

From Traquair House:

Head south to Jedburgh (45mins approx) where you can visit **Mary Queen of Scots' House**. This house was loaned to her by the Kerrs of Ferniehurst when the Queen came down to the lawless Border country to 'see justice ministrat'.

The house which is now a visitor attraction presents the full story of her stay as well as housing numerous artefacts including her watch and death mask. Entry is free; allow an hour.



From Jedburgh take the road to Hawick stopping en route for a refreshment at **Born in the Borders**, a restaurant and shop specialising in Borders' produce.

Stopping in Hawick you can spend time visiting the new Borders Distillery, do a little cashmere shopping before taking the B639 to the atmospheric ruin of



Hermitage Castle (30mins).

It was here that the Earl of Bothwell lay badly wounded while Mary was in Jedburgh. When she heard what had befallen him, she rode the treacherous 25 miles through Elliot country to see him. On her way back, she fell from

her horse. Unwell when she reached Jedburgh, she became so ill that her half-brother started funeral arrangements. It is said that wine and massage were key to her recovery. Hermitage Castle is owned by HES and entry by admission. Allow 30mins and then return to Hawick and back to Edinburgh (1hr 20mins).