

# Glasgow Scotland



## Facts:

- 2.8 million visitors per year who generate £700 million for the local economy
- 8239 hotel rooms
- Two airports – Glasgow International Airport, which is approximately 7 miles west of the city, and Glasgow Prestwick Airport, which is 30 miles to the south
- Glasgow has been named the top place to shop outside London for the fourth time in a row and is expected to hold the title for the next 10 years
- Glasgow's main retail thoroughfare, Buchanan Street, has been named by the Academy of Urbanism as the finest shopping street in Britain
- Home to 8 of the 10 largest general insurance companies in the UK, including AXA, Direct Line and Norwich Union
- 46 miles West of Edinburgh
- Glasgow will host the 2014 Commonwealth Game
- SECC Scotland's premier national venue for public events, conferences exhibitions and concerts

## Glasgow

During the past few decades Glasgow has re-invented itself from a rather economically depressed post war industrial centre into a modern exciting city. Its former tough reputation has been cast aside to make way for a vibrant metropolis with a thriving art and culture scene, which has earned it accolades such as 'European City of Culture' in 1990 and 'City of Architecture and Design' in 1999. Victorian architectural splendor mixed with award winning contemporary building makes the city truly unique.

Glasgow is now a major financial capital, and the city's financial district, officially known as the International Financial Services District (IFSD) is thought to be the third largest financial quarter in the UK after London and Edinburgh.

With an energetic culture, big city feel and gregarious locals, the city is now the hub of Scottish film, theatre, writing, music and design, capturing worldwide attention. Tourists find plenty to see and do in Glasgow. The city is a great gateway for exploring surrounding countryside, boasting some of Scotland's most scenic mountains, glens, lochs and coastlines.

## Top Attractions

Gallery of Modern Art  
Glasgow Cathedral  
Glasgow Science Centre  
The Burrell Collection  
People Palace and Winter Gardens

## Transport

With extensive transport links, getting to Glasgow has never been easier. Glasgow is served by 3 international airports with direct flights from 130 destinations. There are 40 direct flights to and from London per day with an average travel time of 1 hour, making traveling by air more convenient than ever. Glasgow International Airport is Scotland's long-haul gateway, with some 30 airlines serving around 90 destinations worldwide. Glasgow Prestwick Airport is south west of the city and is a 45 minute direct train link from Glasgow City Centre. Edinburgh International Airport is only 45 minutes from Glasgow. If you are travelling by rail, Glasgow Central Station links to all UK cities. There are 20 direct trains from London a day with an average travel time of 4 hours and 10 minutes. There are direct trains from Edinburgh every 15 minutes, taking only 50 minutes. Scotland has an extensive motorway road network. Glasgow is linked to Edinburgh with the M8, England on the M74, Stirling with the M80 and the West Coast of Scotland with the M77. Glasgow is a compact city and is easy to explore on foot. Served by great public transport such as its metro and bus service, getting around the city will be no problem.