

Spring Castles Tour – Around Carlisle and the Debatable Lands April 17/18/19th April 2026

Friday 17th Two towers are opening their doors for travelers traveling South or indeed North

- **Lochhouse Tower, Beatock Rd, Moffat, DG10 9EN – Open 13:00 till 15:30**
- **Elshiesheids Tower, Lochmaben, DG11 1LY – Open 1430 – 1700** Small group tours of house and tower. From 3.30 pm tea in barn.

Base for the Weekend

Gretna Hall Hotel, Gretna Green, Gretna DG16 5DY Phone: [01461 338257](tel:01461338257)

Saturday 18th April

09:00 Bus leaves Hotel Travel 25min Arv 09:25

- **1/ St Michaels fortified church, Brugh by Sands (limited Internal) CA5 6BE (25min) 09:50 Leave, Travel 15min Arv 10:05**
- **2/ Drumburgh Castle (External) CA7 5DW (25min) 10:30 Leave, Travel 30min Arv 11:00**
- **3/ Thistlewood Tower (Internal) CA4 8ES (50min) 11:50 Leave, Travel 10min. Arv 12:00**
- **4/ Rose Castle (limited internal) CA5 7BY (35min) Including Lunch at Rose Castle (50min) 14:20 Leave, Travel 25min. Arv 14:40**
- **5/ Wetheral Priory Gatehouse (limited internal) CA4 8EZ (20min) 15:05 Leave, Travel 20min. Arv 15:25**
- **6/ Lanercross priory, Ruins incl Darce Tower CA8 2HQ **EH member or cost** (35min) 16:00 Leave, Travel 15min. Arv 16:15**
- **7/ Birdoswald Roman Fort, (Taster) English Heritage, CA8 7DD **EH member or cost** (35min) 16:50 Leave, Travel 10min. Arv 17:00**
- **8/ Thirwall Castle, External (Ruin) CA8 7HL (25min) 17:25, Travel 25min. Arv back at hotel 17:50**

Dinner at Gretna Hall Hotel 19:30

Sunday 19th April

09:00 bus leaves Hotel Travel 20min, Arv 09:20

- **1/ Scalby Castle, (external) CA6 4LN (25min) 0945 Leave, Travel 20min. Arv 10:05**
- **2/ Askerton Castle (external) CA8 2BD (35min) 10:40 Leave, Travel 10min. Arv 10:50**
- **3/ BEW Castle and church (External Ruin) CA6 6PX (40min) 11:30 Leave, Travel 25min. Arv 11:55**
- **4/ Stonegarthside Hall (Internal under renovation) CA6 5QL (45min) 12:40 Leave, Travel 20min. Arv 13:00**
- **5/ Netherby Hall (Basic Internal) CA6 5PR (50min) Including Lunch at Netherby Hall (50min) 14:20 Leave, Travel 15min. Arv 14:35**
- **6/ Gilnockie Tower (Internal Museum) DG14 0XD (45min) 15:20 Leave, Travel 5min. Arv 15:25**
- **7/ KirkAndrews Tower (external) CA6 5NF (20min) 15:45 Leave, Travel 15min. Arv 16:00**
- **8/ Brackenhill Tower (Internal) confirmed CA6 5TU (45min tea & bickies) 16:45 Leave, Travel 20min. Arv 17:05 back at hotel**