

# Top 10 Heritage Attractions in Coventry

Discover more about our historic city. Coventry has played host to some of the most famous faces in history, from Mary Queen of Scots, to William Shakespeare, and today we invite you to explore and uncover the beautiful venues and attractions that are still thriving to this day.

# **Coventry Cathedral**

The Cathedral was destroyed in WWII and the Ruins now stand beside the new Cathedral as a reminder of peace and reconciliation. The Cathedral is a treasure trove of some of the finest artworks and has an impressive range of stained glass. Climb the 14th century tower and take in magnificent views of Coventry and the surrounding area. A visit to Rising Café located in the undercroft will round off your time here perfectly.

Website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

**Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7652 1200

Address: Priory St, Coventry, CV1 5FB

### St Mary's Guildhall

Discover St Mary's Guildhall, a treasure from 1342 in the winding lanes of the city's historic Cathedral Quarter. The Guildhall hosted royalty, imprisoned Mary Queen of Scots, and may have been a place where Shakespeare trod the boards. In the magnificent Great Hall, you can try on replica armour, marvel at medieval stained glass, a ceiling of carved angels and one of the rarest and most important tapestries in the country. The Guildhall also has an onsite Undercroft café.

**Website:** www.stmarysguildhall.co.uk

**Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7683 3328

**Address:** Bayley Lane, Coventry CV1 5RN



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# **Priory Visitor Centre**

Discover Coventry's first cathedral and encounter the amazing ruins preserved beneath the rubble. The Priory Undercroft offers a fascinating glimpse into the best preserved remains of Coventry's original Benedictine monastery.

**Website:** www.coventrypriory.co.uk **Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7655 2242

Address: Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX

## **Lunt Roman Fort**

It's AD 60; the legendary Boudica has led the Iceni to rebel against Roman rule, defeating them in a terrible battle. As a result, the Romans are building fortifications, including the Lunt... Come and explore this partially-reconstructed timber fort. Stand on the ramparts, explore the exhibitions and imagine yourself training horses in the gyrus - a feature not found anywhere else in the Roman Empire.

**Website:** www.luntromanfort.org **Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7623 7522 **Address:** Coventry Rd, Baginton,

Coventry CV8 3AJ

#### **Old Blue Coat School**

The Old Blue Coat School is a unique and historic building nestled in Coventry city centre. The current building dates from 1856, the actual school having been founded as the first Charity School for girls in Coventry in 1714. Its gorgeous exterior is well worth a look.

**Website:** www.holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

**Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7622 0418

**Address:** 5a Priory Row, Coventry City Centre

CV1 5EX

#### The Charterhouse

The Charterhouse is a grade I listed 14th century Carthusian monastery, one of only nine ever built in Britain. It suffered at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries, however, the Priory House and the remains of the inner precinct wall still stand today and offer a beautiful glimpse into the past.

**Website:** www.charterhousepriory.org.uk **Address:** London Road, Coventry CV1 2JR

#### The Weavers' House

On historic Spon Street, one of the cottages has been restored to show how a Coventry narrow-loom weaver would have lived and worked in 1540. At the back of the house is a medieval garden showing plants that would have been grown for food, flavouring, medicine and household use. Entry is free and you can see the Weaver's House on one of the many open days.

Website: www.theweavershouse.org

**Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7625 7117

Address: 121 Upper Spon Street, Spon End,

Coventry CV1 3BQ

## **Medieval Spon Street**

During the post-war redevelopment of the city centre, many medieval timber buildings were relocated to Spon Street from elsewhere in the city in an attempt to preserve them. Here you can visit the magnificent St John's Church, Coventry's Watch Museum, and many bars and restaurants.

Address: Spon Street, Coventry CV1 3BA

# **Holy Trinity Church**

The first known reference to this beautiful church was in 1113. From the 15th century stone pulpit, to the world renowned Doom painting, and part of the carpet Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on, it is certainly a 'must visit'. Due to the bravery of Canon Clitheroe and three others; who went onto the roof during the Blitz to save the church from catching fire, it is the only large historic building left intact after WWII.

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**Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7622 0418

**Location:** 5a Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX

#### **Blitz Museum**

In the Blitz Experience, volunteers tell the story of what Coventry was like before the Blitz and how the people of this extraordinary city coped with its aftermath. Featuring a typical kitchen, complete with paraphernalia of the time, an air raid shelter and a WWII classroom. Please check opening times before visiting.

Website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

**Telephone:** +44 (0)24 7652 1200

Address: 1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB



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