

WORLD CONGRESS INVITATION

Welcome to the 11th Galloway World Congress

5th to 10th August 2016

Gretna, Scotland

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2016 Galloway World Congress to be held in the home land of Galloways. All the Galloway families are looking forward to meeting you and to show you the very best of stock, scenery and hospitality.

There is something for everyone, from excellent cattle, traditional tartan & castles, spectacular scenery, shopping and the very best of local food. The congress will consist of the very popular county show at Dumfries, official business then three days of on farm tours and a night at the world famous Edinburgh Tattoo. This will be an excellent opportunity to view some of the very best Galloways in the country if not the world and to experience Scotland and North of England's finest. Our base for the 5 nights is the very popular Gretna Hall Hotel, in the famous border town of Gretna Green. The oldest part of the hotel was built in 1710 as a manor house, the hotel is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens, offers all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a leading contemporary hotel. Gretna Green village is steeped in history dating back to the 1700s, young couples from England would run away to take advantage of the different marriage laws in Scotland. Repeating history you can still get married "over the Blacksmiths anvil" why not take the plunge or renew your own marriage vows. Gretna Green and Gretna is famous for shopping, there are many traditional and high street stores within walking distance of the hotel. For tartan there are the famous Blacksmith shop, where you can buy anything from kilts to cashmere, bronze statues to crystal and in Gretna, there is the Gretna Gateway Outlet Village, which hosts a variety of classic and contemporary clothes and homeware stores. Just remember to bring your credit card.

2016 World Conference – Gretna - 5th to 10th August 2016

Friday 5th August 2016

Arrive at Hotel

Drinks reception, greeted by Scottish piper

Registration between 2pm and 6pm

Welcome 3 course dinner with tea and coffee in Hotel

Saturday 6th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Travel to Dumfries Show for Galloway National Shows

Lunch in Galloway Marquee.

3 course dinner with tea and coffee in Hotel, presentation of country flags, show trophies and Scottish Highland Dancing.

Sunday 7th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 9.00am

Tea and coffee on arrival to conference at 10.00am

Sandwich Lunch in Hotel

Tea and coffee

3 course dinner with tea and coffee in Hotel, entertainment - Scottish Ceilidh

Monday 8th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Bus to Tim Oliver's, East Farm, Offthefwall, Great Whittington, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tim has 80 Belties and White Galloways also pedigree Shorthorns and Alan McClymont, Kirkstead, Yarrow, Selkirk, Alan has 40 Black Galloway cows with followers and 2000 Blackface ewes.

Lunch

Travel to Edinburgh for shopping in Princess Street and sightseeing for 2-3 hours before attending the world famous Edinburgh Tattoo (delegates to get own evening meal).

Tuesday 9th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Bus to Mr D Bertie's Mochrum herd at Old Place of Mochrum, Port William, Newton Stewart, his 60 cow herd is one of the oldest established herds in the Belted Galloway herd book and then to Klondyke Farms Ltd, Shancastle, Moniaive, Thornhill, where Farm Manager Mr Scott McKinnon will show you Klondyke Estate and the 100 pure Black Galloway cows and 450 cross cows also 500 cross bred sheep.

Lunch at Mochrum

Evening meal at Klondyke

Wednesday 10th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Bus to Robert Ross, Speddoch & Muil, 45 Belted Galloway cows at Speddoch and 20 cows at Muil, also a total of 1170 Blackface ewes grazing 2800 acres in total. Then on to Jim and Selina Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries 23 Black Galloway cows, 140 cross bred cows and 550 ewes. Lunch will be served at Drumlanrig Castle, home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry. The Duke is President of the Galloway Cattle Society and member of the Belted Galloway Society. The Castle is steeped in History and you will be shown round the Castle and learn about its 600 year history, also to be seen is the Buccleuch Collection which is particularly renowned for its furniture and for its silver. Last farm of the day, John and Anne Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock, Castle Douglas 120 Black Galloway cows and 720 Blackface Sheep

Lunch at Drumlanrig Castle

Conference finishes - delegates to get own evening meal.

We do hope you will be able to join us. The costs are as follows:-

Gretna Hall Hotel – Single Room (1 Person) = £45 per night, including full Scottish Breakfast

Double/Twin Room (2 Persons) = £70 per night per room, including full Scottish Breakfast

Please book your own hotel room directly with the Hotel, info@gretnahallhotel.com quoting “Galloway” to receive the discounted rate. Please advise the hotel of any dietary requirements.

The Cost of the congress will be £280 per person, please complete the enclosed Application form and return by the 31st March 2016 and be fully paid by 30th April 2016. Payment to UK Galloway World Congress, BIC – RBOS GB 2L, IBAN No – GB42 RBOS 831705 00633017, Sort Code 831705 Account # 00633017. Royal Bank of Scotland, 133 King Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1NB. All buses, meals (except two) and entertainment is included.

How to get here

By Road:

From the M74 or A75. Come off at the Gretna (Gretna Green) junction and follow the brown tourist signs. From M74 going North take Junction 45, going South take Junction 22.

By Rail:

Trains from Carlisle and Glasgow stop at the Gretna Green station. We are a 5 minute walk away.

By Air:

We are 90 miles from Glasgow Airport and Edinburgh Airport, 70 miles from Newcastle Airport and 150 miles from Manchester Airport.