

Tour One: Highlights Of Barrow

Explore the fascinating history of Barrow in Furness and discover how it grew from a tiny nineteenth century hamlet to the biggest iron and steel centre in the world and a major shipbuilding force in just forty years. Experience one of the richest Cistercian monasteries in England and wonder at the Victorian Splendour of Barrow Town hall.

Where You Visit:

The Dock Museum

Built over an original Victorian Graving Dock the Dock Museum traces the history of Barrow - from a tiny 19th Century hamlet to the world's largest producer of tin and steel and then to a major ship-building force, within 40 years. The story of the people who brought about such change is both unique and extraordinary. A spectacular permanent exhibition 'Shipbuilders to the World' includes the museum's collection of fine ship models and exciting computerised interactive displays.



Furness Abbey

Discover the beauty of these flowing red sandstone ruins so beloved of William Wordsworth. Take an audio tour and explore the remains of a towering abbey, home to a flourishing and wealthy order of Cistercian Monks 700 years ago which was one of the richest Cistercian monasteries in England set in the peaceful "Vale of Deadly Nightshade".



Barrow Town Hall

Barrow's impressive Town Hall is at the heart of the town and its clock tower can be viewed from almost anywhere in the vicinity. Built from local red sandstone, it was formally opened in 1887 and represents the height of Barrow's Victorian development. The building was designed by W.H. Lynn in the style known as modern Gothic. The richest detail of the interior can be found in the oak panelled Council Chamber and the Queen's Hall, with its dazzling stained glass. The building is still at the



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centre of the everyday running of the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness and the Council can arrange a free guided tour of building if booked in advance.

Photo Opportunities

Stunning buildings – the medieval ruins of Furness Abbey, the Victorian Splendour of the Town Hall and the modern Dock Museum. Views along Walney Channel to Black Combe and Lake District Hills. The Statues of the founding fathers of Barrow.

Shopping

Visit Barrow's main shops and Market with over 80 stalls.

Level Of Activity

Moderate activity, including walking short to intermediate distances over relatively level terrain and possibly some steps.
Note: This tour is wheelchair accessible.

