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Out & About Club Winter Programme 2022/23 Day and Half Day Minibus Trips in December, January & February

Calendar: Quick Look

December

- Arts & Crafts Fair, Geilsland, Beith
- Pantomime, Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock
- Braehead Shopping Centre

January

- The Burrell
- Pollock House
- Silverburn Shopping Centre
- Cardwell Garden Centre
- Largs
- The Blair, Auchentiber

February

- Riverside Museum & Tall Ship
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery
- The Glasshouse Restaurant
- McKinnon Mills, Coatbridge
- Craigmains Garden Centre, Ballantrae

How to Book

Bookings are on a first come, first served basis. So take a look at the full trip details, on the following pages, choose the ones you want and give us a call on

01292 270864

If the trip is fully booked when you call, we'll keep your name on a reserve list and contact you if a seat becomes available.

Please tell us if you're travelling with a folding wheelchair or walking frame so that we can make sure we have space to stow it safely. Pay for your trip on the bus, on the day you travel.

How to join our club

Individual membership

is open to all residents of South Ayrshire, and is completely free. Just fill in a simple form on the bus the first time you travel

For DIY outings,

If you and your friends are already individual members and want to go somewhere not on the programme, please speak to us about how to hire your own bus.

Or check out our

Group Membership

which is open to all community groups in South Ayrshire. Use your own driver (or one of ours), go where and when you want.

Call us for more information on

01292 270864

or find us online at

sacommunitytransport.org

Our Buses

We use modern minibuses which are fully accessible either by steps or passenger lift, and have room for wheelchairs and walking frames.

What to expect

We'll call you shortly before your trip to confirm your pickup time. Then our friendly helpful drivers will call for you at your home address and drop you back there after a great day out. On longer trips, we'll usually stop on the way for a comfort break and/or coffee.

Boring but Important!

- Unless otherwise stated, fare does NOT include meals, refreshments, or admission charges.
- If you need to cancel a booking, please give us as much notice as possible. We reserve the right to charge a fee for late cancellations where we can't refill the seat.

December Trips

| Date | Destination | Fare | Half or Full day |
|-------------------------|--|------|------------------|
| Saturday 3/12 | <p style="text-align: center;">Scottish Arts & Crafts Fair, Geilsland Estate, Beith</p> <p>Scotland's biggest indoor monthly arts and craft market. Even bigger this month for the charity Christmas event with 52 stalls and thousands of quality handmade items. Free admission.</p> <p>We'll aim to get there early so that you have your pick of the stalls, plenty of time for a good look around and maybe a morning coffee or snack in Mocha JaK's café.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB THIS IS A SATURDAY TRIP</p> | £15 | Half |
| Friday 9/12 | <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Pantomime, "Snow White"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">at The Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fully booked, but we may have some late availability if there are cancellations. Call the office for further details</u></p> | £10 | Evening |
| Friday 16/12 | <p style="text-align: center;">Braehead Shopping Centre</p> <p>Scotland's premier retail and leisure destination. A chance to polish off that Christmas shopping list with lots of big name shops – Primark, M&S, Boots, Apple Store – all under one roof, plus loads more – Ikea, Curry's, Next, Halfords to name but a few, in the surrounding retail park</p> <p>There's even a Dobbies Garden Centre just round the corner.</p> <p>For this month only there will also be a festive Christmas Market</p> <p>Plenty of food and drink outlets to refuel and recharge. Pace yourself to make the most of the day!</p> <p>Non shoppers can check out all the leisure activities, and even more restaurants, at Xsite next door to the shopping centre.</p> <p>Shopmobility available. For more information, or to book in advance, please call 0141 885 4630</p> | £20 | Full |

All of us at South Ayrshire Community Transport wish you all the best over the holiday period, and hope you have a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

See you in 2023

January Trips

| Date | Destination | Fare | Half or Full day |
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| Friday 13/1 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Burrell Collection/Pollock House or Silverburn Shopping Centre</p> <p>The Burrell, situated in Pollock Country Park, and recently reopened after a 5year refurbishment, All the old favourites plus new interactive displays and immersive experiences telling the stories behind this truly unique collection of artworks and objects from all over the world. Restaurant and café. Free admission.</p> <p>Pollock House, there's an option to visit this National Trust for Scotland grand country house instead of The Burrell. There's lots to see, including an impressive art collection and servants' quarters. Soups and snacks available in the Edwardian Kitchen café. Admission charges apply (free for National Trust members). Pre booking advised, but not essential.</p> <p>NB not all parts of the house are accessible by wheelchair. For more information, email. pollockhouse@nts.org.uk tel. 0141 616 6410</p> <p>Silverburn Shopping Centre – a great selection of shops and eating places, all under cover. There may be some January sales bargains???</p> <p>Shopmobility available free of charge. Please prebook directly with Silverburn. https://www.shopsilverburn.com/shopmobility Tel. 0141 880 3229</p> <p>Drop off at Silverburn first for non Burrell/Pollock passengers and return pick up on our way back from The Burrell.</p> <p>Please tell us which destination you want when booking, thanks.</p> | £15 | Full |
| Friday 20/1 | <p style="text-align: center;">Largs or Cardwell Garden Centre</p> <p>We're heading north along the lovely coast road to Lunderston Bay, near Gourock, to the award winning and family run Cardwell Home and Garden Centre. Established in 1962, it's developed into a fine retail destination with over 20 departments, including The Edinburgh Woollen Mill. The Patio Café has seating for over 300 and serves a full range of hot and cold food, prepared fresh on site daily.</p> <p>We'll pass through Largs on the way, and if you'd prefer to do your own thing (a bracing walk along the sea front? fish and chips at Nardini's?) we can drop you there and pick you up again on the way home. Just make sure you're wearing your thermals.</p> | £15 | Full |
| Friday 27/1 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Blair, Auchentiber</p> <p>A lunchtime visit to this restaurant, located on the outskirts of Kilwinning, offering quality all day dining in a comfy and cosy environment.</p> <p>All dishes are made using fresh local produce, and you can choose from a menu that includes traditional main courses as well as a range of "lite-bite" options.</p> | £15 | Half |

February Trips

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| Friday 3/2 | <p style="text-align: center;">Glasgow Museums: choice of either – Riverside Museum and The Tall Ship or Kelvingrove Art Gallery</p> <p>Riverside Museum, located at the junction of the rivers Kelvin and Clyde, houses exhibits which reflect the important part Glasgow has played in the world through its contributions to heavy industries like shipbuilding, train manufacturing and engineering.</p> <p>There's also a wealth of information about everyday life, and a chance to stroll down memory lane (literally!) on a cobbled street lined with shops selling things you may well recognise from your childhood.</p> <p>Right outside the rear door of the museum is The Tall Ship, "Glenlee". Step on board this square-rigged steel cargo ship and get a real sense of what it was like to live and work on board. Most of the ship is accessible by lift, but there are some areas where this isn't possible. For more information, Tel. 0141 330 9077. Restaurant, café and gift shops.</p> <p>Just a short drive away, if you're more into art, you may prefer Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum which is a firm favourite with local people and visitors. Explore the 22 galleries and discover everything from art to animals, Ancient Egypt to Charles Rennie Mackintosh and so much more. There's also a changing programme of temporary exhibitions and displays.</p> <p>If we're lucky, we may catch the daily lunchtime organ recital in the main hall. Museum shop, main restaurant, and coffee kiosk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All these museums have free admission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please tell us which destination you want when booking, thanks.</i></p> | £20 | Full |
| Friday 10/2 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Glasshouse Restaurant, Rowallan Castle</p> <p>Somewhere a bit different, but still fairly local. In a stunning location, tucked away in the grounds of Rowallan Castle, on the outskirts of Kilmarnock, the Glasshouse serves a delicious selection of food, drink and snacks from pub classics to fine dining specialities.</p> | £12 | Half |
| Friday 17/2 | <p style="text-align: center;">McKinnon Mills (The Edinburgh Woollen Mill), Coatbridge</p> <p>A great shopping opportunity with many well-known brands under one roof. Country Casuals, James Pringle, Ponden Home, Nike, Golf Co (Ladies and Men's), Austin Reed, Pavers Shoes, and many more. Customer restaurant on site.</p> | £20 | Full |
| Friday 24/2 | <p style="text-align: center;">Craigmains Garden Centre, Ballantrae</p> <p>They made us so welcome last time, we've decided to go back sooner rather than later. Always a lovely run down the coast followed by a tasty lunch in this small independent garden centre.</p> <p>We can pop round to the BRICC charity shop next door (if it's open) and/or blow away the cobwebs with a blast of Atlantic sea air.</p> | £15 | Half |