

# The Selkirk Arms Guidebook



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# Welcome to The Selkirk Arms

Hello! I'm Chris Walker and my wife Sue and I have been the owners of The Selkirk Arms for 15 years. We feel proud to own this historic building and be part of the history of Kirkcudbright's famous High Street.

We met whilst working for Trusthouse Forte in the early 80s at The Old England in Windermere, before taking a leap of faith to own and run our own hotel. Our previous ventures have included The Creebridge House Hotel in Newton Stewart and The Masonic Arms in Gatehouse of Fleet. We have lived in Dumfries and Galloway for 32 years and couldn't think of anywhere more lovely to live and work.

We love welcoming both old and new faces to The Selkirk Arms and our ethos has remained the same throughout the years - if you arrive as a stranger, we like to make sure that you leave as our friends.

*Chris & Sue!*



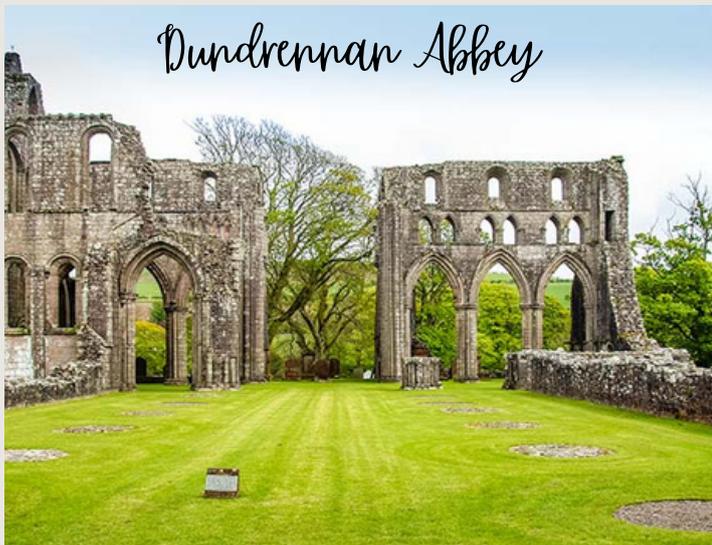
# On our doorstep

<u>The Stewartry Museum</u>	400 ft.
<u>Kirkcudbright Galleries</u>	0.1 miles
<u>MacLellan Castle</u>	0.2 miles
<u>Kirkcudbright Marina</u>	0.5 miles
<u>Dundrennan Abbey</u>	6 miles
<u>Senwick Alpaca Trekking</u>	6 miles
<u>Galloway Activity Centre</u>	18 miles



# On our doorstep

*Dundrennan Abbey*



*MacLellan Castle*



*Calloway Activity Centre*



# 24 hours in Kirkcudbright



## Breakfast

To start your day off the right way, we serve a delicious breakfast made with produce from the local area.



## Fiona Lee Art Tour

After breakfast, take a stroll around the harbour and view some of Kirkcudbright's iconic pastel houses. Then join Fiona Lee for the [Kirkcudbright Art Tour](#) to learn about the famous artists who have long lived and worked in the area.



## Kirkcudbright Galleries

Next, head to the [Kirkcudbright Galleries](#) to view the collection of over 600 works of fine art, illustrations, books, decorative art, craftwork, silverware and furniture. Sue runs the café there, so be sure to stop by and enjoy some lunch!

# 24 hours in Kirkcudbright



## Dark Skies Planetarium

In the afternoon, visit the newly opened Dark Skies Planetarium and learn all about space, science, space exploration, and the magic of the Dark Skies right here in Dumfries and Galloway.



## Sunset Cycle

Hire an electric bike or cycle for a pre-dinner sunset bike ride. We'd be happy to take you out on some of our favourite routes or ask at reception for our Cycle of the Day!



## Dinner at The Selkirk Arms

Enjoy a Pimm's in the garden before dinner. Our Head Chef, Ryan Miller, and his team serve a modern take on traditional, Scottish and Mediterranean cuisine.

# Discover a taste of Dumfries & Galloway

## Scallops

Kirkcudbright Harbour is the busiest commercial fishing harbour in Dumfries and Galloway and the harbour harvests the most scallops of any port in Scotland. The area is renowned for having the freshest scallops and 'queenies', and the King Scallops on our menu come directly from the harbour.

## Tipples

If you enjoy a tippie or two, be certain to test out some of the artisan brewers and distillers from our region.

[Bladnoch Distillery](#) - Single Malt Scotch Whisky

[Crafty Distillery](#) - Gin

[Five Kingdoms Brewery](#) - Craft Beers



# Cycling

## **Cycling in Kirkcudbright**

Kirkcudbright is at the very heart of one of the best cycling destinations on the planet, from epic routes to gentle adventures on coastal rides, rolling hills to dramatic upland glens. We are ideally placed for you to explore Dumfries and Galloway and within easy reach of Glentroll, Kirroughtree and Dalbeattie trails.

## **Galloway Cycling Holidays**

We partner with Esther and Warren, the owners of Galloway Cycling Holidays who can help you plan your cycling break in Dumfries and Galloway. They have custom routes for you to follow or you can book them to guide your group to get the most of your stay. Learn about the local history, discover the best beaches and find out where to stop for the best coffee and cake!



# Golf

There are 27 golf courses within an hour of The Selkirk Arms so you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing a course to tee off from. Our top 3 courses, each unique and each with stunning views, are [Kirkcudbright Golf Club](#), [Brighthouse Bay](#) and [Gatehouse of Fleet](#) - all within 15 minutes of the hotel.

Some other great courses that we'd recommend are:

- [Dumfries and County](#)
- [Colvend](#)
- [Dumfries and Galloway](#)
- [Cally Palace](#)
- [Portpatrick](#)
- [Stranraer](#)
- [Glenluce](#)

[Click here to find out more about our golfing breaks!](#)



# Stargazing

Galloway Forest Park is Europe's second Dark Sky Park, and the first of its kind in the UK. Dark Sky Parks are places which experience low or practically non-existent levels of light pollution, revealing ink-black skies filled with dazzling stars.

We run stargazing weekends here at The Selkirk Arms that include talks and trips to the new Dark Sky Planetarium in Kirkcudbright and the Galloway Dark Sky Park. We are joined by top Scottish Astronomer Steve Owens of the Glasgow Science Centre for a fascinating insight into our night skies.

[Find out more about our stargazing breaks here!](#)



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