Mary, Queen of Scots
Follow in her footsteps...

Castle Campbell
Located 10 miles from Stirling, this remarkably well preserved, brooding medieval castle was the lowland residence of the powerful Campbell dynasty, where the Protestant reformer John Knox came to preach and Mary, Queen of Scots came to feast.
Dollar, Clackmannanshire, FK14 7PP
T: 01259 742 408
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

Inchmahome Priory
It was to this scenic place of safety that a four-year-old Mary was brought in 1547 when English forces were poised to invade. Look out for the boxwood bower supposedly planted by her and the Spanish chestnut trees dating from her time.
Port of Monteith, By Kippen, Stirling, FK8 3RA
T: 01877 385 294
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

Huntingtower Castle
Huntingtower was a resting place for Mary during the Chaseabout Raid of 1565 when she and Lord Darnley led their army against Protestant rebels. In 1582, the Earl of Ruthven abducted Mary’s son King James VI and held him prisoner here.
Hunting Tower, By Perth, PH1 3JL
T: 01738 627231
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

Dundrennan Abbey
Enjoy the peace of this beautiful medieval abbey set in wooded pastures. There is particularly fine architecture in its chapter house and towering transepts. Mary spent her last hours in Scotland here after the disastrous Battle of Langside in 1568.
Dundrennan, Kirkcudbrightshire, DG6 4QH
T: 01557 500 262
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Mary, Queen of Scots is the most famous and intriguing of all Scottish monarchs. Born in 1542, she became queen at a week old, yet she was ultimately executed for treason. Her reign was marred by troubled marriages, betrayal, rebellion and murder. Hear the dramatic story of her life at the Mary, Queen of Scots exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland, then follow in her footsteps to some of Scotland’s most iconic attractions, all of which played their part in her colourful life.

1. **CRAIGMILLAR CASTLE**
Admire the city views from the high ramparts of Edinburgh’s ‘other castle’. Craigmiller Castle was a happy retreat for Mary, although less so for her troublesome husband Darnley. It was here that her nobles met to discuss how to get rid of him.
Craigmiller Castle Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4SY
T: 0131 661 4445
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2. **EDINBURGH CASTLE**
A mighty fortress, the defender of a nation and a world class visitor attraction – Edinburgh Castle has dominated the city skyline for centuries. Mary gave birth to her son, James VI, here and during the Lang Siege of 1571-3 the Castle was held in her name by her supporters.
Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NG
T: 0131 225 9846
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

3. **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND**
Discover the epic tale of Mary, Queen of Scots at our special exhibition showing only in Edinburgh. Until 17 November 2013, see an array of rare treasures never before seen together, alongside new research. You can also visit the museum year-round to see spectacular objects and fascinating stories from Mary’s life.
Chambers St, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF
T: 0300 123 6789 www.nms.ac.uk/mary

4. **PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE**
Explore Mary, Queen of Scots’ historic apartments, the setting for many dramatic episodes in her short reign. It was here that Mary witnessed the murder of her secretary, Rizzio, by her jealous husband, Lord Darnley. In these chambers, you can also see a number of Mary’s most personal possessions, including her perfume pomander.
Canongate, The Royal Mile, EH8 8DX
T: 0131 556 5100 www.royalcollection.org.uk

5. **THE REAL MARY KING’S CLOSE**
Buried deep beneath Edinburgh’s Royal Mile lies the city’s deepest secret; a warren of hidden streets that has remained frozen in time since the 17th Century. Meet important characters from Edinburgh’s history including Mary King herself and learn about Mary, Queen of Scots, who spent her last night in Edinburgh under house arrest on Stewart’s Close.
Warriston’s Close, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH1 1PG
T: 0845 070 6244 www.realmarykingsclose.com

6. **LINLITHGOW PALACE**
Inside one of the most spectacular ruins in Scotland you cannot help but walk in the footsteps of royalty. This royal pleasure palace was where Mary’s story started: her birthplace. Whilst visiting the Palace, why not explore the picturesque town of Linlithgow, only 20 minutes by train from Edinburgh.
Kirkgate, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 7AL
T: 01506 842 896
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

7. **CRICHTON CASTLE**
Crichton Castle was one of many properties belonging to the 4th Earl of Bothwell who controversially became Mary’s third husband in 1567. She came here in 1562 for her brother’s wedding to the Earl of Bothwell’s sister.
10 West Street, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH37 5XA
T: 01875 320 017
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

8. **FALKLAND PALACE & GARDEN**
Experience a day in the life of the Stuart monarchs at Falkland Palace, once a favourite place of Mary, Queen of Scots. Set in the heart of Falkland village and surrounded by extensive gardens, this Renaissance palace is packed with elaborate painted ceilings, tapestries and antique furnishings. It is also home to the oldest royal tennis court in Britain.
Falkland, Fife, KY15 7BU
T: 0844 493 2186
www.nts.org.uk/property/falkland-palace-garden

9. **LOCHLEVEN CASTLE**
A boat will ferry you to this Castle, where Mary spent a traumatic year imprisoned. During her captivity here she miscarried twins and was forced to abdicate. Visit the room where she was probably held until her dramatic escape in 1568.
Pier Road, Kinross, KY13 8UF
T: 01577 862 670
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots

10. **STIRLING CASTLE**
James V’s Palace is one of the finest Renaissance buildings in Britain. Following a major refurbishment project by Historic Scotland, this can now be seen by visitors much as it may have looked in the 1540’s, when the child Queen Mary was its most important resident. She was crowned here at nine months and was a frequent visitor during her adult reign.
Castle Wynd, Stirling, FK8 1EJ
T: 01786 450 000
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/maryqueenofscots