

Coventry's Top 12 Experiences...

1). **Coventry Cathedral** - Set your senses soaring by climbing the 180 steps of the cathedral spire to take in the breath-taking panoramic views of Coventry. Then explore the world famous Cathedral of St Michael, the site of Coventry's 'new' cathedral and see examples of world-class works of art, including: Graham Sutherland's tapestry, John Piper's baptistry window and Epstein's bronze statue of St Michael defeating the devil. In sharp contrast, the medieval ruins of its predecessor stand proudly alongside.

Address: Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5FB

Website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Telephone: 024 7652 1200

2). **Coventry Transport Museum and Thrust SSC** - Come face to face with Royal cars, military vehicles and the current land speed record holding vehicle Thrust SSC. Be amazed by this spectacular piece of engineering then experience for yourself what it's like to travel through the sound barrier at over 760mph in the Thrust SSC simulator.

Address: Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry, CV1 1JD

Website: www.transport-museum.com

Telephone: 024 7623 4270

3). **The Doom Painting, Holy Trinity Church** - Holy Trinity Church's story goes back nearly 1000 years! This extraordinary building has survived fire, reformation and the Blitz. Marvel at the many rare artefacts that the church houses, perhaps the most exceptional being the famous medieval wall painting of the Last Judgement.

Address: 5a Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX

Website: www.holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Telephone: 024 7622 0418

4). **Herbert Art Gallery & Museum** - Coventry's award winning museum, art gallery, records archive, learning centre and creative arts facility located in Jordan Well, Coventry city centre. The museum is named after Sir Alfred Herbert, a Coventry industrialist and philanthropist whose benefactions enabled the original building to be opened in 1960. Building began in 1939, with an interruption by the Second World War, and The Herbert opened in 1960. In 2008 it reopened after a £20 million refurbishment.

Address: Jordan Well, Coventry, CV1 5QP

Website: www.theherbert.org

Telephone: 024 7623 7521

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5). **St Mary's Guild Hall** - Discover more than six hundred year's worth of history in one of Coventry's most remarkable survivors of the medieval age. Arguably the finest medieval guildhall in the country, with original artworks and décor; the Great Hall dates from the late 14th and early 15th century and houses a fine tapestry dating from 1500. The Mary Queen of Scots Room is so named because of the imprisonment of the Scottish Queen here in 1569.

Address: Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5RN

Website: www.stmarysguildhall.co.uk

Telephone: 024 7683 3328

6). **Priory Visitor Centre** - Discover Coventry's first Cathedral beneath the 21st Century city to discover the amazing ruins preserved beneath the rubble of this once magnificent religious centre. The Priory Undercroft offers a fascinating glimpse into the best preserved remains of Coventry's original Benedictine monastery.

Address: Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX

Website: www.prioryvisitorcentre.org

Telephone: 024 7655 2242

7). **Garden Organic Ryton** - There is something for everyone at Ryton Gardens, the home of Garden Organic, in its delightful setting in the Heart of England. Gardeners, lovers of good food, shoppers, children and those simply looking for a relaxing day out will want to visit Ryton Gardens time and time again! Ten acres of beautifully landscaped grounds highlight the delights of organic gardening and with an award winning restaurant on site serving fresh, organic produce; it's both a healthy and enjoyable day out for all.

Address: Wolston Lane, Coventry, CV8 3LG

Website: www.gardenorganic.org.uk

Telephone: 024 7630 3517

8). **Off Road Fun at the Heart of England Centre** - Enjoy an exhilarating "off road" experience in 160 acres of fields and woodlands. Driving Quad Bikes, Rage Carts and Land Rovers you will face many challenges as you're taken through rough terrain, up and down steep slopes and more!

Address: Meriden Road, Fillongley, Near Meriden, Warwickshire CV7 8DX

Website: www.heartofengland.co.uk

Telephone: 01676 540333

9). **Pleasure flight Coventry Airport** - Take in the glorious sights of Coventry's skyline and surrounding countryside as you experience a scenic tour of Coventry and Warwickshire by helicopter with Patriot Aerospace. Gain a fantastic birds-eye view of the local area, offering a superb way to view some traditional English heritage from a different vantage point!

Address: Anson House, Coventry Airport West, Baginton, CV8 3AZ

Website: www.coventryhelicopters.co.uk

Telephone: 0845 356 3007

10). **Medieval Banquet at Coombe Abbey** - Step back in time and join the Lords and Ladies of Coombe Abbey in a medieval celebration of food, wine and mead. The night is filled with bawdy fun, fine food and wines, colour and music. Miss it at your peril!

Address: Brinklow Road, Binley, CV3 2AB

Website: www.coombeabbey.com

Telephone: 024 7645 0450

11). **Midland Air Museum** - Situated just outside the village of Baginton in Warwickshire, and adjacent to Coventry Airport, this exciting museum includes the Sir Frank Whittle Jet Heritage Centre (named after the local aviation pioneer and inventor of the jet engine), where many exhibits are on display in a large hangar. It also has a smaller hangar, and a fenced-off outdoor area where many military, commercial and trainer aircraft are on display.

Address: Coventry Airport, Baginton, CV3 4FR

Website: www.midlandairmuseum.co.uk

Telephone: 024 7630 1033

12). **Ricoh Arena** - Set within a site covering more than 40 acres, the Ricoh Arena is unlike any other development of its kind in the UK. With its state-of-the-art conference, banqueting, exhibition, hotel and sports facilities, the multi-purpose complex has already won countless awards for its design. With hundreds of events and exhibitions taking place all year round as well as hosting several key Olympic Football matches in 2012, this unique development truly is world class.

Address: Phoenix Way, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 6GE

Website: www.ricoharena.com

Telephone: 0844 873 6500

