



A Day in the Historic City of Stirling

Follow the A84 from Callander to Stirling. The historic city of Stirling is only 14 miles south east of Callander. Stirling's heritage dates back to 800 years to the 12th century when it first received its burgh title. There is a lot to see and do in Stirling. There is ample parking in the centre of Stirling, parking is also available on Stirling Castle Esplanade for up to 4 hours and a park and ride bus operates throughout the day (Monday – Saturday) until just after 5pm. Please note that most of the attractions in Stirling close around 5pm.

Stirling Castle:

Stirling Castle was one of the most important strong points in Scotland, controlling routes between the Scottish Highlands and Lowlands. It is one of Scotland's grandest castles and the most favoured residence of Scotland's medieval monarchs. Enter the world of Scotland's Renaissance Kings and Queens, discover the plots, passion and intrigue as the costumed performers welcome you into 16th century life. Mary Queen of Scots was crowned at Stirling Castle in 1543 and her son James, later to become King James VI, was baptised at Stirling Castle in 1566.



Argyll's Lodging:

Located on the approach to Stirling Castle, Argyll's Lodging is Scotland's most splendid and complete example of a 17th century nobleman's townhouse. Open daily, please note - guided tours only and tickets can only be purchased in conjunction with a Stirling Castle Admission Ticket.

The Church of The Holy Rude:

The Church occupies a magnificent position on Stirling's highest hill close to Stirling Castle. Founded in 1129 The Church of The Holy Rude is the second oldest building in Stirling after the castle. It is the only church in the UK still in active use, other than Westminster Abbey, to host a coronation – the infant King James VI was crowned here in 1567 as King of Scotland. (opening times 1 May – 30 September 2016 11.00 – 16.00). Entry is free however the church relies on donations from visitors to help maintain the fabric of the church. We politely request that visitors donate a minimum of £2 per person when visiting The Church of The Holy Rude.

Stirling Walking Tours:

The old town nestling below Stirling Castle has plenty of atmosphere and is a fine example of a Scottish medieval town. Discover the secrets of the Royal Burgh with Stirling Walking Tours. A costumed guide will take you around the cobbled streets, through the curious nooks and crannies revealing some of Stirling's strangest tales with a mix of comedy, drama and storytelling. Tours are available June & September on Saturdays & Sundays only and July & August Wednesday – Sunday 14.00 & 16.00. Tours last approx. 70 minutes.



The Wallace Monument:

The Wallace Monument commemorates the life of Sir William Wallace, Scotland's National Hero. Most famous for his victory in 1297 at The Battle of Stirling Bridge. Climb the long spiral staircase to a magnificent view over the historic city of Stirling and the countryside beyond. Free parking is available at The Wallace Monument. Opening times: April, May, June, September & October 10.00 – 17.00, July & August 10.00 – 18.00, winter November – March 10.30 – 16.00. Please note: Last recommended admission is 45 minutes prior to closing.

The Battle of Bannockburn:

Experience the sights and sounds of a medieval battle in this thrilling immersive 3D interpretation of the 1314 battle which changed the path of Scotland's history forever. Take your place on the battlefield, standing face to face with fearless medieval warriors in the 3D experience. Take a stroll around the parkland around the visitor centre to appreciate the battleground and admire the iconic statue of King Robert the Bruce.

We hope you enjoyed this Great Day Out visiting the historic sites of Stirling. Return to Callander on the A84 and enjoy a relaxing evening in Callander.

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