



TRAQUAIR

Traquair
Scotland's Oldest Inhabited House

INFORMATION FOR GROUPS VISITING TRAQUAIR
IN 2026

OPENING DATES:

1st April – 30th June, and 1st Sept-31st October (daily except Fridays)
1st July – 31st August – open every day
Weekends only November

OPENING TIMES:

April to June: 11.00am – 5.00pm (*closed Friday*)
July & August: 10.30am-5.00pm
September: 11.00am – 5.00pm (*closed Friday*)
October: 11.00am – 4.00pm (*closed Friday*)
November: 11.00am – 3.00pm
(*Weekends only in November*)

We are delighted to accept groups of any size throughout the year. Groups can be accommodated outside of regular opening times on request, and all guided tours must be arranged in advance.

FREE ROAMING

During House opening hours, we offer free-roaming tours. One of our House guides will 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.

Free roaming rates apply to groups with a minimum of 20 people:

Cost: £14.00 per adult, £12.00 per senior, £6.00 per child (age 5-13yrs) and £7 for students in full-time education. Special £6.00 rate for disabled guests unable to use stairs.

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

We suggest allowing your group 2 hours to roam the House, Grounds, and shops.

TRAQUAIR EXPERIENCES FOR GROUPS

EXCLUSIVE GUIDED TOURS WITH THE 21st LADY OF TRAQUAIR

Catherine Maxwell Stuart will take your group on an exclusive guided tour of Traquair.

Cost: £32.00 per person

(Min. spend £300, and subject to availability)

Max. 20 guests

GUIDED TOUR WITH EXPERIENCED GUIDE

Cost: Adult £20.00 per person, Seniors/Students £16 per person

60 minutes approx.

We follow with some favourite additions to group experiences:

GUIDED TOUR FOLLOWED BY ALE TASTING

Guided Tour with Experienced Guide and a private ale tasting. This gives your group the opportunity to taste all three delicious, bottled ales brewed at Traquair, in either the Malt Loft (Brewery Shop/Museum) or the more formal setting of our 18th century Dining Room.

Cost: £30.00 per person – Malt Loft

Cost: £35.00 per person – Dining Room

(allow 1.5 hours)

GUIDED TOUR WITH TEA/COFFEE AND SHORTBREAD

Start your tour with a Tea or coffee and homemade shortbread, served in the 18th century Dining Room or High Drawing Room at Traquair. Then take a tour of Traquair House with one of our experienced guides

Cost: £25 per person

(allow 1.5 hours)

GUIDED BREWERY TOUR

Take an exclusive look into the original 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 Malt Loft or 18th century dining room

Cost: £9 per person – Malt Loft (max 15 people)

Cost: £11.00 per person – Dining Room

A minimum of 2 guests, and a maximum of 15 people at one time (due to the size of the Brewery).

Groups with more than 15 people will need to split into smaller parties to visit the Brewery.

(allow 30 minutes)

DRINKS RECEPTION WITH EXCLUSIVE GUIDED TOUR

For a unique experience of Traquair we offer receptions hosted by Catherine Maxwell Stuart, 21st Lady of Traquair in the High Drawing Room and a guided tour. Our House sparkling Crémant and soft drinks will be served.

Guests will be provided with a complimentary guidebook. Available from 3pm onwards.

Cost: £42.00 per person

(allow 2 hours)

AFTERNOON TEA IN THE DINING ROOM

Enjoy afternoon tea in the unique and historical setting of Traquair's 18th century Dining Room. The tea includes sandwiches, savoury pastries, a scone served with cream and jam, a selection of home baking, and a cup of tea/coffee.

The Dining Room can seat 18 around the main table and up to 34 in a more informal manner.

Cost: £34.00pp

Minimum 10 guests, maximum 30 guests

(allow 1-2 hours)

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: £25.00

(allow 1.5 hours)

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: £35.00

(allow 2 hours)

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 £20.00

(allow 1.5 hours)

All group enquiries should be sent to: enquiries@traquair.co.uk

Coach parking is available on site and we have space for 4 large coaches. Coaches may drop guests off at the front of the House or in the coach park which is just a short distance from the House. Bookings for coach parking *must* be made at the same time as your group booking.

We ask you to confirm final group numbers 14 days in advance of your visit, at which time we will issue an invoice unless we have agreed to alternative payment method with you in advance.

All catering must be paid for in full, in advance.

To enquire about availability and to speak to our team, please email enquiries@traquair.co.uk or call weekdays 01896 830323