

Tour 6: The Free Day Out in Furness

A day out with no admission charges. 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. Wonder at the Victorian Splendour of Barrow Town Hall and visit Barrow town centre and market.

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.



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 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.



Barrow Town Centre

Cumbria's largest town, Barrow has offers leading high street names and speciality shops for the discerning shopper. For the bargain hunter Barrow has the largest market in south Cumbria open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



Colony Country Store

Learn about Low Furness and the history of iron ore mining in Lindal in Furness. Glimpse the workings of Colony Candles the largest candle manufacturer in Great Britain. Colony Country store sells scented candles, gifts, cards and home accessories. Try your hand at Candle dipping or pick up a factory shop bargain. Why not taste traditional English cakes at Chandlers Country Café.



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

This excursion is a shopper's paradise offering not only shopping in Barrow but also bargains at the Colony Country store.

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.