

A nighttime photograph of the Glasgow waterfront. The River Clyde flows in the foreground, reflecting the city lights. On the left, a tall, dark building with some lit windows stands. In the center, the large, curved, ribbed roof of the SSE Hydro arena is visible. To the right, a massive, dark steel crane structure rises into the sky. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is illuminated by city lights, creating a vibrant yet dark atmosphere.

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A STUDENTS' TRAVEL GUIDE TO SCOTLAND

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









In this Guide

This travel guide features places of interest that will appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds. Sites are categorised in sections outlined in the contents page.

Beside each venue, the following icons will be displayed to indicate accessibility and affordability:

-  Affordability rating; where 1 £ sign indicates affordable, to 3 £ signs being expensive
-  Accessible for wheelchair users and people with a physical disability
-  Suitable for visitors with additional support needs; autism friendly
-  Information accessible for people using different languages
-  LGBTQi+ representation
-  Good transport links
-  Open all year
-  Child friendly
-  Dog friendly
-  Free wifi available
-  Sport facilities available
-  Suitable for people with visual impairments

Survival Guide

This section of the guide will provide you with all the information you need to know when you first arrive in Glasgow, and provide useful information on local services.

Arriving in Glasgow

Arriving in a new place can be daunting, and it is perfectly natural to feel homesick and anxious. These travelling tips should help keep you orientated in your first days.

Book your accommodation before arrival. Not knowing where you'll stay when you get here will add stress to your journey! Make sure you have a safe and clean hotel to stay in, at least for the first few days.

Bring enough currency to keep you going. Carrying just enough money to

get by in your first few days is advisable until you can access your bank account or bank machine. Remember that some machines have a small charge to take out money.

Phone home

Let your loved ones know you arrived safely. Locate the nearest café with wifi, or ask your hotel/hostel if they have wifi access. This means you'll be able to let your relatives and friends know you've arrived and everyone can sleep easy.

Print/save a map

If your phone doesn't work when you arrive, you need to make sure you know where you're going. Print out or save a map with your hotel's address on it so you can familiarise yourself with where you're going when you get here.



Protect your belongings

It's advisable to get travel insurance or a safe for your belongings, especially personal documents and any money you have with you, to avoid theft.

Getting Around

The following transport services are available in the city:

Walking

Most areas within the city centre are easily accessible by foot, with directions readily available via Google Maps and signposting throughout the city.

Cycling

Glasgow has many cycle paths, making it accessible by bike. Thanks to the NEXTBIKE Project, there are bike stations situated around the city with bicycles for public use. To find out more:

<https://www.nextbike.co.uk/en/glasgow/>

Buses

Glasgow is well served by bus routes, its main service being operated by First Bus. To find out more:

<https://www.firstgroup.com/greater-glasgow/plan-journey/journey-planner/>

Subway

Anyone who is accustomed to the sprawling subway maps of other cities should check out Glasgow's own famous subway system, which is referred to by locals as the "Clockwork Orange" due to its circular route. Glasgow's Subway system is perfect for quick and easy travel around the city centre on both sides of the river. To check out prices and opening/closing hours: <http://www.spt.co.uk/>

Trains

Glasgow is well served by trains and has 2 main train stations: Glasgow Central and Glasgow Queen Street. To find out about routes, prices and times:

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

Taxis

Glasgow has many different taxi operators, the main operator being Glasgow Taxis. Only black coloured taxis are allowed to pick people up from the street, and all taxi drivers must have a license visible from their car windows.

Uber

Uber is available in Glasgow via downloading the app. Prices vary during busy times:

<https://www.uber.com/en-GB/cities/glasgow-uk>



Areas of Glasgow



West End

This area of Glasgow is often described by locals and tourists as being “trendy” or “cosmopolitan”. It is known for its impressive Victorian architecture, public parks, Kelvingrove Museum, Riverside Museum and many boutique shops.

Spanning west from Charing Cross, it includes Woodlands, Hillhead, Hyndland, Finnieston and Byres Road. It also includes the lovely Kelvingrove Park and the bustling area of Partick, running from Argyle Street along Dumbarton Road.

Tips: Grab a meal and take a peek up one of the quirky lanes which are usually full of pubs and people!

Merchant City

The Merchant City, one of Glasgow's oldest quarters, is full of cool bars, restaurants, boutiques and galleries, and is at its most vibrant when the streets come alive with a carnival atmosphere during the annual Merchant City Festival. Your discovery of the Merchant City begins when you wander from Buchanan Street through the iconic 19th Century archways to Royal Exchange Square – home to the Gallery of Modern Art.

Tips: The Merchant City houses the majority of Glasgow's LGBTQI+ scene; with lively bars, clubs and cafes dotted around the area that aim to represent the LGBTQI+ Community.

City Centre

Throughout the summer months, George Square

is a popular place to relax, enjoy a picnic lunch and some people watching.

Tips: Glasgow is the largest retail centre outside London's West End. Head for Buchanan Street, Argyll Street, Sauchiehall St, Ingram St and Royal Exchange Square - one square mile of fantastic shopping! Parnie Street near Trongate hosts free art exhibitions, vintage shops and quirky restaurants

Dennistoun

Drygate Brewery dominates a portion of Duke St, which is the main artery through this lively district of Glasgow. Within walking distance of the city centre, Dennistoun's cafes, bars and culture make it worth a visit.

Tips: For anyone looking for homemade, budget friendly and delicious food.

Shawlands

Shawlands hosts a number of airy coffee shops, cool bars and a buzz in its nightlife. From gig venues to fancy cakes, it's rivalling the reputation of the west end for local artists – and it's affordable!

Tips: Great coffees, a multicultural vibe and lots of vegan options.



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Useful information

LOCAL HOSPITALS

Glasgow Royal Infirmary (Hospital)
84 Castle St, Glasgow G4 0SF (street entrance)

Queen Elizabeth University Hospital
1345 Govan Rd, Glasgow G51 4TF

Gartnavel General Hospital
20 Chesterfield Ave, Glasgow G12 0BL

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Police Scotland	}	999 (101 for non-emergencies)
Scottish Fire & Rescue		
Scottish Ambulance Service		

If you happen to lose any personal belongings, contact Police Scotland on 101 and report the item as being lost. You will also need to complete an online Lost property form: (<http://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-lost-property>).

in one of Glasgow's many beer gardens; the drinking of alcohol in a public, unlicensed space is against the law, and will most likely result in a prosecution and fine. In addition, you can't buy alcohol in the supermarket after 10pm in Glasgow.

Due to the Health Act of 2006, it is illegal to smoke inside public spaces in the UK.

Glasgow likes to keep its streets clean, and it is an offence to be caught littering in public. This also includes fines for dropping cigarette butts on the ground.

Hints and tips when arriving in Glasgow

- The international dialling code in the UK is +44.
- Train stations, some transport services and some public buildings, including eateries, have free WiFi. Check inside the venue when you get there.
- Doctors' Surgeries and dental surgeries are typically open from Monday – Friday. Pharmacies are open all weekend and can renew prescriptions.

Exploring Scotland

The experience of Scotland's cities and countryside are often wildly different, while still comparably enjoyable. Each community in Scotland has its own heritage, identity and story to tell. Here are some tips for getting around the vast beauty and rugged landscape of Scotland:

Prepare your journey

In some of Scotland's islands and highland areas, you cannot always guarantee a ticket on the bus or accommodation. Always book your travel, hotel or lodgings before arrival. Check out Airbnb or Booking.com for somewhere different to stay.

Check transport times

For some highland and island areas, you must take at least a day to travel. Some rural districts are not easily accessed by transport. Check out our travel links in the Getting Around section of this guide for more information.

Expect the unexpected

You won't always know what to expect until you get to your destination. It's beneficial to do a bit of research but fun to discover new places to visit and experience on arrival. This will also cover local traditions – for example, some communities open less venues on a Sunday, or have reduced times out of season.



Keep clean and green

Scotland has many precious gems of the environment that should always be preserved. Take care to keep spaces clean by tidying up after camping or binning your rubbish.

Take a tour

If you're looking to meet new people, guided tours are recommended. There you can meet people you may not have encountered otherwise. Guided tours are usually friendly and even though you travel alone, you won't feel lonely. Check out the following

tour companies for more information:

Student Tours Scotland
Headed by a tour guide who goes by the alias "The Kilted Ginger", expect to see remote locations and hear about Scottish history with lively banter.

[http://
studenttoursscotland.
com/](http://studenttoursscotland.com/)

ISUK
Tours around Scotland delivered by passionate, engaging guides.

[https://www.isuktours.
co.uk/](https://www.isuktours.co.uk/)

History and Architecture

Spanning a millennia; with hundreds of ancient castles and over 400 museums, Scotland boasts a rich and often turbulent history. Scotland is packed with spectacular architecture and sites; from the neo-gothic Glasgow Cathedral to the contemporary V&A museum in Dundee; which come together to bring the story of the country and its ancestors to life. Here's a selection of our top places to visit, which help to provide an insight into Scotland's past and present.

Burns Cottage and Museum



Affordable, interactive and easily accessed by transport, The Burns Cottage and Museum host informative displays about the life of Burns and his upbringing in Scotland with exhibits that are fun and interesting. The venue is modern and mesmerising in its sleek design. There is a lot to learn about Scottish life here; including poetry, songs and how these works travel through different cultures across the world. The exhibits boast up-to-date twists, engaging with technology that brings Burns' history into the 21st century. <http://www.burnsmuseum.org.uk/>





Edinburgh Castle



One of Scotland's most recognised national heritage sites, Edinburgh Castle stands prominently on its distinctive rock in the heart of Edinburgh. With over 800 years of history, Edinburgh Castle is top of the tourist list for many students wishing to visit. It's open throughout the year and individual exhibits are accessible around the site. Staff are present at every turn to help visitors. With a live working cannon, battle role-play re-enactments and plenty of tearooms within its walls, it remains one of Scotland's top attractions. Student and group discounts are available, as are audio guides. Staff are on hand to support anyone with additional support needs. <https://www.edinburghcastle.scot/>

Falkirk Wheel



With easy transport links within the central belt and clear signage to get there, the road to the Falkirk Wheel is scenic as you take in the outskirts of the surrounding city. Once you reach your destination, you are treated to a feeling of rejuvenation in the Falkirk Wheel's outdoor spaces, situated within the framework of the Forth and Clyde Canal. The wheel itself is systematic in its process, taking visitors on a boat to a height of 79ft. The experience is complete with informative tour guides who deliver facts about the engineering, structure and wider canal area; and you're treated to a view of its beautiful surroundings at the top. The site is well signposted; and there's a café and moderately priced gift shop selling a variety of branded merchandise. The site is fully accessible to all visitors, including for wheelchair users and cyclists. <https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/falkirk-wheel/>

Falls of Dochart

FREE  

A natural site of heritage and very beautiful, the Falls of Dochart waterfalls can help you feel adventurous and revived. Situated in Killin near Stirling, the natural site is the centrepiece to its surrounding village. Restore your spirit and take joy in nature in one of Scotland's prettiest scenic views. A great photo location for budding photographers – just be careful on the slippery stones as the rapids can get quite raucous!

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/falls-of-dochart-p662781>

Highland Wildlife Park

Situated within sight of the panoramic Cairngorm Mountains; Highland Wildlife Park hosts a range of animal species both indigenous to Scotland and internationally. The park contains various walking routes where you can see the animals in their spacious enclosures – but

be prepared to walk on the day you visit! Each area of the park contains information about the animals; including habitat, endangered status and specific details about their diets. There are breeding programmes to look after species such as the Scottish Wildcat and polar bears. Signage is clear for international visitors, student discounts are available and guided tours are in place for groups. <https://www.highlandwildlifepark.org.uk/>

Kelpies

FREE       

Easily identified by their height and other worldly appearance, the Kelpies are situated a short distance away from the M8 and yet feel as though they're in the heart of the countryside. They are located within the Helix complex, close to the Forth and Clyde canal, which caters to local wildlife and conservation. Offering a free visitor centre and various events throughout the year,

the Kelpies are shiny and chrome by day and bathed in an array of vivid colours by night. One of Scotland's latest and best freebies and a popular haunt for international tourists.

<http://www.thehelix.co.uk/things-to-do/the-kelpies/>

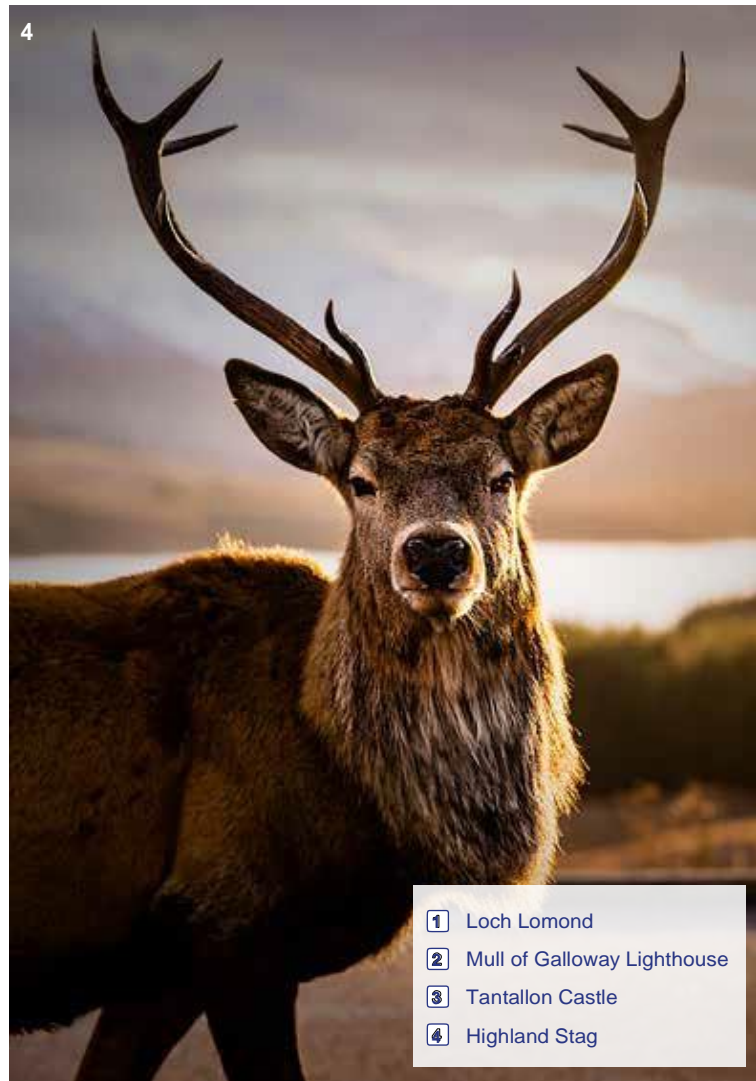
Loch Katrine

Surrounded in beauty in an area of Scotland that is accessible but surprisingly remote, Loch Katrine offers fantastic, untampered views

of mountains and rolling, clear blue waters – so clean that this water supply services Glasgow! The visitor centre has friendly staff who are happy to deliver information on the local area, as well as a café with a basic lunch menu and takeaway drinks. Take a trip on the steamboat to fully experience the unpredictable weather on the choppy, open water. The loch plays host to local marathons, sporting events, and cycle hire is available for the adventurous. Pack sun cream and a raincoat for the same day. <https://www.lochkatrine.com/>





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Museum of Rural Life



Affordable, accessible, interesting and fun, the Museum of Rural Life houses the history of agriculture in Scotland in the calming atmosphere of the outskirts between Glasgow and East Kilbride. Take a tractor ride up to the old farm house and learn about the resident animals, or get a hands' on experience of equipment to better understand the engineering and evolution of agriculture. Good for animal lovers, engineering enthusiasts, and those wishing to escape the city for a day to feel fresh. <https://www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-rural-life/>

Royal Yacht Britannia



The Royal Yacht Britannia was permanently berthed in Leith, Edinburgh, in 1997, and is now open for public viewing. Complete with historical context, the visitor space leads you from its entrance in Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre to inside the decommissioned yacht. A carefully executed floor plan means you can peruse the floors of this vessel with ease and comfort. It's interesting to see the boats' inner workings, and gives a behind-the-scenes, museum feel for anyone who would like to see how royalty travelled in the latter half of the 20th century. Audio guides and slick professional staff make this experience accessible for all, although wheelchair access may be restricted in the narrower passageways. <https://www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk/>

Tantallon Castle

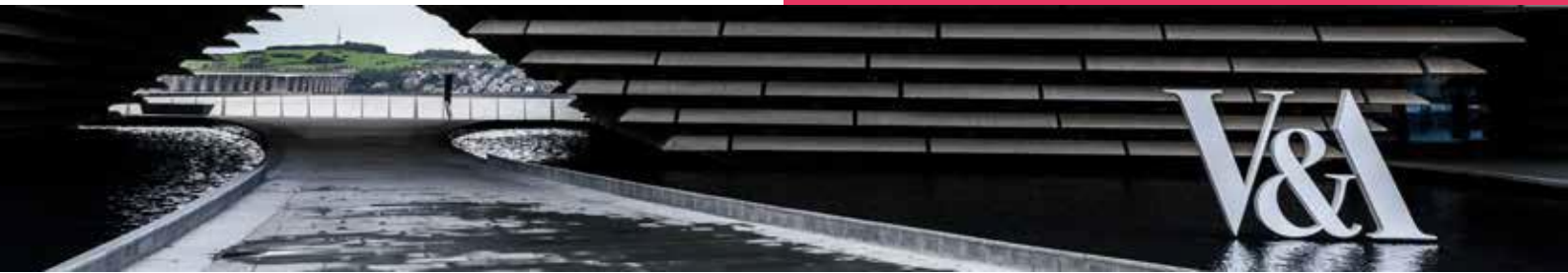


A rugged medieval ruin weathered by the winds of the North Sea, Tantallon is one of Scotland's oldest strongholds with a wealth of history to explore. The site offers picturesque views of Bass Rock, home to puffins and seagulls, and the endless panorama of the Firth of Forth. Dramatic drops and wild flowers clinging to exposed cliff faces make this location scenic and popular for filmmakers across the world. <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/tantallon-castle/>

V&A, Dundee



Opened in 2018, the V&A is a stylish architectural addition to Scotland. Situated in Dundee, the space is much hyped as it is Scotland's preliminary museum dedicated to design. It is free entry and full of wide open spaces within. It hosts a long term exhibition which displays a highlights of design throughout the ages, and some temporary exhibits which come with an entry fee. It is worth visiting at least once for its impressive building and easy to visit within a morning; leaving you with time in the afternoon to take in other attractions in Dundee. Gift shop is good quality but can be pricey. <https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee>



Culture and Entertainment

As the popular slogan goes, “People Make Glasgow”. It’s a city formerly known for its industry and shipbuilding, but has in recent years gained a reputation for its arts and entertainment attractions. The city has hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2014, European Championships in 2018, and is a UNESCO recognised City of Music hub. With established festivals running throughout the year and the locals’ love for music and film, check out top picks for venues and festivals.

CCA (Contemporary Centre for Arts)



A well-established arts and cultural space in the heart of Glasgow’s city centre, the CCA has many free temporary exhibitions from leading contemporary artists and film makers throughout the year. Its café offers healthy and cosmopolitan food, catering for vegans and cake lovers alike. The CCA has seen many diverse bands, artists and exhibitions through its doors, from exploring the complexities of war and political issues to playing its part in the Glasgow Film Festival. Worth keeping an eye on what’s on in this venue. <https://www.cca-glasgow.com/programme>



Cineworld



Cineworld Renfrew Street, Glasgow, is an 18 screen cinema over 6 levels. It’s one of the world’s tallest cinemas, standing at 203 ft. There are various cinema experiences on offer (2D, 3D, 4D, a 660 seater Superscreen), with student discount available on all tickets. Student prices vary between standard screening and 4DX experience. Cineworld presents the “future of the movie industry” with its 4DX cinematic experience. Motion seating causes a rollercoaster sensation while special effects including wind, water and scents stimulate the senses as if you’re “in the movie”. It has disabled access, elevators on each floor and accessible toilets.

There are subtitled, audio described, and autism friendly screenings. Other features are a Starbucks coffee shop, bar, snack kiosks on each level, and a view across Glasgow from the top floors. <https://www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/glasgow-renfrew-street>

Glasgow Science Centre



With 3 floors packed with exhibits, activities, dynamos and chemical experiments, test your knowledge of science and physics at this family friendly attraction. Situated on the River Clyde, there are live action displays from trained staff members every day, and for an additional fee you can escape to the planetarium for a journey into space, or

scale the Glasgow Tower for some fantastic aerial views of the city (weather permitting). Winter opening hours are more limited and holidays are buzzing with people, so book in advance during peak times. IMAX cinema requires separate booking via Cineworld.

<https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/>

Kings Theatre



Home to the ever-popular Scottish tradition of the Pantomime as well as touring musicals and stage plays, The Kings is a popular and busy theatre in the centre of Glasgow. Established in 1904, its history is evident from its ornate woodwork features and floor length, music hall inspired red curtains. Musicals such as Dirty Dancing bring in rowdy and excited crowds, or catch a national tour company as they deliver the latest play. Prices range depending on the event and ground level seating is most accessible

for wheelchair users. Newly renovated kiosks offer snacks and staff are on hand to guide you to your seat.

<https://www.atgtickets.com/venues/kings-theatre/>

Festivals and Events

Aye Write



Held in March every year, Aye Write showcases Scottish and international authors, playwrights, journalists and graphic novelists. Discussions, Q+A sessions and creative writing workshops are often featured in venues across the city, with most events based in Glasgow Libraries such as the Mitchell. Hot topics in politics and issues felt by minority groups are usually highly billed, and each year discussions are kept fresh and focused on both local and international affairs. Free events are usually found on the list.

<https://www.ayewrite.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Celtic Connections



In January every year, music and events venues across the city join forces to host the Celtic Connections festival. At this annual music event, music lovers are greeted with traditional music being given a new vitality. An array of talented musicians from across the world come together to deliver concerts brimming with character and Scottish heritage. Venues vary to include convenient café options, cultural arts spaces and gig spaces which are sure to win you over.

<https://www.celticconnections.com/Pages/default.aspx>

GlasGlow



Glasgow is an annual event which offers an enticing and interactive wander around one of Glasgow's most famous gardens, the Botanics. The lighting, sound

effects and sculpture give the impression you are entering another world. Open areas allow access to wheelchair users, and stewards deliver information to keep visitors on the right track. Food and activities are available, and overall the event offers a unique experience of a popular park. Discounts for students available and booking in advance is required to secure your place.

<https://www.itison.com/glasgow>

Glasgow Film Festival



Typically running throughout February every year, this well established and internationally recognised festival offers new movies, old classics, international film, LGBTQi+ documentaries, workshops, and Q&A sessions with some of the world's most prolific directors and screenwriters. Highlights include the enticing international line-up every year, and themed events with

film screenings in mystery locations – turn up on the night and a van will take you to a secret destination! Signed and audio-described screenings ensure maximum inclusion.

<https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-film-festival>

Glasgow Mela

FREE       

A celebration of diversity; this vivid, lively programme of music, dance and performance is hosted in Kelvingrove Park every year. The Mela offers a host of fun family activities, roaming street performers, markets selling clothing and homemade accessories, and a huge range of authentic world foods to enjoy. The festival typically takes place in June every year, is completely free, and music and the smell of fresh, delicious food drifts through the park into the open air. <https://www.glasgowmela.com/Pages/default.aspx>

LGBTQI+ community and Pride events

Glasgow has a diverse and creative LGBTQI+ community. Bars across the city host regular nights of music, dance and electric atmosphere. The Admiral Bar regularly hosts iconic LGBTQI+ events to get your dance on, while Shoot Your Shot events have a great mix of music spanning decades. The Scottish Queer International Film Festival takes place every year, and Delmonicas and the Polo Club in the Merchant City are firm favourites. Pride takes place annually, and has grown into Scotland's largest LGBTQI+ festival to date. Local café and club meets for something a bit cosier than the big crowds can be found on the LGBT Scotland site.

<https://www.lgbt.scot/>

<http://pride.scot/>





Music Festivals and Events

There are musical festivals throughout the year in Glasgow (see: Celtic Connections), but summer still sees a surge in outdoor and indoor musical activity. The following festivals and sessions bring in the crowds for a chanter:

TRNSMT

Situated in Glasgow Green, you're sure to catch some big names here. <https://trnsmfest.com/>

Summer Nights at the Bandstand

Kelvingrove Bandstand was renovated and is now living its best life as a summer music venue to a variety of performers: <http://www.whatsonglasgow.co.uk/event/008751-summer-nights-at-the-bandstand/>

Summer Sessions at Bellahouston

Expect big names and huge crowds to take to this park every year: <http://www.whatsonglasgow.co.uk/event/057474-glasgow-summer-sessions/>

Southside Fringe Festival
Offering music, art and culture, the Southside Fringe gets your summer started in May each year: <https://www.southsidefringe.org.uk/>
Where to check out new music

In Glasgow, you are never far away from a music venue. The iconic Barrowlands Ballroom, complete with its sprung floor and star-studded walls, remains one of the most popular venues for musicians. King Tuts tends to shine the spotlight on up and coming bands, which has seen the launch to stardom for Oasis, Frightened Rabbit and Biffy Clyro to name a few. Oran Mor and St Lukes utilise renovated church buildings to flood crowds with lofty acoustics. Many pubs throughout the city are known for open mic nights, with the likes of the Clutha and Park Bar being known for having impromptu folk evenings with barn storming tunes. The newbie on the scene, the Hydro, looks like a spacecraft and has brought stadium-sized gigs to Clydeside.

Food and Drink

Glasgow's locals have a reputation for enjoying their food. Italian, Indian and Pakistani restaurants, many of which are family run businesses, have been on the city's food scene for many decades. There's been hype stirred up around street food in recent years; with Thai, Korean, Eastern European, Lebanese and Vietnamese cuisine proving popular across the city. While venues like the Platform at the Arches and Dockyard Social bring new culinary talent to the table, we've selected a few eateries popular with students due to their vibe, affordability and accessibility.

Doner Haus



Located in a perfect location in the centre of Glasgow, Doner Haus is a comfortable venue to try German food for the first time. Set in a sleek, modern environment with a laidback

ambience, it is a welcoming restaurant for bigger groups and for all ages. Staff are there to deliver a warm welcome, and on hand to help groups understand the menu. There are halal and vegetarian options, and although some options appear to cost more, the food is well presented. Highly recommended for groups of friends to hang out and try something different. <https://www.donerhaus.uk/>

Pizza Punks



A cool, cosy atmosphere, central location, and notably funky interior design, Pizza Punks is an affordable, fun hangout for students who fancy some great food on a night out. The staff are bubbly and the menu is quirky, giving diners an opportunity to try local, Scottish food (haggis, Irn Bru sauce) and create-your-own pizzas for as little as £5 in certain circumstances. There are good options for vegetarians, people with





allergies and people with adventurous tastebuds! The menu is easy to understand, and their mix of music (Bowie, rock, 90s indie) sets the tone for a good night.

<https://pizzapunks.co.uk/glasgow/>

Purrple Cat Café



Glasgow's first cat café is so popular it has a membership system and requires booking in advance. For fans of feline friends, it has an extensive cake menu as well as an opportunity to make some new cat pals. There are pedigree breeds as well as rescue cats, and there are vegan and vegetarian options on the café's menu. Friendly staff, curious kittens and close proximity to both College campuses have cemented it as a go-to destination.

Stack N Still



It boasts of being the UK's largest pancake restaurant, and portions match this statement in their size! Start off light with 2 pancakes, pick

your own toppings, or go all out with a massive, triple-stacked dessert pancake, complete with melted Nutella and Crunchie bars on top. Savoury and vegetarian options are available along with traditional pancake combos. Well equipped to deal with groups and no booking required. Free coffee refills and good deals available for all tastes and budgets.

<https://stackandstill.co.uk/>

Village Curryhouse



A popular haunt for curry lovers, the Village Curryhouse is an award winning, family run restaurant in Tradeston. It offers traditional and contemporary takes on Punjabi and Pakistani cuisine at affordable prices. Hearty portions of rice and naan are accompanied by rich flavours and spices. A firm favourite. <http://villagecurryhouse.co.uk/>

Sport and Leisure

Glasgow is green not only in name, but in the increasing amount of cycling, football and alternative sports venues popping up across the city. Locally run sports clubs like United Glasgow welcome people from all different cultures, backgrounds and footballing abilities, and there are several stadiums dedicated to different sports throughout the city. Rising stars in alternative sports have seen venues for trampolining and roller skating open up, as well as climbing centres where you can test your balance and stamina by scaling their walls. Crazy golf and escape rooms offer adventure and accessibility for all. Here are some highlights:

Blair Drummond Safari Park



See animals from around the world in a location that is only an hour away from Glasgow. Blair Drummond Safari Park is an outdoor site dedicated to looking after many species of animals, from zebras to elephants. Breeding programmes ensure a diverse number of species are cared for in sprawling grounds that give the animals the space and habitat they require. Tour around the site in a car to watch the majestic lions, and attend talks delivered by the informative staff team to get close to birds of prey and observe animal feeding times. Cafes, a boat tour and a zip slide provide fun for all ages.

<https://www.blairdrummond.com/>



Bubble Soccer World



Combining zorbing with football, Bubble Soccer puts a whole new spin on the sport. Play 5-a-side football contained in your inflatable sphere or play a range of games, including a roly-poly race. Release your inner child and competitive streak. The city centre based arena is recommended for team building and larger groups as well as smaller sessions. Various other games such as dodgeball and archery are available for variety. Prices vary.

<https://www.bubblesoccerworld.com/>

Escape Room



There are a number of escape rooms in Glasgow, but this particular venue comes with different themes to choose from that are updated regularly. With flexible times, a slick website to help you view your options and at least 5 different themes including witchcraft and a Glasgow based mystery, Escape Glasgow has enough going on to make a return visit just as exciting as the first. Prices vary depending on your chosen tasks, and there are local food deals to link with the neighbouring Solid Rock Café.

<https://www.escape-glasgow.co.uk/>

Flip Out



This indoor trampolining park based in Rutherglen is a chilled out, colourful and cool place to go for a fun and enthusiastic time with friends. It is conveniently placed and only 15-20 minutes from Glasgow's city centre by taxi. Once you arrive, you are given suitable footwear for the session and given a short safety presentation about the activity. The trampoline park itself is a big, graffiti filled arena, with 3 different sections (assault courses, practice pads and stunt area) which you can spend hour-long sessions exploring. Fully trained staff are available to assist you and ensure your safety. It's autism friendly, suitable for all ages and highly recommended.

<https://www.flipout.co.uk/locations/glasgow/>

Glasgow Climbing Centre



The Climbing Centre, situated in a renovated church in Ibrox, is well linked by public transport and offers excellent options for all climbing abilities. There are several grades ranging from beginner to expert and includes auto-belay systems, meaning climbers can scale the walls without a partner. Boulderering offers a bit of free climbing (crash mats included at the bottom). It's advisable to let staff know your experience level prior to visiting as you may need to sign a waiver before entering. The café offers some tasty, nutritious food. Open late most evenings.

<https://www.glasgowclimbingcentre.com/>

Ten Pin Bowling



No matter the location, bowling is a great night out for students. Ten Pin is based in Braehead's Intu space which contains many restaurants, adventure activities, and is well linked by transport from Glasgow. Suitable for big groups and with great deals on Sunday evenings, Ten Pin is an entertaining evening activity.

Its arcade, bar and snacks will keep you busy between games. With friendly staff and lots to do, it's a good idea for big groups to get to know each other. Ask for student discount!

<https://www.tenpin.co.uk/our-locations/glasgow/>



Best for Free

Glasgow Museums
Most of Glasgow's museums are operated by Glasgow Life and offer free entry to all visitors. Some temporary exhibitions will come with a small fee, but usually involve themes such as movie blockbusters or internationally recognised art exhibitions. Kelvingrove Art Gallery is set in a majestic Victorian building, and Riverside Museum as a contrast is of contemporary, award-winning design and houses a homage to Glasgow's industrial past, including a replica of an old Victorian subway station. GoMA hosts exhibitions for touring contemporary artists and St Mungos, complete with a beautiful courtyard in the heart of the city centre, covers religions around the world.

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums>

Glasgow Parks

Glasgow's name translates as "dear green place". It is then no surprise that there are over 90 parks in the city. Rugged Pollok Park spans miles and is the home to highland cows, while Bellahouston Park and Glasgow Green play host to music festivals throughout the summer months. Kelvingrove Park has a hill perfect for sledging during the winter, and Queens Park and Botanic Gardens have glasshouses with many different plants to see. Check out: <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/things-to-do/parks-gardens>



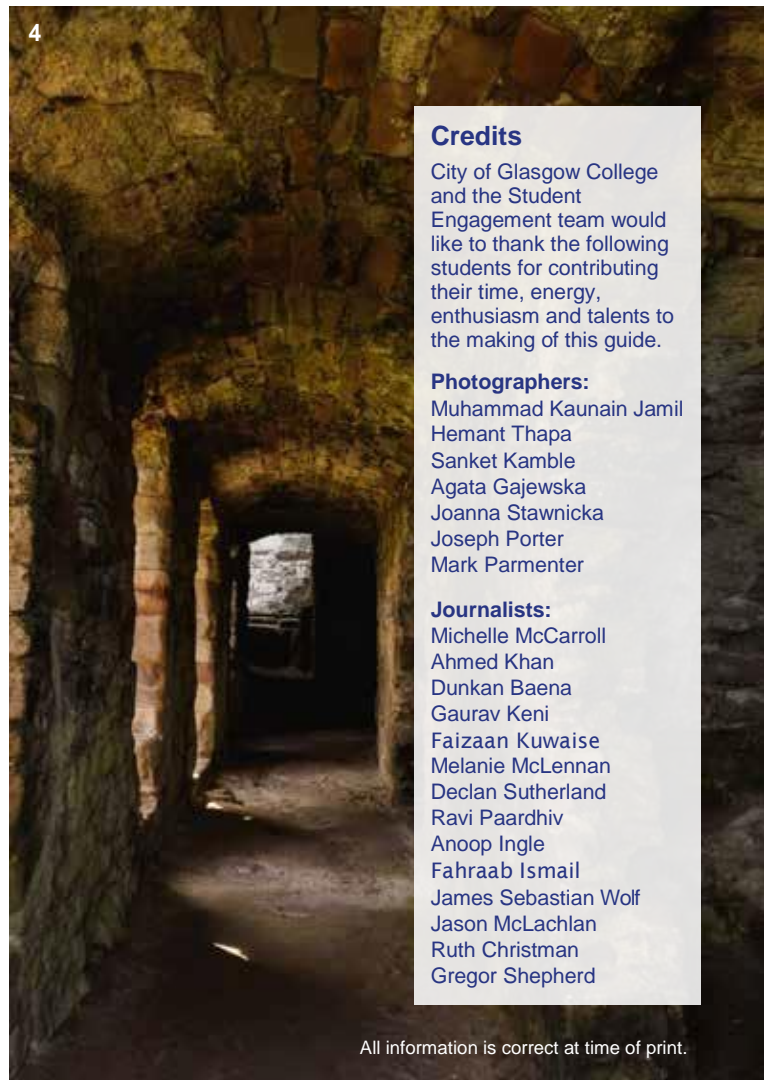
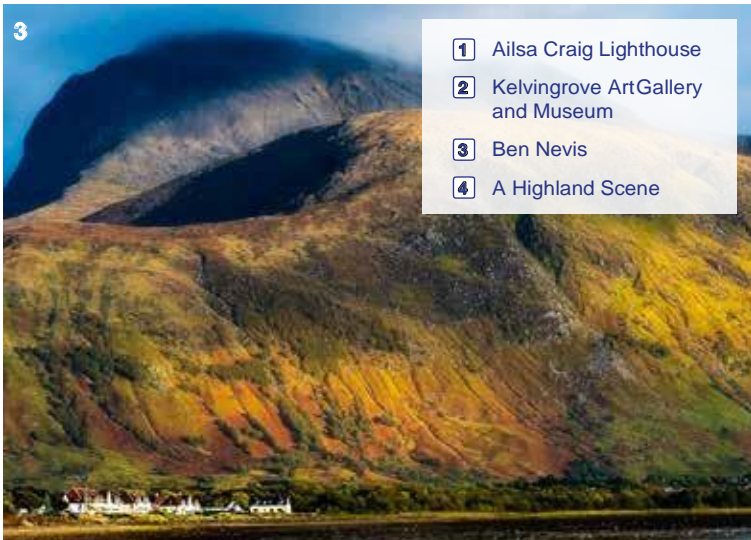


Mural Trail

Glasgow is packed with graffiti from a variety of internationally recognised artists. Street art is scattered around the city at many sites and often depicts the history of the local area. Strathclyde University proudly displays a variety of celestial and scientific murals, while a modern take on St Kentigern, Glasgow's patron saint, can be seen in the Merchant City. A mother and child watch over Ingram Street from a gable end and there's even a festival at cutting edge venue SWG3 every year to showcase the work of our locally celebrated Scottish street artists. More info here: <https://www.citycentremuraltrail.co.uk/>

Whitelee Windfarm Visitor Centre

Situated 350 metres above sea level and nestled 20 miles south of Glasgow on Eaglesham Moor, Whitelee Windfarm Visitor Centre boasts of views spanning the west of Scotland coastline over to the windfarm itself. Over 200 turbines tower above you and visitors are welcome to explore the site; learning about local heritage and sustainable energy as you go. The Visitor Centre is complete with a café, souvenirs and an exhibition space with staff on hand to answer questions. Popular with cyclists, families and dog walkers. https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/whitelee_windfarm_visitor_centre.aspx



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