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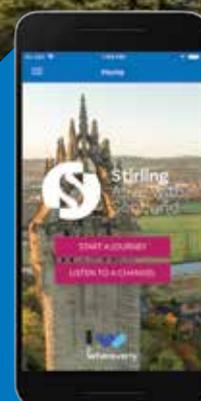
Since it opened in 1869, The National Wallace Monument has stood as an iconic Scottish landmark and as one of Stirling's top visitor attractions. Visit the Monument to discover how the Battle of Stirling Bridge was fought and won, and learn more about Scotland's National Hero - William Wallace. New exhibition galleries opening in spring 2019.

Look out for regular events throughout 2019 as The National Wallace Monument marks its 150th anniversary.

nationalwallacemonument.com

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WELCOME

Founded as a Royal Burgh in 1124, Stirling offers a fascinating journey back in time for anyone with even a passing interest in Scottish history and heritage.

Today, Stirling is a vibrant city, steeped in historic atmosphere yet offering a host of modern day attractions, facilities and events. A popular international university city, you'll find plenty of pubs, cafes and restaurants and a wide range of shopping, together with a wide selection of accommodation. Easily accessible by road and rail, Stirling is on the doorstep of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. As well as a string of local towns and villages you'll also be within easy reach of Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews and much of the spectacular Scottish Highlands.

GUIDED TOURS & GHOST WALKS

Stirling Walking Tours

Private guided tours of Stirling Old Town & Castle with local expert guides. An entertaining mix of storytelling and history. NEW City Tour with whisky or craft gin tasting. Ideal for groups. Prebooked Tours available in English, French, Spanish, German and Italian. stirlingwalkingtours.com



Stirling Ghost Walk

Join The Happy Hangman, for an unforgettable walk on the weird side, unearthing the Old Town's horrible history and fiendish folklore through a unique mix of comedy, drama. Fear, fun and frights for boys and ghouls of ALL ages! 8.30pm Tues-Sat, July & August 8pm Fri-Sat, September-June Meeting at the Old Town Jail gate, St John Street Adults £6, Concessions £4, Family £16 stirlingghostwalk.com



STIRLING CITY PASS

See more and save more with the Stirling City Pass.

This ticket offers discounted entry to Stirling's top attractions for one discounted price and includes some excellent extras including fast track entry, free audio tours and over £50 in local discounts and offers. Available online at stirlingcitypass.co.uk and at the Stirling Visitor Information Centre.

ATTRACTIONS



DOUNE CASTLE

Set amid the lovely Stirlingshire countryside, the castle was the home of the Regent Albany, Scotland's "Uncrowned King". It was a later a royal residence, dower house for widowed queens and a Jacobite prison. More recently it has featured in Monty Python, Games of Thrones & Outlander. Open all year: Apr-Sept 9.30am-5.30pm/Oct-Mar 10am-4pm. Admission: Adults £9, Concession £7.20, Child £5.40 historicensevironment.scot



THE ENGINE SHED

Unleash your inner building geek at Scotland's dedicated home of building conservation. Come along to explore your built heritage with our exhibitions, handling boxes and augmented reality map of Scotland. There's also interactive workshops explore a different theme every Saturday and throughout the school holidays. Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm. Admission free. engineshed.scot

Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park

Don't miss the opportunity to visit Blair Drummond Safari Park. One of Scotland's top tourist attractions, this friendly family-run business has been welcoming visitors for nearly fifty years and is the perfect place for a big day out. Set in 120 acres of beautiful woodland only 8 minutes from Stirling, there is something here to suit all ages. You'll come face-to-face with lions, rhinos and monkeys in the drive-thru reserves, take a boat ride to visit the chimpanzees who live on Chimp Island, watch the bird of prey display and the sea lion presentation, meet Scotland's only giraffes, and learn about the safari park's role in the conservation of endangered species at keeper talks and educational events. This is a full-day out. Facilities include restaurant, BBQ and picnic areas, indoor viewing areas and an AMAZING adventure play area. Open Daily 23th March - 27th October 2019, 10am - 5.30pm, last admission 4.30pm. Online tickets: free for infants/£13.50 for children & £16.50 for adults. blairdrummond.com



Go Ape Aberfoyle

Love a zip wire? Well, hold on to your hat, because Aberfoyle's home to two of the longest zips in the UK. An awesome 426 metres long, you'll fly the distance of around four football pitches. At speed. Open seasonally between February and November Go Ape is for anyone looking for something a bit different! Prices from £25 for 3 hours of Zip Wires, Rope Ladders, Tarzan Swing and 30ft high obstacles! Go Ape Aberfoyle, FK8 3SY goape.co.uk/days-out/scotland/aberfoyle



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STIRLING CASTLE

One of Scotland's most celebrated visitor attractions, where characters from the past will greet you at the Royal Palace. Other highlights include the Great Hall, Chapel Royal, Castle Exhibition, Regimental Museum and the Palace Vaults, where young visitors can get hands on with history. Enjoy the stunning art & architecture as well as the spectacular views. Admission: Adult £16 Concession £12.80 Child £9.60. Open All Year: Apr-Sep 9.30am-6pm/Oct-Mar 9.30am-5pm stirlingcastle.scot



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THE BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN

Prepare for battle at this thrilling hands-on experience. With cutting edge 3D technology, you can experience medieval combat like never before and discover more about this crucial event in Scottish history. OPEN: all year daily. Exhibition: see web site. Visits are by timed ticket; On A872, 2 miles South of Stirling. FK70LJ. Book online in advance at battleofbannockburn.com



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STIRLING SMITH ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

You haven't seen Stirling till you've seen the Smith - it's the soul of Stirling. Home to the world's oldest football and curling stone. Social and art history of Stirling. Café, shop, gardens, picnic area. Open Tues - Sat 10.30 - 5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free admission and parking. smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk



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ARGYLL'S LODGING

Enjoy a glimpse of the home life of a wealthy Scottish nobleman of the 1600s. The most complete townhouse of its kind, its interior has been reconstructed to look as it may have done when Archibald Campbell, 9th Earl of Argyll, lived here. Admission included in Stirling Castle ticket. Limited Admission. Please check stirlingcastle.scot for more information 01786 450000



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DUNBLANE CATHEDRAL

Dunblane Cathedral built upon a site first established by St Blane around the year 600, is one of the few surviving medieval churches in Scotland. The building is largely, 13th century in date though it incorporates an originally freestanding bell-tower of 11th century date on its south side. This tower was increased in height in the 15th century, a change clearly visible in the colour of the stonework, and in the late gothic style of the upper storey's windows. historicensevironment.scot



CASTLE CAMPBELL

Discover the drama of this remarkably well preserved, brooding medieval castle, set high above the tree covered ravines and plunging burns on the edge of the Ochil Hills. This was the Lowland residence of the powerful Campbell Family and was visited by Mary, Queen of Scots & John Knox. Open all year: Apr-Sep 9.30am-5.30pm/Oct-Mar 10am-4pm. Closed Thu & Fri in Winter Admission: Adults £6, Concession £4.80, Child £3.60. historicensevironment.scot



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THE NATIONAL WALLACE MONUMENT

2019 will be an unmissable year at The National Wallace Monument as the popular attraction celebrates its 150th anniversary. Don't miss the brand new displays opening in spring and look out for the year long programme of special events! Visit the Monument to discover the life and legacy of William Wallace, see the famous Wallace sword and enjoy amazing views in all directions from the Crown, at the top of the 220ft tower. Open All Year. Admission: Adult £10.50, Concession £8.50, Child £6.50 nationalwallacemonument.com



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STIRLING OLD TOWN JAIL

Daily performance tours where you can hear the histories of our places of punishment - and the bloody, bizarre and sometimes baffling tales of the Burgh's heroes and villains including the notorious 'Happy Hangman', Jock Rankin. You can also take in the spectacular views from the Old Town Jail observation tower. Open 19-21 April, 28 June-8 Sept, 12-20 Oct 10.15am - 6pm daily. oldtownjail.co.uk



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THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDE

One of the finest medieval buildings in Scotland, its construction dating back to the early 15th century. James VI was crowned here in 1567. The stained glass windows are among the best in Scotland while the Dreaper & Rushworth organ is one of the finest in the UK. Except during services, the church is open daily to visitors between 11.00am and 4.00pm. (last entry 3.45pm.) from 19th. April to 30th. Sept. Services at 11.00am. on alternate Sundays. See website for details. holyrude.org



ALLOA TOWER

Fully restored and furnished, and containing a superb collection of family portraits, this ancestral home of the Earls of Mar is one of Scotland's largest surviving medieval towers. Original dungeon and roof-beams contrast with the elegant Italianate staircase, added in the 18th century. OPEN: 31st March to 31st October, see website for opening times. Off A907. FK101PL. nts.org.uk/AlloaTower



THE ROYAL BURGH OF CULROSS

Relive the domestic life of the 16th and 17th centuries amid the old buildings and cobbled streets. Explore the beautiful palace and garden, as featured in TV show Outlander. OPEN: 10th April to 31st Oct, see website for opening times. Access to Study and Town House by guided tours only. Off A985, 12 miles W of Forth Road Bridge. KY128JH. nts.org.uk



THE PINEAPPLE

Built in 1761 'The Pineapple' stands 14m (45ft) high with the realistic effect of leaves & fruit produced by the cantilever masonry. Four stone vases disguise the chimneys. Greenhouses extend east and west from the central portico. Enjoy a peaceful walk around the former curling and dipping pond and surrounding woodland. OPEN: All year, 9:30 to sunset, daily. Off A905, 7 miles East of Stirling. FK2 8LU. nts.org.uk

A TASTE OF OUR NIGHTLIFE

Stirling lights up at night, and many pubs, clubs and bars gear themselves towards a vibrant student population, with themed nights and DJs, whilst there is also a selection of traditional pubs providing quieter alternatives, with open fires, real ale and folk music.



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ALLANWATER BREWHOUSE

Brewing & pouring since '96 the multi award winning microbrewery and real ale Pub greets everyone, locals or tourists alike, with a warm welcoming smile. They pride themselves not only in great beer, informative tours, live acoustic music but, more than anything else, truly outstanding Scottish hospitality. Open every day Tel: 01786 834555 Bridge of Allan FK94NY bridgeofallan.co.uk



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NICKY-TAMS BAR & BOTHY

A real traditional Scottish public house located within Stirling centre. With regular live music, theme nights and quizzes. As an independent pub, you'll always have a warm welcome. Dogs welcome. Open Every Day Tel: 01786 472194 nickytams.com



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CURLY COO BAR

An Award Winning Whisky Bar which opened in Stirling in December 2013. The collection of Malt Whisky stands at approximately 150 bottles, and you're sure to find a dram that suits you here. It is also possible to have a wee tour of Scotland, with a taste of different drams from across the regions. A cosy wee traditional bar with a great selection of other drinks too. Craft beers from local Brewers Harviestoun and William Brothers, Scottish Gins, Cider and local bottled beers with a varied selection of soft drinks. Look forward to seeing you... Open Every Day 51 Barnton Street, Stirling, FK8 1HH Tel: 01786 447191 curlycoobar.com



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THE KILTIED KANGAROO

Australian Bar & Grill house, Scotland's largest beer garden offering unique, fresh and locally sourced Aussie Tucker! Make your own burgers, sharing boards, Ribs and wings. With daily events and entertainment, family friendly atmosphere. We cater for any crowd. Great Promo's on Selected Pints, Spirit & Mix, Pitchers, Cocktails, Shots and Prosecco. 9 Upper Craigs, Stirling FK8 2DG (under the arch) @kiltedkangaroo Tel: 01786 451130 kiltedkangaroo.com Mon Musical Bingo / Tue Open Mic / Wed Pub Quiz / Thur Karaoke / Fri & Sat live DJ kiltedkangaroo.com



USEFUL INFORMATION

Getting Around

There are regular bus services to and from the local towns and villages in the Stirling area including recently added rural services. You can plan your journey at travelinescotland.com or visit my.stirling.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets

Parking

All our top attractions are accessible by car and each has their own parking facilities, parking at Stirling Castle can be limited therefore it's worth parking in town (you may need coins for parking) or using the local park and ride service.

Cycling

Next Bike hire stations available throughout Stirling, pop into the Cycle Hub at Stirling Train Station for top tips or visit stirlingcyclehub.org for local routes (or to borrow a pump).

Accessibility

Despite steep streets and old buildings, Stirling is an increasingly accessible city. Both our rail and bus station also have disabled access. Call VisitScotland on +44(0)845 22 55 121 for a free copy of Accessible Scotland which lists disabled-friendly accommodation and visitor attractions.



Looking for somewhere to store your luggage? Head to the Willy Wallace hostel at 77 Murray Place (from £5)

For more local visitor information visit yourstirling.com or drop into the VisitScotland iCentre at the Old Town Jail



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ITALIA NOSTRA

This traditional, family-run Italian restaurant is famous for its wide-ranging menu of mouth-watering Mediterranean classics including steak, veal and tiramisu. The restaurant is located on Baker street just down the hill from Stirling Castle. 25 baker Street, Stirling, FK8 1BJ Tel: 01786 473 208 italianostrastirling.co.uk



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OUR PLACE CAFÉ

Stirling's largest independent cafe where most of our menu is homemade by us using the freshest of locally sourced ingredients. We're regularly told by our customers we make the 'best soup in Scotland' - a title we're happy to claim! Our gluten-free menu includes cakes, sandwiches/toasties and soups and we have an outdoor seating area where dogs are welcome. Open 7 days from 7am (Sun 9am) 32 Murray Place, Stirling, FK8 2DD ourplacecafe.co.uk



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FRIARS WYND

A newly renovated Victorian building right in Stirling City Centre, packed with character and gives a feel of Stirling's history. Our motto is fresh and local so our Scottish themed menu uses local produce and our drinks shelves are stocked with a selection of Scottish Whisky's, Beers and Gin's. 17 Friars Street, Stirling, FK8 1HA Tel: 01786 447501 friarswynd.co.uk



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GALLERY RESTAURANT

Gallery Restaurant, where the art of fine dining combines with stunning scenery! Our restaurant is a truly unique venue offering the 'wow' factor. It is situated in the outskirts of the city centre and combines the art of fine dining with breath-taking views of the Wallace Monument, the River Forth and the Ochils. Sit back and enjoy the scenery whilst experiencing high quality cuisine and first class customer service. To book call 01786 406027 or email gallery@forthvalley.ac.uk



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CRONIES BAR AND RESTAURANT

This famous Scottish restaurant is located in the Golden Lion hotel on King Street not far from Stirling Castle, Robert Burns himself dined here with his Cronies in the summer of 1787. Look forward to traditional Scottish dishes with a modern twist, served in the contemporary bar and restaurant. Open daily Tel: 01786 475351 thegoldenlionstirling.com

SAVOUR STIRLING



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DARNLEY'S COFFEE HOUSE

Somewhere in Stirling's Top Of The Town, a soup pot boils. This historic building houses a café serving tea and coffee, lunches, and the best homemade soup in town! Open Mon-Sat 11am-4pm; Sun 12pm-4pm 18 Bow Street, FK8 1BS Tel: 01786 474468



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MAHARAJA RESTAURANT

We take great care in producing distinctive traditional curries related to Northern India. A number of curries that have never been cooked in Stirling before. Unique signature dishes along with popular British curries Open Mon-Fri 12 to 2.30pm and 5 to 10.30pm; Sat 12pm-3pm & 5-10.30pm; Sun 1pm-3pm; 5-10.30pm 39 King Street, FK8 1DN Tel: 01786 450966 MaharajaStirling.com



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LEGENDS COFFEE HOUSE

Legends Coffee House at The National Wallace Monument is an ideal spot for a relaxing break. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or an afternoon snack in this welcoming cafe with a unique setting below one of Stirling's top attractions. Open daily all year. Abbey Craig, Hillfoots Road, Stirling FK9 5LF Tel: 01786 472140 nationalwallacemonument.com/legends-coffee-house



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BREA - SCOTTISH RESTAURANT

Award winning Scottish restaurant offering the best local produce, freshly cooked to order. We also cater for a number of dietary requirements including gluten and dairy free. All this - combined with our large selection of Scottish spirits, ciders & craft beers - brings you the ultimate food lovers experience. Winner of 'Best Scottish Cuisine' at the Food Awards Scotland 2018. Open: Sun - Thurs 12pm - 9pm. Fri/Sat - 12pm - 10pm. 5 Baker Street, Stirling FK8 1BJ Tel: 01786 446277 brea-stirling.co.uk

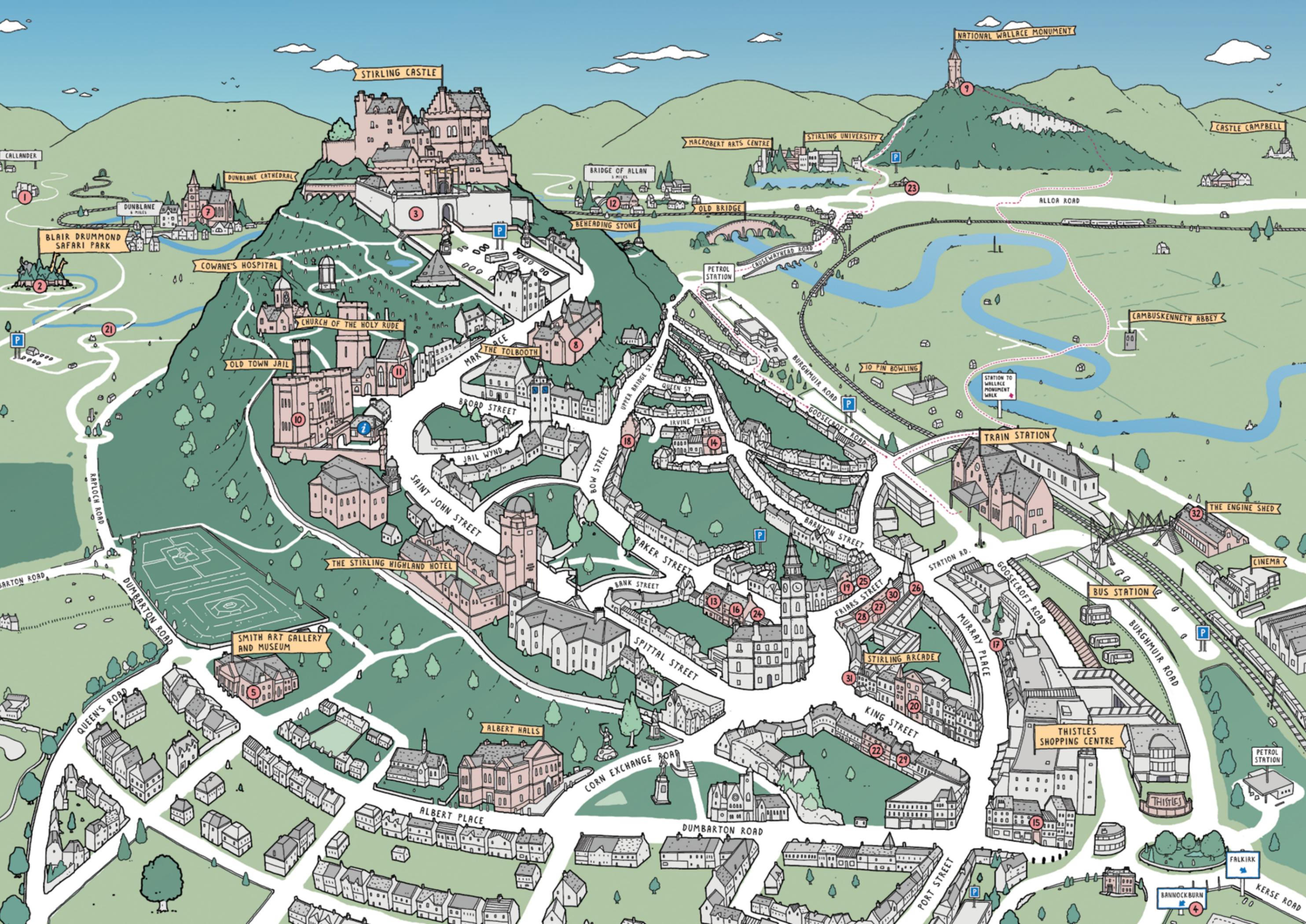


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RANAS TANDOORI RESTAURANT

Look forward to classic clay-oven curries cooked fresh to order in this bright modern, friendly Indian restaurant located in the City Centre. Set lunches available as well as delicious takeaway and deliveries within 5 miles of the restaurant. Open Daily 37 Friars Street, Stirling FK8 1HA Tel: 01786 463075 ranasstirling.com





STIRLING CASTLE

NATIONAL WALLACE MONUMENT

CASTLE CAMPBELL

DUNBLANE CATHEDRAL

MACROBERT ARTS CENTRE

STIRLING UNIVERSITY

BRIDGE OF ALLAN

OLD BRIDGE

ALLOA ROAD

BLAIR DRUMMOND SAFARI PARK

COWANE'S HOSPITAL

CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDE

BEHEADING STONE

PETROL STATION

CAMBUSKENNETH ABBEY

OLD TOWN JAIL

THE TOLBOOTH

10 PIN BOWLING

STATION TO WALLACE MONUMENT WALK

MARSH

BROAD STREET

UPPER BRIDGE ST

IRVINE PLACE

TRAIN STATION

SAINT JOHN STREET

JAIL WYND

BOW STREET

BURGHMUIR ROAD

STATION RD.

THE STIRLING HIGHLAND HOTEL

BAKER STREET

BANK STREET

FRIARS STREET

BUS STATION

THE ENGINE SHED

CINEMA

SMITH ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

SPITAL STREET

CORN EXCHANGE ROAD

STIRLING ARCADE

MURRAY PLACE

BURGHMUIR ROAD

ALBERT HALLS

ALBERT PLACE

DUMBARTON ROAD

KING STREET

THISTLES SHOPPING CENTRE

PETROL STATION

FALKIRK

BANNOCKBURN

KERSE ROAD

CALLANDER

DUNBLANE & MILLS

CAUSEWAYHEAD ROAD

GOOSECROFT ROAD

STATION RD.

BURGHMUIR ROAD

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LOCAL SHOPPING



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THE SCOTTISH GANTRY

Visit Stirling's Whisky, Gin and Wine specialist store, here they offer an impressive range of whiskies, gins, wines and local beer with hundreds of drinks available to sample. Pop in, meet the expert team and grab a bottle of something special. They pride themselves on being able to offer you products you will not find at home.

There are also whisky, gin, rum, vodka and wine tastings on offer daily at flexible times to suit you. Booking is advised but walk-ins are welcome. They also allow you to mix the tastings sessions so one of you can taste whisky while your friends can sample gin, rum or vodka. Call in and experience some of Scotland's world class drinks heritage or check out their website to hear more about their huge programme of drinks events.

Tel: 01786 450873 thescottishgantry.com
Monday - Sunday 10am - 10pm Stirling Arcade



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MADE IN STIRLING

Ground floor is dedicated to award winning @madeinstirlingstore, 100+ local artists, makers and designers supported via this nonprofit show and sell store, which also hosts weekly workshops! The Gallery on the ground floor showcases, alongside local talent, international invited guests. New exhibition every couple of months. Sharing space in the basement, lives the hubs 'dirty art', potters & printers running their own workshops. Then upstairs lives the community kitchen: a teaching kitchen, kitchen for hire and a tiny roof top farm @thekitchenat44. Open 7 days a week.

Open daily. Get involved. Shop Local.
44 King Street, FK8 1AY
creativestirling.org



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TINKERBELLS EMPORIUM

This is a must see, Award Winning, magical little gift shop tucked away on the very charming Friars Street. This unique "woodland wonderland" shop is bursting with all things fairy tale and really does offer something for everyone. From Fairies and their tiny houses, unicorns and funky wall art to delicious candles and fun items for your home. Come and discover it for yourself, a "never never" seen before shop where believing really is seeing!

01786 357 490 tinkerbellsemporium.co.uk
Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm (Sundays 11am-4pm) 2 Friars Street, Stirling, FK8 1HA



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CONTEMPO STIRLING

Stirling's award-winning gift boutique, Contempo offer a unique collection of Scottish and internationally sourced gifts and greetings cards. They work with local artists and artisans to handpick products for their beauty, quality and affordability. You'll find them on King Street in the centre of town. A visit is a must to ensure you have something special to remember your stay.

Open 7 days a week.
19 King Street, Stirling. Tel: 01786 478097.
www.contemponline.co.uk



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EUROPA MUSIC

Floor to ceiling music of all types; Scottish Folk, Rock, Pop, Punk, Jazz, Classical, Blues, Country etc. New and used Vinyl Records/ CD's and DVD's to buy or exchange. The largest browsable vinyl record collection in Scotland. Also T-shirts, books and memorabilia.

OPEN 7 days. 10 Friars St, Stirling.
Tel: 01786 448623
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HOUSE OF HENDERSON EST 1923

House of Henderson is one of Scotland's oldest kilt makers and Scottish gift specialists, bringing you all that is best from Scotland. From tartan ties and scarves to fine pewter and crystal there is something for everyone. Also specialising in kilt making and hiring as well as a wide range of quality kilt jackets and accessories all made in Scotland. Take home a piece of Scotland today from House of Henderson. 6-8 Friars Street, Stirling FK8 1HB tel: 01786 473681 houseofhenderson.co.uk

AROUND STIRLING

Around Stirling there is a string of scenic towns and villages, winding rivers and rolling hills. It's fair to say you will feel a world away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Excellent train and bus links take the stress out of exploring and there's always something remarkable to see and do.

Bridge of Allan

Just a short distance from the city of Stirling, is a beautiful little town called Bridge of Allan, everywhere you look there are traces of an immensely popular historical Victorian spa town. Today, you can still see the same buildings and landmarks that a young Robert Louis Stevenson was inspired by when he and this family visited to 'take the waters' in the mid 1800's. It's a small, vibrant town that offers a unique blend of history and modern living. Enjoy a wealth of eateries, bars, cafes and independent boutiques.



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CYCLING IN THE TROSSACHS

Cycling is a fantastic way to explore the stunning beauty of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. One of the Highlights is Lochs and Glens North (NCR7). This route can be broken down in to shorter sections and the Callander to Strathyre or Killin sections are a delight. Off-road cycling following the old railway line, past shimmering lochs, magical forests and dramatic mountains. With plenty of café's along the way, it makes for a fabulous family day out. For more info on the route & bike hire see. sustrans.org.uk

WHAT'S ON STIRLING 2019

2nd Saturday every month – Stirling Farmers Market

APRIL	
1-14	The Big Spring Fling at Blair Drummond Safari Park
6	The Alhambra Whisky Festival
6-7	Unicorn, Stirling Castle
28	The Simply Health Great Stirling Run
MAY	
All	Off The Page Stirling
24-27	Superhero Takeover at Blair Drummond Safari Park
24-26	Mhor Festival
25	Drymen Show
JUNE	
1	Gargunnoch Show
8	Stirling Agricultural Show
14-17	Killin Music Festival
19	Wuthering Heights, Stirling Castle
29	Stirling Armed Forces Day

Free activities every day in July & August at The National Wallace Monument!

JULY	
18	Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Stirling Castle
20	Lochearnhead Highland Games
19-21	Doone the Rabbit Hole

Dunblane

Located just a short 10 minute journey from the centre of Stirling by train or car, the historic cathedral city of Dunblane is your first choice destination for unique and memorable shopping and dining experiences. The town also boasts many celebrated attractions including the popular Gold Post-box repainted following Andy Murray's first Wimbledon victory. The stunning Dunblane Cathedral built upon a site first established by St Blane around the year 600, is one of the few surviving medieval churches in Scotland. The cathedral stands serenely amid a clutch of old-world buildings, among them the 17th century Dean's House, which houses Dunblane Museum. Find out more at discoverdunblane.co.uk

Discover Clackmannanshire

Clackmannanshire lies between the majestic Ochil Hills and the banks of the River Forth and provides the perfect year-round base to explore the stunning countryside and historic attractions including medieval castles and tower house. If seeking the outdoors, the Ochil Hills are perfect for walking and cycling, and Gartmorn Dam Country Park and Nature Reserve is a sanctuary for wildlife. All six hill and parkland golf courses have some of the most scenic views from the fairways to be found in Scotland. Find out more at discoverclackmannanshire.com

Callander & The Trossachs Trail

Callander is an attractive town on the River Teith, near Stirling, often described as the gateway to the Highlands. It's a popular base for tourists exploring the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and 'Rob Roy Country', or for a stopping off place on their way up into the Highlands. Callander and the Trossachs have something for everyone: cycling, walking, climbing, fishing, open-water swimming and enjoyable shopping. For those who prefer their entertainment indoors a well-equipped sports centre is on hand, many local venues offer live entertainment and there are loads of great pubs, restaurants and cafes.

If you follow the circular Trossachs Trail you can witness spectacular and dramatic scenery and an abundance of Scottish wildlife, especially as you travel through The Great Trossachs Forest. Dotted along the trail are some of Scotland's finest attractions, including Inchmahome Priory on the Lake of Menteith, the Steamship Sir Walter Scott, Doune Castle, Deanston Distillery and Blair Drummond Safari Park.

For more information see map on reverse of this guide or visit yourstirling.com

AUGUST	
4	Bridge of Allan Highland Games
7	Killin Highland Games
17	Stirling Highland Games
23-8	Trossachs Beer Festival
(Sept)	
SEPTEMBER	
7-8	Duke's Weekender
11	National Wallace Monument 150th Anniversary
14	National Wallace Monument 'Wallace Wha Hae!'
14	Walking The Marches
14-15	Doors Open Days
20-22	Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival
OCTOBER	
4-6	Callander Jazz and Blues Festival
12-27	HalloWild at Blair Drummond Safari Park
NOVEMBER	
	Stirling Christmas Lights On
DECEMBER	
31	Stirling's Hogmanay

For a full list of what's on visit yourstirling.com



The Kelpies



FIND YOURSELF IN FALKIRK

The Falkirk area is bursting with things to do all year round, less than 20 minutes' drive from Stirling and with excellent rail and bus links, make sure you add the Falkirk area on to your to do list.

Two of Scotland's largest attractions can be found in Falkirk, the world's largest equine sculptures The Kelpies and the world's only rotating boat lift, The Falkirk Wheel.

The Kelpies, striking 30m horsehead sculptures form the centrepiece of the Helix Park which boasts adventure Play Park, splash play fountains, Lagoon, cycle paths and visitor centre.

The Falkirk Wheel lifts boats 115ft to link the Forth & Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. Visitors can take a boat trip and enjoy a variety of activities including Water Play Park, visitor centre, canoeing, Segway safari trips and of course walks or bike rides along the canal.

The Falkirk area is also steeped in history and includes some of the best sections of World Heritage UNESCO site the Antonine Wall, the baronial Callendar house with authentic working Georgian Kitchen, Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway with the Museum of Scottish Railways, the FAW Kirk Graveyard with memorials from the time of William Wallace and the Battle of Falkirk.



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PLUS the area has the newly renovated Steeple, Dunmore Pineapple, Blackness Castle and Kinneil House and Museum. For families with kids why not visit the Milk Barn an artisan ice cream parlour or Wellsfield Farm Activity Centre a children's farm adventure park. If it's indoor activities, why not try Xtreme Karting, Sky High Trampolining, Wonderland soft play, the new Jungle Room, Mariner Leisure Centre and cinemas, Cineworld in Falkirk and Bo'ness Hippodrome, Scotland's oldest purpose built cinema.

The area also boasts some of the country's best nature trails including a large section of the John Muir way great for walkers and cyclists alike.

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