The Ultimate Scottish Summer Bucket List Experience

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With just two weeks to go until Saturday, August 15th, 2026, excitement is reaching fever pitch for the return of the Stirling Highland Games at the Stirling Sports Village.

Set against the majestic backdrop of the Wallace Monument and Stirling Castle, this year's International Gathering promises an unforgettable celebration of Scottish power, passion, and pageantry.

What to Expect

Whether you are a local looking for a brilliant family Saturday or a visitor seeking authentic Scottish culture, the gates open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM for a packed day of non-stop action:

Heavyweight Athletics: Watch Junior, Adaptive and Open male competitors battle it out in legendary tests of strength like the caber toss, hammer throwing, and stone putting.

Highland Dancing & Piping: Be swept away by the grace of competitive dancers and the stirring, soul-stirring resonance of pipe bands performances.

The Stirling Stones: Witness raw grit in this exclusive, specialised test of human endurance carrying 164.5kg of Scottish stone.

The Traders Village: Explore artisan stalls featuring top-tier local street food, craft beer, and handmade Scottish goods.

Be a Part of the Story

The Stirling Highland Games is more than just a spectacular day out; it is a community-led celebration of living history. Every single ticket sold directly keeps the Gathering going as well as provides future young people with an opportunity to build their core skills through our Organisers training programme.

By joining us, your ticket purchase funds future events including competitions like the traditional heavyweights, secures a platform for highland dancing and the track and field stars of tomorrow, plus keeps Scotland's cultural legacy thriving for generations to come.

Elizabeth MacLeod, Executive Director at Kings Park Hospital, stated, ‘'We are delighted to be supporting Ceangail and the Stirling Highland Games this summer. It's great to engage with the local community, and Ceangail do a fantastic job across Central Scotland inspiring young adults to develop their employability skills through their wide range of vocational training opportunities. We look forward to seeing you all at this year's big event!’'

Make a Day of It

Don't just watch the competitions, make a full itinerary of your Saturday. After getting you fill of our amazing experiences at the games site, take a short stroll into Stirling's historic old town, visit local attractions and enjoy one of the many cafes and restaurants in the city centre.

Beat the Queues and Save

Advance online tickets are available now at a discounted rate, saving you 20% off the gate price.

Our International Gathering tickets for exclusive marquee access and prime grandstand seating are now sold out, but General Entry Adult tickets are just £12.00 (compared to £15.00 on the day), teens (13–15) are £6.00, and children (0–12) are only £2.50.

Grab your General Entry e-tickets right away by visiting the Stirling Highland Games Ticket Shop before they run out – www.stirlinghighlandgames.com/

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