



ROBERT BURNS AYRSHIRE

DISCOVER

The towns, villages and landscapes that influenced Scotland's national poet and uncover the gems at the heart of Robert Burns' country.



DAY ONE

ALLOWAY, ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM, AND KIRKOSWALD

To start your tour of Burns' country, head to the picturesque village of Alloway on the banks of the River Doon. The village lies just on the outskirts of Ayr and is home to the award-winning Robert Burns Birthplace Museum run by the National Trust for Scotland.

This fascinating museum offers a truly unique encounter with Scotland's favourite son. The museum comprises of the famous Burns Cottage where the poet was born, the historic landmarks where he set his greatest work, *Tam o' Shanter*, the elegant monument and gardens created in his honour and a modern museum housing the

world's most important collection of his life and works. The museum offers a programme of events and exhibitions throughout the year.

A twenty minute drive south of Alloway along the A77 brings you to Kirkoswald and Souter Johnnie's Cottage (NTS). The former home of cobbler – or Souter – John Davidson, the real life Souter Johnnie immortalised in the Robert Burns' poem, *Tam o' Shanter*, it features a thatched tavern in the garden, complete with life-sized sandstone statues of the poem's main characters.

