Glasgow
Travel Trade Destination Guide
Gateway to Scotland

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The city is the perfect gateway to some of Scotland’s most beautiful and dramatic landscapes and its location on the west coast makes it an ideal location to explore all that Scotland has to offer. Ancient castles, picture-postcard distilleries, tranquil lochs, outstanding golf courses and miles of unspoilt coastline are all just a short journey from the city centre, meaning the city is a perfect base from which to tour Scotland.

- Discover the historic city of Edinburgh, just a short 45-minute drive from Glasgow
- Experience the mesmerising beauty of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park
- Explore the stunning Ayrshire coast and set sail for the Isle of Arran
- Take a tour of Stirling Castle, one of Scotland’s most historically important sites
- Visit the award-winning restored 18th century cotton mill village of New Lanark
- Head for the beautiful coastal town of Oban and set sail for Argyll & The Isles
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**Glasgow Airport**

With 30 airlines serving more than 120 destinations worldwide, including Canada, the US, the Caribbean, Europe and the Gulf, Glasgow Airport is Scotland’s principal long-haul airport.

Glasgow is only a short flight (1 hour) to London with numerous airlines including British Airways, Ryanair, Thomas Cook Airlines and easyJet to City Airport, Gatwick Airport, Heathrow Airport, Luton Airport and Stansted Airport.

Glasgow Airport is located just eight miles (13 kilometres) west of Glasgow City Centre and offers the following key international flight connections as well as many more scheduled and charter options.

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*Seasonal service

**Trains**

Glasgow Central Station links Glasgow by rail to all UK cities, whilst Glasgow Queen Street Station operates routes mainly to Central and Northern Scotland.

The main UK train companies operating in Scotland are; Scotrail, Virgin Trains, Cross Country, East Coast and TransPennine Express.

Average travel time by train from across the UK:

- There are more than 20 direct trains per day from London
- Direct trains to and from Edinburgh every 15 mins on weekdays

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Glasgow is located on the banks of the River Clyde, in West Central Scotland and is the largest city in the country, and one of the biggest in the United Kingdom.

The city’s compact size makes it easy for visitors to explore the diverse neighbourhoods, as well as the incredible range of built heritage, which spans Victorian to Art Nouveau, courtesy of our most famous son Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Today, more than 25 years after the prestigious accolade propelled it into the global spotlight, the city continues to blaze an internationally acclaimed trail in contemporary art, design and music while safeguarding its rich architectural heritage, world-class civic art collection and its position as home base to all (but one) of Scotland’s national performing arts companies.

• “Earning its reputation as one of the world’s friendliest cities, you can expect a very warm welcome. Glasgow is without a doubt Scotland’s most stylish city, brimming with cool design, great art and chic eateries” – New York Post

• “Fans the world over know that it’s the city’s unrivalled music scene that really embodies Glasgow’s energy and swagger.” - National Geographic Traveler

• In the past few decades, Scotland’s biggest city has emerged as a cultural powerhouse. The River Clyde, which once ferried tobacco traders towards the city, now flows past smoking-hot artists’ studios and museums, which have appeared in rejuvenated docks.” - Rough Guides
City Centre

The heart of the city is the civic space of George Square, which is home to statues of prominent historical Scottish figures.

The focal point of George Square is one of the city’s most iconic and imposing buildings, the City Chambers, whose magnificence tells the story of the wealth and industrial prosperity of the Second City of the Empire. It is one of the most beautiful civic buildings in the UK.

It was opened by Queen Victoria in 1888, and for over a hundred years has been the headquarters of successive city councils. Guided tours to see the grand interiors are available for tours and groups.

Glasgow is a shopper’s paradise, recognised as one of the best shopping experiences outside London’s West End. You’ll find the biggest brands and retailers in the Style Mile, including Buchanan Galleries, St. Enoch Centre, and Princes Square among others.

Sauchiehall Street is a vibrant little part of Glasgow and a must visit for anyone coming to the city. Sauchiehall Street - ‘Sauchiehall’ means avenue of the willows in Gaelic - is great for nightlife and cultural attractions. There is an abundance of restaurants, bars and clubs, including a former cinema and the largest nightclub in Glasgow.

Notable landmarks include The Glasgow School of Art, Centre for Contemporary Arts, Tenement House, Glasgow Film Theatre and the Royal Highland Fusiliers Museum.
Merchant City

Only minutes from George Square and seconds from the bustle of the busy shopping precincts is the Merchant City, the historic and ancient heart of Glasgow, where in the 18th century, the Tobacco Lords had their warehouses.

The merchants’ warehouses have left behind a legacy of amazing architecture and many are now home to buzzing bars, luxury apartments, tenement flats, award-winning restaurants, design shops and artist galleries.

Your clients will find this neighbourhood with its stunning buildings fascinating to explore on one of the city’s many walking tours.

After exploring the Gallery of Modern Art on Royal Exchange Square, visitors can continue along Ingram Street, which features high-end, designer stores such as Mulberry, Ralph Lauren, Armani, Cruise and Agent Provocateur - the ultimate in retail therapy.

Follow the road along to Candleriggs and Merchant Square - once home to the city’s fruitmarket, now a stylish hub of bars, restaurants and spacious indoor courtyard used for various events.
West End

Voted ‘Best Neighbourhood in UK & Ireland’ by the Academy of Urbanism, Glasgow’s West End, with its ornate sandstone tenements and museum, is a must-visit while you are in the city.

With stunning Neo-Gothic university buildings, leafy parks and gardens, artisan eateries, specialist delis, bustling bars and a wealth of vintage shops, there’s plenty to do for everyone.

The magnificent Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum houses one of Europe’s great art collections. It is amongst the top three free-to-enter visitor attractions in Scotland and one of the most visited museums in the United Kingdom outside of London.

This neighbourhood is also home to the University of Glasgow, which was founded in 1451, and is the 4th oldest university in the English speaking world. The University offers student lead tours of the campus including the neo-gothic quadrangles and cloisters, which bear more than a passing resemblance to Hogwarts in the Harry Potter novels!

If your clients are craving some green space, look no further than Kelvingrove Park, with its River Kelvin walkway. Also located here are the Botanic Gardens, a tranquil blend of formal gardens and woodland walks, world-class orchid collection and the beautiful Kibble Palace.
The Times recently named Finnieston as ‘the hippest place to live in the UK’. Often quirky, sometimes unconventional, the most recent wave of restaurants, bars and cafes have helped make Finnieston a strong contender for the title of Glasgow’s most vibrant neighbourhood.

As well as its eclectic dining scene, Finnieston is also home to the SSE Hydro, which is ranked as the third busiest entertainment arena in the world, hosting more than 1 million visitors each year.

Another must-see in the neighbourhood is the iconic Riverside Museum, which houses Glasgow’s transport collection and is former European Museum of the Year.

Designed by the late Zaha Hadid, Riverside highlights Glasgow’s history as an industrial powerhouse and the personal stories of just some of the people who made this possible.

Amongst the 3000 objects on display are a recreated Glasgow street, Clyde-built trams, locomotives, cars, bikes, buses and model ships.

The Tall Ship berthed at Riverside is now the only remaining Clyde-built sailing vessel afloat in the UK and is an icon of Glasgow’s ship building heritage.
Southside

Glasgow’s Southside is home to two of Charles Rennie Mackintosh’s most famous buildings, Scotland Street School Museum and House for an Art Lover, and Tramway - the Scottish Ballet’s home and venue for the 2015 Turner Prize.

You’ll also find Glasgow’s biggest green space, Pollok Country Park, home to The Burrell Collection and Glasgow’s very own Downton Abbey, Pollok House.

The tree-lined conservation area of Strathbungo in the Southside is home to a rapidly growing cluster of restaurants and bars, nestled amongst historic architecture of another of Glasgow’s most famous sons, Alexander ‘Greek’ Thomson.

The House for an Art Lover was designed by Mackintosh in 1901 as an elegant country retreat for an architectural competition, and was actually realised in 1996 when it opened in Bellahouston Park. Today, the attraction combines art gallery and exhibition space, along with restaurant and multipurpose artists’ studios.

Scotland Street School Museum is another fine example of Mackintosh’s work, and given its previous life as a fully operational school, the museum offers a unique look into Scottish education from the late 19th to the late 20th century.

Pollok Park is home to the beautiful Pollok House, with a fantastic Spanish art collection within its grand interior design. The park’s extensive woodlands and gardens provide a quiet sanctuary for both visitors and wildlife, and is rich in rural history, formerly being part of the old Pollok Estate and ancestral home of the Maxwell family.

The Burrell Collection is the home to over 8,000 objects including an eclectic mix of medieval art, ancient Egyptian and Chinese artifacts, the works of the Impressionists and many more. Currently undergoing a major £60 million refurbishment The Burrell Collection will reopen in 2020.
East End

The East End of Glasgow is the oldest part of the city and is home to the Cathedral Precinct, where you will find the Cathedral of St. Mungo, St. Mungo Museum and Provand’s Lordship.

The medieval Glasgow Cathedral originates from the 12th century and is the finest surviving Gothic building in Scotland.

This neighbourhood also has plenty to offer on the food and drink front and is home to no less than three breweries, numerous independent cafes and restaurants, the Barras Market and the legendary Barrowland Ballroom.

The Barrowland Ballroom, opened in 1934 as a dancehall is now one of Glasgow’s major music venues, having played host to many big names including Oasis, Green Day, U2, David Bowie and Metallica.

Housed in the beautiful settings of Glasgow Green, The People’s Palace and Winter Garden is a museum and glasshouse that hosts a collection showing how 18th to 20th century Glaswegians lived, worked and played.

The East End is fast becoming a creative hub and home to a plethora of art and design studios, including the Barras Art & Design Centre (BAaD), MANY Studios and Market Gallery to name a few.

Glasgow Green, the closest park to the city centre, is the city’s oldest park, where you will find the spectacular Doulton Fountain, the largest terracotta fountain in the world, and the beautiful McLennan Arch and The People’s Palace and Winter Garden.
North Glasgow

Walking trails, architectural gems, adventure sports and great cafes can be found just a short stroll North of the city centre.

With over 10 parks and gardens, the Forth and Clyde Canal and Queens Cross Church, North Glasgow has a number of hidden gems to discover.

Opened in 1790, the Forth and Clyde Canal was vital to the growth of Glasgow as it provided key trade and transportation links. Now, the area is transforming into a fantastic waterside environment for both locals and visitors, including attractions such as Spiers Wharf, The Whisky Bond and a number of heritage trails.

For those looking for unique urban adventure experiences - Pinkston is a community paddlesports centre with Scotland’s only artificial whitewater course, and The Glasgow Tigers Speedway motorcycle racing is just 10 minutes from the City Centre.

It is in this district that you will discover Queen’s Cross Church, the only church in the world designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh commissioned in 1896.

Next door is the Cafe d’Jaconelli, a Glasgow institution dating back to 1924 and still as popular today, with its classic, old school menu.
Accommodation

With over 15,000 bedrooms in the Greater Glasgow area and almost 10,000 in the city centre alone, you are guaranteed to find accommodation which suits your taste and budget.

Whether your require a luxury hotel of distinction; leading hotel brand; country house retreat; ‘home-from-home’ serviced apartment; comfortable B&B or university accommodation, rest assured your clients will receive a warm Glaswegian welcome irrespective of their price point.

### 5-Star Accommodation
Glasgow has four 5-star hotels offering in excess of 700 guest rooms. Each of these hotels has its own distinct character offering a luxury experience for the discerning traveller.

### 4-Star Accommodation
The city is home to over thirty 4-star accommodation providers with almost 4,000 guest rooms, providing visitors with the wide range of options expected from a major international city.

### 1 -3 Star Accommodation
With over one hundred 1 - 3 star hotels located in Greater Glasgow, there are a plethora of choices for all budgets allowing your clients the opportunity to enjoy both the city and the surrounding countryside.

### Budget Accommodation
Glasgow has three city centre Universities offering over 1,700 student rooms out with term-time. The city also offers over 1,200 bed and breakfast and guest house rooms, many of which are conveniently located near attractions and transportation links.

### Hotel Star Rating Breakdown

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| Total number of rooms | 9,908 | 15,109 |

*includes guest houses, B&Bs and university/student accommodation

*hotels.com Price Index

- 37% cheaper than London*
- 18% below the UK average*
- 19% cheaper than Edinburgh*
Glasgow continues to be an attractive destination for major hotel brand’s looking to develop and enhance their property portfolio.

Listed below is a selection of upcoming developments.

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Attractions and Experiences

Glasgow is a city brimming with award winning attractions and cultural must-sees – spanning art, architecture and design, history and heritage, music, food and drink, urban adventure and parks and gardens.

A range of city tours are available, from introductory city sightseeing tours for the first-time visitor to special interest itineraries, such as architecture, food and drink, music, Charles Rennie Mackintosh and sport. For those looking to explore further afield, a number of partners offer one, two and three-day luxury coach tours departing daily from Glasgow’s city centre all year round.

Behind the scenes museum tour at Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, home to Europe’s finest civic arts collection

Walking tour led by students of the Glasgow School of Art taking in art, architecture and design from Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Taste of upstairs/downstairs life with a costumed tour and private dinner at Pollok House.

Play the bagpipes at The National Piping Centre where the collection includes the world’s oldest surviving chanter

Private boat charter on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond

VIP masterclass whisky experience at Scotland’s most scenic whisky distillery, Glengoyne
Glasgow is not only one of the most historic, vibrant and culturally significant cities in the UK and Europe, it also boasts a diverse, innovative and constantly expanding food and drink scene. With independent bakers, beekeepers, distillers, brewers and coffee roasters, working with some of the most exciting chefs and restaurateurs in the country, this is a city packed full of talented people with a passion for good food and drink. Travel magazine, Wanderlust, recently highlighted the city’s “impressive gastronomic scene”. These days it’s firmly part of the city’s unique culture.

The city’s food and drink is about experience and authenticity: keeping it real, serving it well. In Glasgow, that’s delivered by our greatest asset – our people. We want to help you uncover the distinctive food and drink experiences which will enhance your clients stay.

From outstanding seafood and shellfish to unbeatable game and beef, Glasgow’s location on Scotland’s West Coast offers an abundant source of the best local produce in the world. Traditional dishes, regional specialities and local produce, like haggis, shortbread, whisky and Cullen skink feature in many of the city’s eateries offering a distinct flavour of Scotland.

As a city which boasts a deep rooted Indian and Pakistani food heritage (not to mention the huge influence of Italian settlers in the city), Glasgow has a food scene as international as many major European capitals, with the gongs to prove it, winning UK Curry Capital for several years in a row. The emergence of hip foodie neighbourhoods such as Finnieston in the west of the city and Strathbungo in the south, alongside an excellent vegan scene (the city was voted PETA’s most vegan-friendly city), have also helped to transform the city’s dining credentials in the past ten years. All of which makes Glasgow one of the most genuinely exciting places in eat and drink in Europe right now. For a full list of restaurants visit bestglasgowrestaurants.com

### Distilleries and Breweries

#### The Clydeside Distillery

The Clydeside Distillery, a £10.5 million project, will transform an iconic Clydeside building, The Pump House - located between the Riverside Museum and the SSE Hydro – into a working whisky distillery and visitor centre by autumn 2017. The distillery will celebrate whisky’s role in shaping Glasgow and Scotland.

[www.theclydeside.com](http://www.theclydeside.com)

#### Glengoyne

Glengoyne is reputed to be Scotland’s most beautiful distillery and surprisingly under 40 minutes from Glasgow. The Distillery is open all year round and offers a range of visitor experiences. From novice to connoisseur, there is a tour to suit all tastes including; the Whisky & Chocolate Tour and Scotland’s most in-depth whisky tour, The Masterclass which includes creating your own single malt.

[www.glengoyne.com](http://www.glengoyne.com) +44 (0) 1360 550 254

#### Hutchesons

Through an exclusive partnership with George Grant of Glenfarclas whisky – who are sixth generation family distillers based in Perthshire, Hutchesons is the only venue to house all of the spectacular Glenfarclas family casks under one roof in the UK, and in doing so offer a unique space for whisky tastings, dinners and events in the heart of Glasgow’s city centre and Merchant city.

[www.hutchesonsglasgow.com](http://www.hutchesonsglasgow.com) +44 (0) 141 552 4050

#### Tennent’s Brewery

Tennent’s is one of the UK’s oldest brewers, with a heritage that stretches back across the centuries to the days of beer making in its very earliest forms. Brewery tours show visitors a behind the scenes look at the operations of the brewery, and includes a pint and a rare opportunity to sample some of Tennent’s export only products.

[www.tennentstrainingacademy.co.uk](http://www.tennentstrainingacademy.co.uk) +44 (0) 141 553 0010

#### Drygate

Drygate is the UK’s first experiential craft brewery. Located at Wellpark in Glasgow’s East End, just a 10 minute walk from George Square. As well as making exceptional craft beer on site, the venue boasts a 24-tap beer hall, award-winning restaurant, bottle shop, elevated beer garden and gallery space.

[www.drygate.com](http://www.drygate.com), +44 (0) 141 212 8815

#### Shilling Brewing Company

Shilling Brewing Co. is the first to bring the brewpub experience to the heart of Glasgow. This stylish pub offers a relaxed setting to enjoy a tour of the micro-brewery and sample the local beers just meters from where they are brewed.

[www.shillingbrewingcompany.co.uk](http://www.shillingbrewingcompany.co.uk) +44 (0) 141 353 1654
Bars and Restaurants

Anchor Line
Celebrating the grand ocean voyages of the 1920s and 30s from Glasgow to New York. The Anchor Line is set in the stunning and completely restored grade A1 listed first class booking offices. The Anchor Line showcases the best of Scottish produce with influences from both sides of the Atlantic.
www.theanchorline.co.uk +44 (0) 141 248 1434

Hutcheson’s
Since its creation in the early 1800s, Hutcheson’s Hall has had a plethora of guises including a bank, library and in more recent times an exhibition space. As a three floor dining venue - Hutcheson’s is a place where your clients can enjoy grand spaces and lavish interiors.
www.hutchesonsglasgow.com +44 (0) 141 552 4050

Browns
Housed in the iconic 130 year old ex-General Post Office building, Browns is a stylishly decorated, relaxed brasserie and bar, perfect for morning coffee, brunch, lunch, dinner or cocktails in between exploring the many delights of Glasgow. The private courtyard area offers an ideal space for groups.
www.browns-restaurants.co.uk +44 (0) 141 221 7828

The City Merchant
Outstanding cuisine with a Scottish twist in Glasgow’s Merchant City. Your clients can experience a rustic Scottish ambience, warm Glasgow hospitality and fine local produce. Areas can be taken over by groups of 12-45 persons.
www.citymerchant.co.uk +44 (0) 141 553 1577.

Alston Bar & Beef
Nestled in the basement of Glasgow Central Station, Alston Bar and Beef offers a cool and contemporary bar and restaurant. The restaurant offers premium beef, steak from the Scottish Borders while the bar focusses on gin with over 50 on the gantry including a dozen that are produced here in Scotland, including Glasgow’s very own Makar. Gin and cocktail masterclasses are available for both groups and individual travellers.
www.alstonglasgow.co.uk +44 (0) 141 221 7627.

Corinthian
In the heart of Glasgow’s city centre, The Corinthian Club is a landmark building, originally Glasgow and Ship Bank. Painstakingly restored as The Corinthian, details such as the Roman Doric pilasterade, elaborate cornicing, 26 foot glass dome, superb sculptural plasterwork and freestanding classical figures were revealed once more. It is now a unique dinner, bar and event venue spanning over four floors the venue includes a Brasserie, Casino and nightclub.
www.thecorinthianclub.co.uk +44 (0) 141 552 1101

Red Onion
Award winning Red Onion is situated in the heart of Glasgow city centre. Chef/patron, John Quigley’s has gained a reputation for excellent casual gourmet dining. The kitchen produces new interpretations of classic Scottish cookery, serving dishes that people know and love. Its environment is modern and comfortable and the service relaxed and informal with the bustling feel of your local neighbourhood bistro.
www.red-onion.co.uk +44 (0) 141 221 6000.

Hard Rock Cafe
Blending the city’s historic feel with the energy and vibe of the Hard Rock brand, Hard Rock Cafe Glasgow is housed in the City’s ‘Style Mile’ in the restored, renaissance-inspired, 1891 Athenaeum Theatre. The Glasgow Cafe has over 9,000 square-feet of space, including spacious seating for 170 guests, a live music area for weekly events, a late night bar and a merchandise-filled Rock Shop. Additionally, the multi-level cafe has the ability to be used for group events and memorable event functions
www.hardrock.com +44 (0) 141 353 8790.

Cup Tea Lounge
This stunning Victorian interior with original tiled features is set in the heart or Glasgow is ideal for larger groups, Afternoon Tea and special occasions or events.
+44 (0) 141 353 2959 www.cuptearooms.co.uk

The Bothy
Situated in what was an old farm house, The Bothy is a unique Scottish restaurant in the West End of Glasgow, serving modern classics with a twist.
+44 (0) 845 166 6032 www.bothyglasgow.co.uk
Two-Day Itinerary

Day 1

Morning
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
Argyle Street, Glasgow
Tel: +44(0)141 276 9500
Web: glasgowmuseums.com/venue/index.cfm?venueid=4 (Approx. 1 hour)
Kilvingrove Art Gallery and Museum has been ranked in the top 15 most visited museums in the world. It has 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8000 objects. The collections are extensive, wide-ranging and internationally-significant. They include: natural history, arms and armour, art from many art movements and periods of history, and much more.

Riverside Museum
100 Pointhouse Place, Glasgow, G3 8RS
Tel: +44(0)141 276 9500
Web: glasgowmuseums.com/museums/our-museums/riverside-museum/Pages/default.aspx (Approx. 1 hour)
The Riverside Museum was crowned as The European Museum of the Year in 2013 and is home to over 3,000 objects that highlight Glasgow’s history as a maritime powerhouse. The Tall Ship berthed at Riverside is now the only remaining Clyde-built sailing vessel afloat in the UK and is an icon of Glasgow’s ship building heritage.

Afternoon
The Museum of Piping at The National Piping Centre
30-34 McPhater St, Glasgow G4 OHW
Tel: +44(0)141 353 5551
Web: thepipingcentre.co.uk (Approx. 1 hour)
The Museum of Piping at The National Piping Centre holds three hundred years of piping heritage. Consisting of artefacts from the rich collections of National Museums of Scotland, this is the most authoritative display of its kind anywhere in the world.

Pollok Park & Pollok House
2060 Pollokshaws Rd, Glasgow G43 1AT
Tel: +44(0)141 616 6140
Web: nts.org.uk/pollokhouse (Approx. 1 hour)
Pollok House is a grand country house set in the scenic surroundings of Pollok Country Park. The House was home of the Maxwell family and gives a real taste of upstairs/downstairs life. Above stairs, the lavish rooms are packed full of period furnishings. Below stairs the vast servants’ quarters show the realities of running a country house.

Evening
Group drinks and dinner at Pollok House

Day 2

Morning
Shopping West End, City Centre & Merchant City
Web: glasgowstylemile.com
Glasgow is consistently voted as the top place to shop in the UK outside London’s west end. Little wonder then that in this ‘dear green place’, you’ll find a plethora of cool vintage shops, independent artisan ‘food & drink heroes’, well-known brand names and exclusive designers.

Glasgow City Chambers
George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU
Tel: 0141 287 4018
Web: glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?ArticleID=19136 (Approx. 1 hour)
Completed in 1888 and overlooking George Square, Glasgow City Chambers is one of the city’s most prestigious buildings. This grand edifice is a symbol of Glasgow’s historic wealth and has, for more than a century, been the headquarters of successive councils serving the City of Glasgow. Tours of the City Chambers are available.

Cruise on Loch Lomond
Sweeney’s Cruises, Balloch, Loch Lomond
Tel: +44(0)1389 752 8198
Web: sweeneyscruiseco.com (Approx. 1 hour)
Cruises offer a variety of cruise options to visitors. From a range of visits in the industry.

Tour, Tasting and Lunch at Drygate Brewery
85 Drygate, Glasgow, G4 0UT
Tel: 0141 212 8815
Web: drygate.com (Approx. 1 hour 30 mins)
Drygate is the UK’s first experiential craft brewery. Located at Wellpark in Glasgow’s East End, just a 10 minute walk from George Square, as well as making exceptional craft beer on site, the venue boasts a 24-tap beer hall, award-winning restaurant, bottle shop, elevated beer garden and gallery space.

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Day 2

Evening
Dinner at Finnieston followed by gig at the SSE Hydro
Hydro, Exhibition Way, Glasgow G63 9LB
Tel: +44(0)141 248 3000
Web: thessehydro.com
The SSE Hydro is Glasgow’s largest arena and plays host to a mix of national and international music stars and global entertainers as well as sporting events. The 12,000 seat capacity venue is located next to the River Clyde and hosts to 140 events ever year. Having attracted an audience of one million visitors last year, The SSE Hydro is positioned as the fourth busiest entertainment arena in the world, only second to Madison Square Gardens.

Glen Goyne Distillery
Dumgoyne, Near Killearn, Glasgow G63 9LB
Tel: +44(0)1360 550 254
Web: glengoyne.com (Approx. 1 hour)
Glen Goyne is reputed to be Scotland’s Most Beautiful Distillery and is within easy reach from Glasgow. The Distillery is open all year round and offers the most in-depth range of visits in the industry.
City Events

Glasgow has an international reputation as a world-class host city and offers year-round programme of festivals and special events.

Events Listings

**Celtic Connections (January)**
Glasgow’s annual folk, roots and world music festival, Celtic Connections celebrates Celtic music and its connections to cultures across the globe. celticconnections.com

**Glasgow Film Festival (February)**
The Glasgow Film Festival is the fastest-growing film event in the United Kingdom. Film fans can expect a fantastic mix of feature films, shorts, special events, and live and interactive happenings. glasgowfilm.org/festival

**Glasgow Live International Comedy Festival (March)**
The Glasgow International Comedy Festival, the largest event of its kind in Europe, has become a renowned annual event in Glasgow’s cultural calendar. glasgowcomedyfestival.com

**Glasgow Jazz Festival (June)**
The Glasgow Jazz Festival has hosted some of the biggest names in jazz, blues, soul, funk, R&B and world music including Miles Davis, Tony Bennett and Tito Puente. With major concerts, a late night jazz club, film screenings and talks, it’s one of the biggest events in the Scottish jazz calendar. jazzfest.co.uk

**Merchant City Festival (July)**
Enjoy nine days of live music, street performances, art, dance, theatre, comedy and food and drink in the heart of Glasgow’s cultural quarter. merchantcityfestival.com

**Piping Live! (August)**
Make sure you are part of a week-long piping event that makes Glasgow the centre of the world stage for piping brilliance. pipinglive.co.uk

**World Pipe Band Championships (August)**
The biggest event in any piping fan’s calendar is certainly the annual World Pipe Band Championships. For many years the event has been bringing top flight international piping competition and a wonderfully entertaining event to the city. theworlds.co.uk

**Mackintosh Festival (October)**
October becomes ‘Mackintosh month’ as visitors and locals alike are invited to enjoy a programme of events in Glasgow Mackintosh venues with a focus on architecture, design, visual arts and crafts in the city where he lived and worked. glasgowmackintosh.com

**European Championships**
In 2018 Europe’s top athletes will compete in the inaugural European Championships – an exciting new multi-sport event bringing together some of the continent’s leading sports. www.glasgow2018.com
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