

Stirling

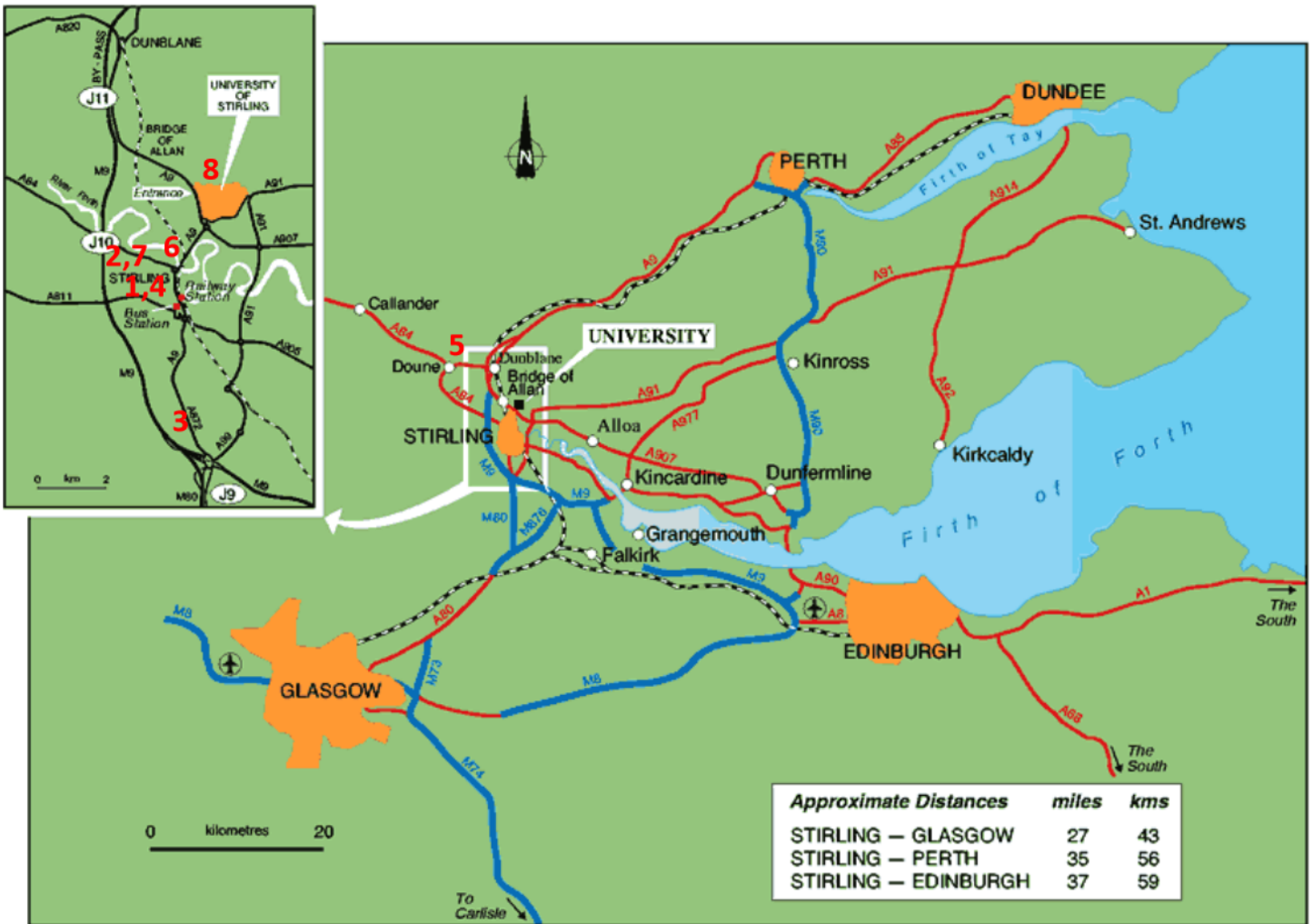
“Historical center of Scotland”

Much of Scotland’s colorful history is captured around the city:

The medieval Castle sits atop its craggy volcanic rock overlooking the Forth Valley.

The National Wallace Monument overlooks the site of the 1297 Battle of Stirling Bridge.

The Battle of Bannockburn Experience re-enacts the momentous battle of 1314.



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Argyll's Lodging named after the Campbells of Argyll. Scotland's finest 17th-century townhouse, it stands just beyond the castle walls and was built as the residence for a great nobleman serving the royal court. Its fine architecture and courtyard lead into a large, comfortable house. The grand rooms have precious painted decorations and wonderful period furniture. There are also recreated kitchens.



Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Museum is located in Stirling Castle, in the city of Stirling, Scotland. The Museum traces the history of the 91st Argyllshire Highlanders and the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders up to the time of their amalgamation in 1881 when they became the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regiment and thereafter to the present day.



Bannockburn Experience Prepare for battle at the multi-award-winning visitor center. Take your place on the battlefield and stand face-to-face with fearless medieval warriors. Witness two opposing kings – Robert the Bruce and Edward II – whose tactics in 1314 changed the path of Scotland's history, forever.



Church of the Holy Rude is the medieval parish church of Stirling, in the shadow of the castle. Founded in 1129 during the reign of David I, the earliest part of the present church dates from the 15th century. Still active today, it is where the infant King James VI of Scotland who became James I of Britain, was crowned.



Doone Castle built as the home of Regent Albany, 'Scotland's uncrowned king'. His rich tastes can be seen clearly in the architecture of the medieval courtyard castle. Today, you can walk in the footsteps of rulers both real and fictional. Doone is a popular filming location and has featured in Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Game of Thrones and Outlander.



Stirling Bridge built in the 1400s or 1500s, replaced a timber bridge that stood nearby when Sir William Wallace and Sir Andrew Moray defeated Edward I's forces at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. The bridge also played a part in 1745, when an arch was removed to forestall Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces as they marched south. The bridge today remains one of the best medieval masonry arch bridges in Scotland.



Stirling Castle one of Scotland's greatest stone castles. The castle peaked in importance in the 1500s, but its volcanic crag has been fortified since ancient times. Generations of Scottish monarchs have enlarged, adapted and embellished Stirling Castle. Explore its three main enclosures, and then admire the refurbished Royal Palace – childhood home of Mary Queen of Scots.



Wallace Monument situated on Abbey Craig, overlooking the river. Abbey Craig at one time was the site of a hill fort and in 1297 William Wallace camped there before defeating the English attempting to cross the Forth at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. The design of the monument is in the Scottish "Baronial" style.

