

# Falkirk Wheel

101 miles/162km



## Trip Summary

- Open, but slower roads
- Some urban roads in the east
- Some motorway riding
- Single-track road
- Hills, rivers and lochs
- Historic architecture
- World's first and only rotating boat lift

- 1 Starting at Balloch take the A811 around the southern shore of Loch Lomond.
- 2 At Balfron Station continue along the A811 and ride through open farmland to the royal fortress of Stirling Castle, the finest Renaissance castle in the UK.
- 3 From Stirling take the A905 and A91 and travel along the A907 on the north side of the River Forth through Alloa to Kincardine.
- 4 Make a small detour for lunch in Culross [pronounced Koo-ross] a small picturesque 17th century Scottish village.
- 5 Retrace your route and cross the Forth using the Kincardine Bridge. Take the M876 and leave at Junction 1. Follow signs to the Falkirk Wheel, a Millenium project which raises and lowers boats between two different canals.
- 6 From Falkirk follow the A883 and A872 to Denny. Look for a sign to Carron Bridge and Fintry [it can often be hidden by overgrowing trees] and take the B818 through the pretty Carron Valley.
- 7 Use the A875, B834 and A809 to rejoin the A811 back to Balloch