# **Glasgow** Scotland

- Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, is full of character, with striking architecture, abundant green spaces, and a music scene as vibrant as its people.
- Take a walking tour of the city's street art on the Glasgow Mural Trail, shop vintage and retro along the Style Mile, or uncover the secrets of Scotch whisky at the Clydeside Distillery.
- Culture lovers can seek out top art at the bohemian Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, or visit the Glasgow School of Art where Charles Rennie Mackintosh studied.
- This sustainable city has 186 miles (300km) of bike paths, and even a nightclub powered by people's dance moves.

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## **Fun Fact**

The Gaelic name given to Glasgow is Glaschu, which translates to 'the dear green place', and shines a light on its near 100 parks and gardens.

## Did you know?

popping music scene.

Glasgow is a UNESCO City of Music, so don't miss out on its vibrant live music venues and



## Things to do in Glasgow



#### **Gallery of Modern Art**

Home to Glasgow's modern and contemporary art collection, the gallery also hosts craft workshops, painting lessons and curator talks.

www.glasgowlife.org.uk/ museums/venues

## **Clydeside Distillery**

On the banks of the river Clyde, this single malt distillery offers tours and tastings galore – including an exclusive behind-thescenes peek. www.theclydeside.com

#### **A Wee Food Tour**

Take a bite out of Glasgow's food, culture and history on these guided walking tours. www.weefoodtour.com

#### **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum**

Kelvingrove is home to 8,000 treasured exhibits - from Ancient Egyptian mummies to original pieces by Scottish designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

www.alasaowlife.ora.uk/ museums/venues

#### Spot street art

Seek out the city's most eclectic artwork on a colourful walking tour. From alleyways to hidden tunnels and bridges, there's bags of creativity in Glasgow.

www.visitbritainshop. com/world/en/walkingtours-scotland

#### **Glasgow Botanic** Gardens

With a history dating back 200 years and an ornate glasshouse at its heart, this is one of Scotland's finest gardens.

www. glasgowbotanicgardens. com/

#### **Glasgow Necropolis**

With its ornate tombs and magnificent sculptures, this Victorian graveyard offers guided tours that give insights into the historical figures buried here and the intricate artistry of the memorials.

www.glasgownecropolis. orq

#### Like... the rush of the wind on a boat tour

Cruise along the River Clyde on boat tour for a new perspective of the city. Add a splash of champagne for a luxury boat ride, or dip into donuts on a sugar-fuelled journey.

#### Love... a paddle boarding adventure

Up the antics and take to a paddleboard for a unique way to explore Glasgow's waterways. Rent a board or join an introductory session.

## **Discover the best of Glasgow**



# Seasonal highlights

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#### Spring



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#### An exhilarating day out at Glasgow Wake Park

Located on Port Dundas Canal, Scotland's first urban wakeboarding park features a cable course, trick obstacles and expert instructions. It is suitable for beginners and seasoned wakeboarders.

www.glasgowwakepark.com

# Summer

# Dance to the beat at the Riverside Festival

Dance along at the threeday electronic Riverside Festival and check out Summer Nights at the Bandstand at Kelvingrove Park with 13 nights of live music from established artists.

www.riversidefestivalglasgow.

#### Autumn

#### The Gin to my Tonic Festival

One of the largest gin festivals in the country, offering unlimited tasting samples by more than 60 distilleries, and immersive mixology workshops by industry experts.

www.thegintomytonic.com/ event/gin-show-glasgow

#### Winter

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#### Festive Glaswegian cheer

Gather around the shores of Loch Lomond for a free Christmas festival before rounding off the year with Hogmanay. Browse market stalls and soak up the holiday spirit, culminating in a New Year's fireworks display.

www.glasgowlife.org.uk/artsmusic-and-cultural-venues/ glasgow-loves-christmas

#### Places to stay in Glasgow



#### **City centre**

Packed with dining-out options, shopping and nightlife, this culturally rich neighbourhood provides a convenient base for discovering street art, Merchant City and more.

#### West End

Home to top attractions and quirky lanes, a stay in this bohemian area provides a true taste of Glasgow.

#### Southside

From the city's largest parks and outdoor spaces to chic cafes, explore the chilled side of Glasgow.

#### Find accommodation in Glasgow

www.visitscotland.com/places-to-go/glasgow

### **Getting around**

Glasgow has an extensive subway and bus network. A Roundabout ticket provides unlimited one-day travel on ScotRail and the Subway to more than 110 stations.



#### By subway

Subway trains run up to every four minutes at peak times, serving a circuit of 15 stations.



#### By bus

First Bus Greater Glasgow services extend throughout the city, providing a quick and convenient means of travel.



#### By bike

Glasgow is easy to explore by bike using its 185 miles (300km) of cycleways. Pick up a rental bike from OVO and others.

# **Getting to Glasgow**

## Located in western Scotland, in the Lowlands

- Glasgow Airport is Scotland's second busiest international hub, and is just a 15-minute bus ride from the city centre.
- There are direct flights to Glasgow from several English airports, including London Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester and Birmingham. The flight duration ranges from about 1 to 1.5 hours.
- If travelling from London, Avanti West Coast runs the quickest service, taking around four hours and 30 minutes. Edinburgh is just 50 minutes away, while the city also has connections to Birmingham and Manchester, among other hubs.



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