

Glasgow and Stirling

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Stirling, Scotland, United Kingdom

Friday, May 20, 2016

Still around the corner there may wait a new road or a secret gate. J.R.R Tolkien

Tuesday 17th of May, 2016

Onwards further north today taking the motorway for most of the way to get to Glasgow in time to have a look around. My grandparents lived here for a while and actually got married in Govan, a suburb of Glasgow. During our pre-trip research, Govan was described as a "no go" area for tourists - especially at night. We "accidentally" drove through Govan after ending up on the wrong side of the Clyde River. It didn't look too bad, but not the kind of place I would like to spend my holidays.

We drove down the main street next to Glasgow railway station which is a fairly impressive building before finding a place to park the car on a meter. Once again, parking is horrendously expensive and we only got a bit over an hour. We walked some city blocks and a mall - this one better than Melbourne's Bourke Street - but the city itself has a run down shabby look about it. It appears that there are attempts to modernise and revitalise the city.

We arrived mid afternoon in Stirling and toured the castle, taking the free tour with a passionate and knowledgeable Scottish guide, learning about the battle of Stirling Bridge among a number of sieges and wars over the last 800 years or so.

Had tea at the Birds and the Bees pub near our B&B in Stirling.

The weather started to turn today after our run of good weather with rain and much cooler temperatures. Cool and showers about 13 degrees. 170 miles.

What I saw

Stirling Castle - Upper Castle Hill, Old Town Stirling, Stirling, Scotland, United Kingdom

I rated this place 5/5 - Stirling Castle

Excellent free tour available and it is very informative.

Comments

Agree Glasgow, bits are good! The maritime museum is excellent, there is a Beautiful Garden and Park (a couple of stops on the train away) that is excellent, but other bits are a bit tawdry.

— From Craig McArthur, on May 20, 2016 at 08:34PM

'about the battle of Stirling Bridge among a number of sieges and wars over the last 800 years or so.' Chuckle, your perspective on time frames has obviously changed in the last couple of weeks! The whole place just drips with history. Enjoy!

— From Craig McArthur, on May 21, 2016 at 04:22AM

Pictures & Video



Glasgow Mall with subway entrance



The River Clyde, Glasgow



Dr Who - or a police phone box
Comments!



Glasgow street scene



Glasgow railway station



Stirling Castle wall
Comments!



Stirling Castle view



Stirling Castle Great Hall.



Stirling Castle Great
Hall roof



Looking up at Stirling Castle



Stirling Castle Great
Hall stained glass
windows



The Wallace Monument
seen from Stirling Castle



A "Hairy Coo" near Stirling



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— From Craig McArthur, on May 20, 2016 at 09:47PM

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Glasgow street scene

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Glasgow railway station

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Stirling Castle wall

Comments:

Ah, but it stood the test of a Castle, not defeated, not invaded. Isn't that what a Castle is about?

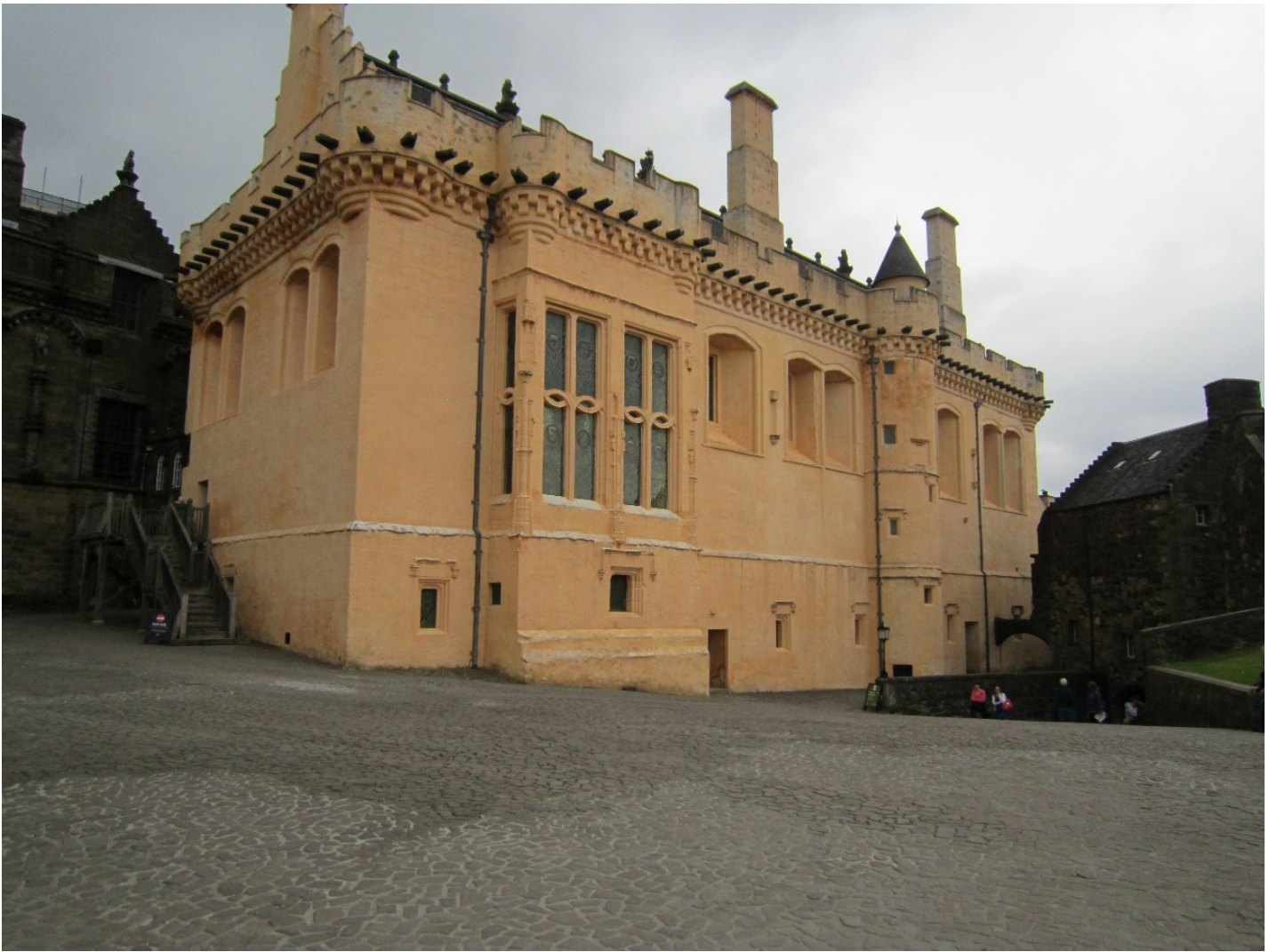
— *From Craig McArthur, on May 20, 2016 at 09:50PM*

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Stirling Castle view

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Stirling Castle Great Hall.

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Stirling Castle Great Hall roof

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Looking up at Stirling Castle

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Stirling Castle Great Hall stained glass windows

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The Wallace Monument seen from Stirling Castle

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A "Hairy Coo" near Stirling

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