



STIRLING
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My visit to Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle
Visual story for children

I am going to visit Stirling Castle.

The castle is hundreds of years old.



Castle Staff

People who work at the castle will be wearing a black jacket or fleece with a white unicorn on it and a name badge.



They might be wearing a bright yellow vest or a face mask.

I can talk to them if I need help or if I have questions about the castle.



This is the **castle esplanade** which is used as a car park.

It is a wide, open space leading up to the castle.



I will cross a bridge and go through an archway to see a member of staff who will scan my ticket.



If I still need to collect my ticket they can show me where to do this.



If I have not pre-bought a ticket, I can buy one at the **ticket office**.

I can pay by cash or card.

I can also choose to buy a guidebook or pay to borrow an audio guide.

I might have to wait in a queue.

Tickets cost:

Ticket Type	Online Price	Ticket Office Price
Adult	£17.50	£19.50
Concession (65+)	£14.00	£15.60
Child (7-15)	£10.50	£11.70
Child 6 and under	FREE	FREE



There will be some **toilets** behind me. The entrance looks like this:



On the left is the castle shop. I can go in if I want to.



To start exploring the castle I will cross a bridge and go through the Inner Gate.

The castle café will be on my right. I can buy something to eat here if I am hungry. It can be busy and noisy and may smell of food.



I can sit at one of the tables inside or outside...



There is lots to see and explore at the castle. Some of the places I could go are...

The **Castle Exhibition** to find out all about the castle's history. It has lots of interesting things inside including a timeline and a model of the castle.

It is quite dark and has some videos with battle noises playing.



The castle forework. This archway leads to the Inner Close and the royal apartments.



I can get to the Royal Palace through the **Palace Vaults**. This is a dark, stone passageway.

If I don't want to go this way, I can tell a member of staff and they can show me another route.



The **Palace Vaults** are a group of rooms with hands on displays. I can dress up in costumes and play games and musical instruments. It can be quite busy though.



The **Access Gallery** is also here. This allows visitors with limited mobility to find out about hard to access parts of the castle. It also includes a BSL video about the castle. Anyone can use this room.



The Royal Palace where the Kings and Queens used to live. It has beautiful painted walls and ceilings.

I might meet some people dressed up in costume. I can talk to them if I want to.



This gallery has lots of wood circles with carved faces.
The light levels are low to protect the carvings.



You might hear music playing.
The way out is down some wooden stairs in a very bright space.



I can also visit the **Great Hall**. This is a big, open space with music playing.



At the back of the hall is an accessible toilet.



I can go and look at the **Chapel Royal**.

This is a wide, open, calm space with a wooden ceiling. I might hear music playing.



The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum is free to enter with my ticket.

The entrance looks like this:



The people who work and volunteer here wear a green shirt with a gold badge or a dark blazer with a Glengarry hat.



I can ask them if I have any questions or need help during my time in the museum.



The rooms in the museum are often busy and warm.

Some rooms can be noisy and all of the rooms have bright lights.



I should follow the signs around the museum and they will lead me to the exit.

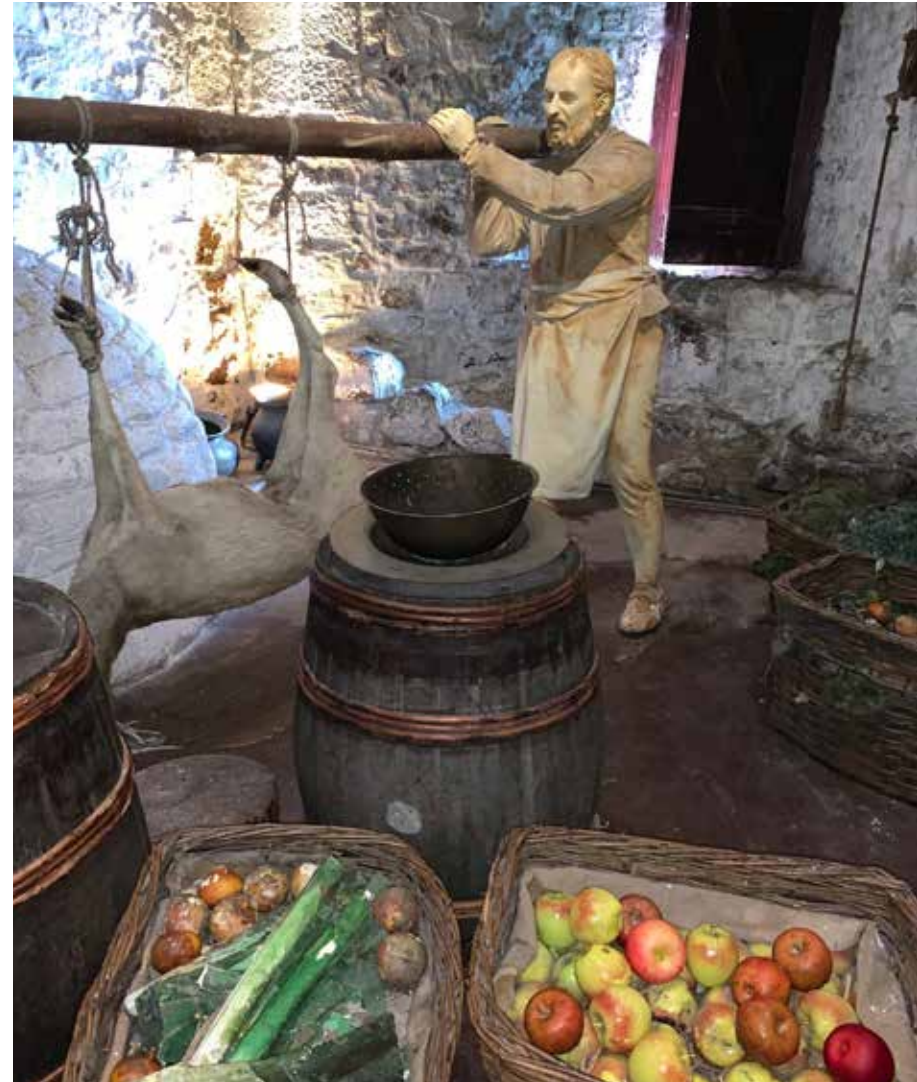
If I want a more in depth Visual Story of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum, please visit: <https://argylls.co.uk/accessibility/>



The Great Kitchens. These rooms are dark with kitchen sounds and models of people and food.



There is also a film to watch.



I can also visit the **tapestry studio**.



I can also walk around the castle walls and look at the views.

There are some beautiful gardens to explore.



If I need a break or get upset, I can ask a member of staff to take me to the **quiet space**.

It looks like this.



I might also see...



Cannons



Tapestry



Flags



Armour



Unicorns



Stained glass

For further information:

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