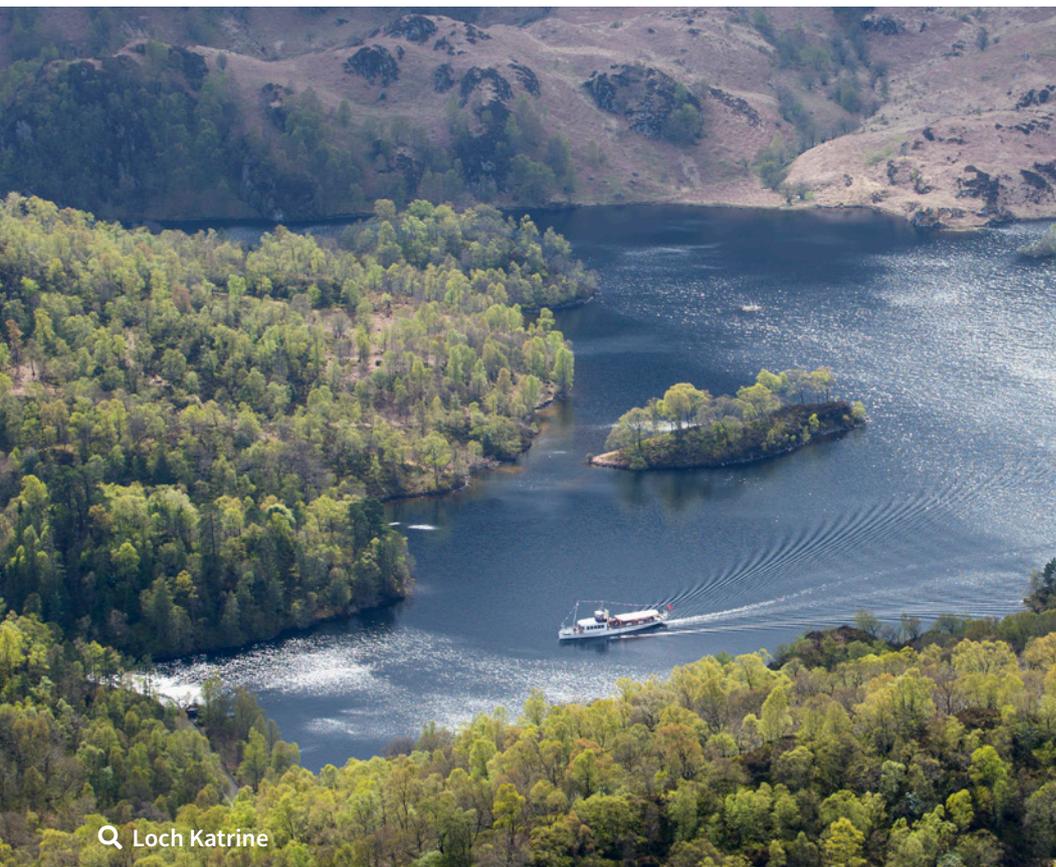


# FILM & TV LOCATIONS TO VISIT IN STIRLING, CLACKMANNANSHIRE, FALKIRK & WEST LoTHIAN



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Q The Hippodrome, Bo'ness



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Q Falkirk Wheel

It's no secret Scotland looks fantastic on the big and small screens – our stunning landscapes and brilliant attractions have provided the backdrop to countless productions. Fans can immerse themselves in the real deal when they visit the places they loved from the TV and movies. Follow in the footsteps of your favourite characters to discover these familiar locations.

Some of Scotland's best-known filming locations are in Stirling, home to infamous historic sites and breath-taking beauty spots. Explore castles that have starred in historic dramas which brought some of Scotland's most famous figures to life. Discover Deanston Distillery, which played a key role in a comedy-drama *The Angels' Share*, a comedy-drama all about the art of whisky making, which visitors can uncover for themselves in a distillery tour. Stirling is the perfect place to have a screen-related outdoor adventure, whether it's travelling on the historic steamship SS Sir Walter Scott on a tour of a loch which features in *Outlander*, or getting up-close and personal with animals of all sorts at Blair Drummond Safari Park.

Nestled between the majestic Ochil Hills and the River Forth, Clackmannanshire's rich history and stunning countryside is waiting to be discovered. Even entering the region is an experience, travelling over the River Forth on the Clackmannanshire Bridge which looks out upon the region. Film fans might need a second look, as the bridge leads to a sci-fi nuclear power station in the 2012 adaptation of *Cloud Atlas*. With a tower trail of medieval fortresses, follow fascinating history across the region. Visit Castle Campbell, one of the best-preserved tower house castles, and stand where historic figures such as Mary Queen of Scots once stood.

Falkirk is home to some truly unique experiences. Travel on the world's only rotating boat lift at the Falkirk Wheel, or discover a castle shaped like a ship at Blackness Castle. The fortress castle played the role of a prison in *Outlander*, and fans of the show can discover various locations in the region. The authentic working Georgian kitchen at Callendar House featured in the series, while Muiravonside Country Park played host to the re-enactment of the Battle of Prestonpans. Gray Buchanan Park in Polmont also provided the backdrop for scenes in season four. Travel on a steam train at the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway, which has acted as a location in countless TV series and film productions. Learn more about Scotland's railway heritage at the largest railway museum in the country.

*Outlander* fans can continue their journey through West Lothian, which is home to some of the show's most recognisable locations. Find the infamous Wentworth Prison, where Jamie stands trial in season one, at Linlithgow Palace. The birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, the Palace is also the backdrop in a scene in the Robert the Bruce drama *Outlaw King*. The stunning landscapes of Beecraigs Country Park and grounds of Hopetoun Estate have been the backdrop for a variety of scenes from the TV show. Fans may also recognise Hopetoun House as the home of the Duke of Sandringham.

After discovering these brilliant locations, head to Bo'ness to catch a film at the Hippodrome. A stunning art deco building, it opened in 1912 and is the oldest surviving purpose-built cinema in Scotland. The cinema also hosts a Silent Film Festival every March.

To find out more about film and TV locations to visit in Scotland visit [www.visitscotland.com/film](http://www.visitscotland.com/film)

# STIRLING, CLACKMANNANSHIRE, FALKIRK & WEST LOTHIAN – FILM & TV

## DAY 1 - STIRLING



**Mugdock Country Park** – with 270 hectares of beautiful woodland, Mugdock was a key location in Netflix's period drama *Outlaw King* (2018), providing a dramatic backdrop for the climactic battle. Explore the remains of the 14th century Mugdock Castle and Mugdock Loch, both of which featured in the film.

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**Loch Katrine** – first immortalised by Sir Walter Scott in his poem *The Lady of the Lake*, Loch Katrine has featured in several productions, including season two of *Outlander* (2014). Take a trip on the steamship SS Sir Walter Scott, where you can enjoy an *Outlander*-themed cruise.

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**Deanston Distillery** – it's only right that Deanston Distillery played a starring role in *The Angels' Share* (2012), a British comedy-drama all about whisky. Take a tour to see the cask that has been signed by the cast and to try some whisky for yourself!

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**Doune Castle** – not only Winterfell in the pilot of *Games of Thrones* (2011), Doune is also Castle Leoch in *Outlander*, and played multiple locations in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (1975). Take an audio tour by Terry Jones, who directed and acted in the film, and hear tales from the set. There's also a special *Outlander* audio tour narrated by Sam Heughan!

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## DAY 2 - STIRLING AND CLACKMANNANSHIRE



**Blair Drummond Safari Park** – coming-of-age British drama *Neds* (2010) saw the cast experience their own safari tour at Blair Drummond. Enjoy a ride around the park - hopefully with no breakdowns like in the film! Scottish star Billy Connolly has also filmed here for British comedy-drama *What We Did on Our Holiday* (2014).

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**Stirling Castle** – as well as being the setting for many real historical dramas in the past, Stirling Castle has played a starring role in many productions, including the BBC TV series *Colditz* (1972-74) and British comedy *Burke and Hare* (2010). Recently, it starred in two major Scottish historical films, *Outlaw King* and *Mary Queen of Scots* (2018).

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**Castle Campbell** – one of Scotland's best-preserved tower house castles. Sat upon a narrow ridge and overlooked by the Ochil Hills, the castle's setting is full of drama and so is its history. It played host to many famous historical figures including Mary Queen of Scots, whose story was told in the 2018 blockbuster film.

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**Clackmannanshire Bridge** – science fiction fans will recognise the bridge from *Cloud Atlas* (2012). In the film it goes over water to a nuclear power station, but in real life it carries passengers over the River Forth. Enjoy fantastic views of the magnificent Ochil Hills from the bridge.

## DAY 3 - FALKIRK



**Falkirk Wheel** – it's no surprise that the Falkirk Wheel featured in the Channel 4 TV series *Great Canal Journeys* (2014-19). As the world's only rotating boat lift, it connects the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals and is truly unique. Take a boat ride and soar into the air for an unforgettable experience.

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**Callendar House** – explore this 14th century mansion which played a key role in season two of *Outlander*. Its authentic Georgian kitchen featured as part of Bellshur Manor, the home of the Duke of Sandringham. Discover the house's own rich history and links to the Jacobite Risings.

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**Muiravonside Country Park** – continue your *Outlander* journey at Muiravonside Country Park. The park was the backdrop to the Battle of Prestonpans in season two. Explore 170 acres of stunning woodland and parkland, which has great panoramic views over the area and Highland cattle to meet.

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**Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway** – this heritage railway has been the setting for many productions, including *The Railway Man* (2013) and *Tommy's Honour* (2016) and TV shows ranging from *Outlander* to BBC series including *The Secret Agent* (2016) and *The 39 Steps* (2008). Step back in time on a steam train journey and explore Scotland's largest railway museum.

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## DAY 4 - FALKIRK AND WEST LOTHIAN



**Blackness Castle** – one of Scotland's most impressive strongholds, this 15th century fortress was used in season one of *Outlander*, acting as Fort William, and was a prison in *Outlaw King*. It was also the setting for the adaptation of *Hamlet* (1999) starring Mel Gibson. Sat in a stunning location on the shore of the Firth of Forth, it is distinctively shaped like a ship.

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**Linlithgow Palace** – birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, the magnificent ruins of Linlithgow Palace acted as the infamous Wentworth Prison in *Outlander*. Recently the palace chapel was used as Robert the Bruce's castle chapel in *Outlaw King*.

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**Beecraigs Country Park** – the stunning forests at Beecraigs Country Park have appeared in various outdoor scenes in season four of *Outlander*, including when Claire gets lost after riding through a storm. Visit for fantastic walks and superb views over the Forth estuary.

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**Hopetoun Estate** – has played various roles in all four seasons of *Outlander*. Several outdoor scenes were filmed on the estate and Hopetoun House played the home of the Duke of Sandringham in season one.

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