

Robert Burns Ellisland Farm

Situated in picturesque Dumfries and Galloway, Ellisland Farm was designed and built by the poet Robert Burns in 1788. The unspoiled farm is considered “the place to fall in love with Burns” and see nature through the poet’s eyes. It was his first marital home with wife Jean Armour and her stove is still in place.

The collection includes manuscripts and Burns’s possessions such as his fishing rod, flute and books. Ellisland inspired songs such as ‘Auld Lang Syne’, Ye Banks and Braes and John Anderson. You can also walk the path where he wrote his supernatural masterpiece, ‘Tam O’ Shanter’ and enjoy woodland strolls beside the Nith.

Our Bannock and Dram tour allows you to appreciate the romantic farm and its stories while also enjoying and learning about the traditional food and drink they would have eaten and which Burns also celebrated in verse!

Edinburgh: *1 hr 59 mins*

Glasgow: *1 hr 27 mins*

York: *3 hrs*

Newcastle:*1 hr 59 mins*

Kendal: *1 hr 45 mins*

Gretna: *45 mins*









Robert Burns Ellisland Facts

Robert Burns' Time at Ellisland

- The place where he wrote his most famous song Auld Lang Syne, an anthem to love and friendship
- The only house designed and built by the poet himself. His romantic first home with Jean Armour.
- Chosen for its setting by the poet who described it as "*Sweet Poetic Ground*"
- First family home with two babies born here.
- Landscape created by Burns who enclosed fields, dug ditches and built dykes (dry stone walls)
- Set up an early lending library for local workers here with his friend Robert Riddell
- Walked the Nith path to write in the "hermitage" a small folly built by his friend Robert Riddell
- Shifted mainly to songwriting with 'Ye Banks and Braes o Bonnie Doon', 'Ye Jacobites', John Anderson, My Hearts in the Highlands and Parcel o Rogues written here.
- Work showing empathy for animals represented by the Wounded Hare poem written here
- At forefront of the 18th century "agricultural revolution" - Burns introduced Ayrshire cattle to Dumfriesshire and grew swedes (neeps)
- Began his career as an exciseman at Ellisland to support his growing family

Facilities

- Toilets
- Gift Shop
- Parking
- Riverside Walks
- Museum Displays

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Trade Rates 2027

The Robert Burns Dram and Bannock Group Tour

Experience Scotland with the "Dram and Bannock" tour of the farmstead built by the poet Robert Burns for his young wife. Led by a local storyteller, the tour allows you to appreciate the most authentic of all Burns's homes and the landscape that inspired him. Finish with the traditional Scottish food and drink they enjoyed here and which Burns celebrated in verse - Scotch whisky and bannock bread!

- 90 minutes in length
- Exclusive for your group
- Bookable by email
- Group size: 15-30
- Public Price £30pp
- Travel Trade Price £25.50pp

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