

# GOING TO MARKET



An artist's impression of High Street in 1440.

Here, in medieval times, you would be standing outside one of Perth's many ports (entrance gates). As a trader, guiding your animals or carrying your goods, the crowds would jostle you. Markets and fairs were regular, grand affairs. Rich and poor would mingle with livestock, entertainers and pickpockets. Walk down High Street and imagine the people, animals, noise, smells, shouting and laughter. You will eventually arrive at the Mercat (market) Cross. It was here that proclamations and announcements were made.

- The burgh's ports were located around the defensive wall and ditch. The West Port was at the junction of High Street and Methven Street.
- Fairs were linked to the church calendar and would be even bigger, louder and more colourful than normal markets.
- For a day at the market, you would bring the whole family, including the dogs who would eat the offal from freshly-slaughtered animals.
- Luxury goods would come from England, France, Scandinavia and the Baltic States.



Perth on 11th May 1559.

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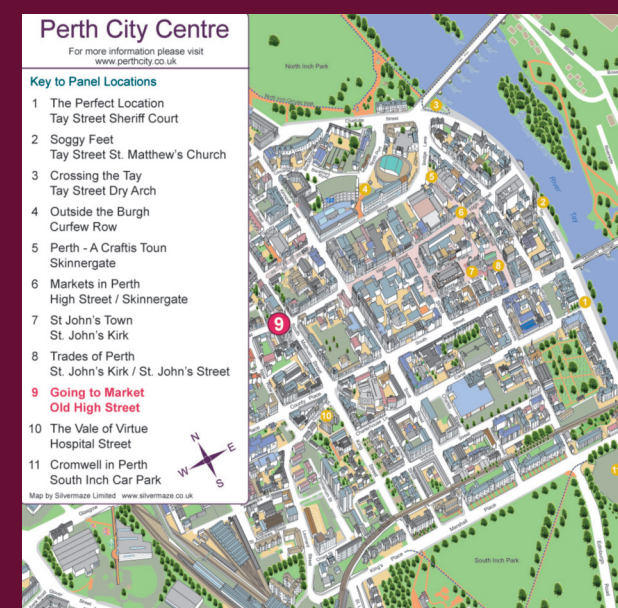
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