**WELCOME TO GLASGOW**

May and September are the best times to visit Glasgow in terms of the weather so enjoy and explore, but always be prepared for a sudden shower.

If you are coming for the weekend before there are lots of great places to visit. This link to an Expedia travel guide might be useful for those of you who have never visited:

<https://youtu.be/k7ZqiSKIB9g>

For a day trip head North to one of the following:

**LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK**

Less than a one hour drive

<https://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/landscapes-nature/national-parks-gardens/loch-lomond-trossachs/>

Various boat trips and cruises are available

<https://www.lochkatrine.com/cruises/book-a-cruise/details/62094/stronachlachar-return-sir-walter-scott/>

**INVERARY**

<http://www.inveraray-argyll.com>

Inveraray Castle home of the Duke of Argyll is a remarkable and unique piece of architecture incorporating Baroque, Palladian and Gothic.

**REST AND BE THANKFUL**

Drive along the A83 to The Rest and Be Thankful, at 803 ft above sea level dividing Glen Kinglas from Glen Croe.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/rest-and-be-thankful-p250101>

**LOCH FYNE OYSTER BAR**

Stop for lunch on the way at the original Loch Fyne Oyster Bar

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/food-drink/loch-fyne-oyster-bar-p312911>

**OBAN**

On the west coast is just over a 2hour drive

<https://www.oban.org.uk>

**STIRLING CASTLE**

Stirling and the nearby Stirling Castle are worth a trip less than an hour away

<https://www.stirlingcastle.scot>

**HARRY POTTER TRAIN**

West Coast Railways runs the “Harry Potter Train” from Fort William to Mallaig, but it gets booked very quickly

<https://www.westcoastrailways.co.uk/jacobite/jacobite-steam-train-details.cfm>

If you want to adventure further afield and stay overnight there are many options.

**GLENEAGLES HOTEL**

Just over 2 hours drive is worth a visit and provides a range of restaurants and accommodation in a unique location with a range of activities

<https://www.gleneagles.com>

**WHY NOT VISIT ONE OF THE ISLANDS?**

Island hopping is easy with a range of options including car, bus, train and ferries

<https://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/island-hopping/west-coast-scotland-itinerary/>

Most of the islands are served by Caledonian MacBrayne ferries

<http://www.calmac.co.uk/timetables>

**ARRAN**

The easiest Island to access, via a ferry from Ardrossan (1hr 45 mins drive)

<http://www.visitarran.com>

**MULL**

Stunning isle with fantastic wild life and a row of multicoloured house

along the harbour front at Tobermoray.

Access via a ferry from Oban

<http://www.isle-of-mull.net>

**IONA & STAFFA**

From Mull you can visit Iona and Staffa where Mendelssohn wrote Fingal’s cave

<http://www.welcometoiona.com>

<https://www.nts.org.uk>

**ISLAY**

Stunning white Sandy Beaches and great if you love Whiskey with 8 distilleries including the famous Bruichladdich distillery producing both whisky and Botanist Gin. The ferry runs from Kennacraig and is a beautiful crossing but the whole journey will take about 5 hours including he drive from glasgow

<https://www.islayinfo.com>

**JURA**

From Islay you can visit Jura only another 10 minute ferry journey. You don’t need to book this ferry but check last ferry crossing time. Head to Lussha to have tea on the beach and watch the deer. You can also visit where George Orwell wrote 1984

<https://isleofjura.scot>

**If you are planning to visit one of the isles then book the ferry before you come as they get busy**

**IF YOU ARE STAYING IN GLASGOW THERE IS LOTS TO SEE AND DO**

<https://peoplemakeglasgow.com>

**Open Bus Tour**

If you want a tour Glasgow look no further than the open topped bus tours (weather permitting)

<https://www.citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk>

**Kelvingrove Museum**

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/kelvingrove-art-gallery-and-museum>

**Glasgow Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA)**

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/gallery-of-modern-art-goma>

**Peoples Palace on Glasgow Green**

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/peoples-palace>

**Glasgow Riverside Museum**

A stunning modern design housing Glasgow Transport museum and the adjacent Tall Ship. With whole streets reproduced including trams and shops, and an interactive exhibition of the Glasgow ship building industry, this is a fascinating place.

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/riverside-museum>

<https://www.thetallship.com>

**Hunterian Museum Art Gallery**

Near the University with the world largest display of works by James McNeill Whistler. The Huntarian founded in 1807 is Scotlands oldest public museums and one of the leading university museums in the world.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian/about/#d.en.565704>

**Lighthouse Museum**

<http://www.thelighthouse.co.uk>

**The Barras market**

<http://www.theglasgowbarras.com>]

**Glasgow Cathedral**

<http://www.glasgowcathedral.org.uk>

**The West End**

Again near the University, for the biggest area of preserved Victorian Architecture in the UK

<http://www.scotcities.com/westend/intro.htm>

Rennie MacIntosh a famous Glasgow architects is well represented:

Willow Tea Rooms

<https://www.willowtearooms.co.uk>

Hillhouse

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/the-hill-house>

House for an Art Lover

<http://www.houseforanartlover.co.uk>

**EATING OUT**

Glasgow is a big foodie city with hundreds of restaurants, but the popular restaurants get busy so book in advance

<https://www.timeout.com/glasgow/restaurants/best-restaurants-in-glasgow>

**Restaurants near the convention centre**

Crabshack small must book

0141 334 6127

West of Scotland Seafood .

Great scallops and langoustines .

The Gannet

0141 204 2081

Scottish Seasonal Food

Alchemilla

0141 337 6060

thisisalchemilla.com

Chef worked with Ottolenghi, great food but all wine orange and unfiltered.

Porter and Rye

0141 572 1212

Unbelievable Scottish Steak

Six by Nico

[www.sixbynico.co.uk](http://www.sixbynico.co.uk)

Set menu based on a theme eg. Paris, Elvis etc.

Six courses for £28 great value so book early

Fanny Trollopes

Small ‘cookie’ Scottish Restaurant

0141 564 6464

Panevino

0141 221 1136

Nice Italian with great wine flytes

**Slightly further afield**

Partic Duck Club

partickduckclub.co.uk

0141 334 9909

Fabulous great value duck restaurant although good vegetarian options. Great deserts and gin menu

Celino’s West End

0141 341 0311

Glasgow has lots of old Italian family restaurants. This one is the nearest to the convention centre. Cioa’s in the East End where salad equals chips is also a great experience.

Dumpling Monkey

Cannot book

Basic Cheap and cheerful but good food.

Excellent fried dumplings hence the name.

Ubiquitoue Chip

0141 334 5007

Famous Glaswegian Restaurant Excellent food. Two types of dining experience. One expensive the other slightly cheaper

Hanoi Bike Shop

0141 334 7165

Great Vietnamese Food

Number 16

0141 339 2544

Nice small restaurant with good food

Rogano’s

Glasgow legend.

Art Deco Interior the same as the Queen Mary ocean liner

Has both Oyster bar and restaurant.

Gamba

0141 572 0899

Fantastic Fish

Two fat ladies three restaurants

More fantastic fish

Café Gondolfi

Great Bistro try the ice-cream

Coias Café in the East End

A traditional Italian restaurant and deli that’s been around for 90 years

<https://www.coiascafe.co.uk>

Paesano Pizza West End

With ovens brought over from Italy – and cooked infront of you

Very busy and you cannot book just turn up

<https://paesanopizza.co.uk>

**Glasgow is also famous for its curry houses, ice –cream shops and bakeries.**

Near the conference centre are;

Indian Restaurant;

Mother India

Mother India’s Café

Ashoka

Mister Singhs

Ice cream shops;

Big Licks

University café

Jaconelli’s furthet afield

Bakeries

Cottonrake bakery

Kember and Jones

Tantrun Doughnuts