

Solway Coast & the Galloway Forest Park – 6/7 days

- From pick-up travel down the M74 to Dumfries and then take the road south to the coastal village of Southernness (about 2hrs 30mins)
- Pick your way along the coast to the beautiful old town of Kirkcudbright. For over a century this town was a place where Scottish artists gathered to live and work. Broughton House is where Hornel lived and worked, and it has a magical garden. Also, there is an excellent fish and veg shop in the main square beside the quay.
- Travel on the winding coastal roads from Kirkcudbright to Borgue, keep travelling west for wonderful beaches and tidal islands.
- From Borgue travel west to Wigtown, on the Solway firth, stopping off at Gatehouse-of-Fleet. Wigtown now hosts an international Book Festival and is a beautiful small town with great bookshops. Maybe you could pick your way around the coastal roads for around 2 days and end up at Glenluce.
- Head off inland to the Galloway Forest Park, going over by Laurieston, if you have time, to travel up the side of Loch Ken. Or you can travel through the park to New Galloway. This is one of the best places in the UK to stargaze under dark skies.
- From this area it is a great trip north is from St Johns Town of Dalry over to the village of Moniave then on to Thornhill to join the M74 back north. From St Johns to Central Scotland will take you around 2 hours.

