon Tea in the Dining Room

Why not start your visit with coffee and shortbread in the 18th Century Dining Room?

Alternatively, finish your day with afternoon tea in the High Drawing Room or Dining Room. The tea includes a scone served with cream and jam, a cake (from a selection of cakes and tray bakes) and a cup of tea.

Coffee and Shortbread £7.50 per person

Afternoon Tea £14.00 per person

Minimum of 20 people. The Dining Room can seat 20 around the dining room table and up to 40 in a more informal manner.

(includes Room Hire)