



The Great “Southern Cross Reunion” 5th August 2006



*5500 years ago there was a gathering of your ancestors where the two rivers meet...
After 5 Millenniums it is time for a REUNION...!!*

THE NEW WORLD IS COMING HOME FOR A PARTY...!!



“The Great Southern Cross Reunion”

An Invitation to all backpackers - join us for the ‘Big One’!

1. Hey, here’s something different. Get off the beaten track, chill out and relax. Jump off the backpackers’ bandwagon into one of Scotland’s best-kept secrets, the heart of the Scottish Borders and gateway to the North. Here in the true homeland of William Wallace the clans of the world will reunite for a huge day of entertainment where you can catch up with your countrymen and women from back home!
2. The reunion will be set in an awesome 20-acre site acting as a natural amphitheatre, with campsite and giant party-zone on the banks of the world famous River Tweed.
3. Live music, bands, DJs, comedians, Scottish ceilidh dancing, pipe bands and party atmosphere will prevail.
4. When it comes to accommodation, obviously the management would expect you hardy travellers to spend a night in your top of the range tents and wash in the crystal clear waters of our river! But for those backpackers accustomed to five-star luxury there are hundreds of B&Bs, hotels and hostels in the region. However, stay off site and you may wonder what you’re missing!
5. Indulge in the food village and giant beer tent when you get thirsty! There will also be a farmers market where you can buy delicious goodies to cook yourself on the barbie, so you can be sure of all-round quality tucker.

6. Make this an annual meeting point to catch up with your mates who are also backpacking around the globe.
7. Why not stop here first and then head up to the Edinburgh International Festival.
8. You only have one chance in life to tell the backpackers of the future that you were at the first ever 'Great Southern Cross Reunion'.

Register your interest and we will keep you updated on this year's headliners. Tickets go on sale Jan 2006 so get in quick!

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Concept

Throughout the UK at any one time there are approximately three hundred thousand Southern Hemisphere backpackers/travellers within the age-band of 18-35. Include ex-pats and that number grows significantly. Many spend their year out travelling Europe, including a period living and working in the UK. Never before has a date been established when this band of intrepid travellers can meet and catch up with friends and relatives from back home. Many travellers will visit a number of other events throughout the calendar year, such as Germany's Oktoberfest, Spain's bull running and major sporting events. But here is the chance to set a date in the backpacker's calendar for one giant reunion.

Where

The Reunion Venue rests amongst the famous rolling hills of the Scottish Borders in the south of Scotland on the banks of the River Tweed, which is famed for its salmon fishing. The farm actually sits on the point where the Tweed and Ettrick rivers meet and centuries of history run through the area. The site is an ancient meeting point, and overlooking the venue is the one of the first Iron Age forts to be situated in Scotland.

The Venue is right in the heart of Borders country, two miles south of Galashiels on the main A7 that cuts through the region. Edinburgh lies one hour north and Newcastle 1.5 hours south with excellent road links and bus routes while the nearest rail station is located at Edinburgh or Berwick Upon Tweed. The farm is situated near the Southern Upland Way, perfect for walkers. Cyclists are also catered for in the area with the Tweed Cycleway running past the venue. The whole place is awesome, with a natural, chilled out atmosphere that's truly unbeatable.

When

Saturday 5th August 2006 has been chosen as the inaugural date for the first ever Reunion Festival. In years to come it will be fantastic to be able to say you experienced the first one! The date was chosen primarily because it sits at the beginning of the International Edinburgh Festival which is visited by thousands of travellers every year, making the Southern Hemisphere Reunion an ideal start to what could be a longer stay in Scotland at a great time of year.

Festival programme

Saturday 5th August

Site opens at 8am...so get you and your tent there early and get your prime site!

2pm to 2am: Full-on Festival time (Food, Bars, Live Music, Comedians, DJs, Pipe band and Famous Scottish Ceilidh.) you name it.....it will be there. The Festival will have a great mix of Entertainment with ½ hr –1.5hr sets mixed throughout with DJ's and a few surprises. The Headliner and support acts will be announced shortly, so we will keep you posted

Sunday 6th August

Sleep of the hangover then depart...phew!

Festival Ethos

The festival site is a 20-acre field that has been picked especially for its ability to be transformed into an outstanding open air venue with designated camping zones, a giant beer tent and open air concert area incorporating a stage etc. Areas will also be set aside for a local Farmers market where local high quality produce will be on sale over the day. Campers will be encouraged to be self sufficient although

there will also be a food village on site to cater for all tastes just in case those attending don't want to eat their own cooking. Toilets will be provided on site for all festival goers although, as at any music festival, the ethos of living under canvas or in your camper van does prevail...getting excited already?

Accommodation

Campsite grounds will be marked inside the festival field and also within an over spill site directly adjacent to the festival field. Car parking will be zoned 400 metres from the festival site for those requiring it.

The experience for campers will be one they will never forget. However accommodation is also available throughout the Scottish Borders in hotels, B&Bs and guesthouses, for those who don't want to live under canvas or wash in the river - and are used to mother's cooking! Find accommodation by visiting:

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Twinning

Borders Experience is looking to twin the festival with similar events in New Zealand, America, Canada, Australia and South Africa, and also through the University/Varsity network in those respective countries.

