GLASGOW CONVENTION BUREAU

Welcome to Glasgow

We are delighted to welcome you to Glasgow.

Known for its friendly people, world-class arts scene and rich cultural heritage, Glasgow is a city full of creativity and character. From award-winning museums and galleries to historic architecture, live music venues and thriving theatre spaces, there is something to discover around every corner. The city is also home to beautiful parks and gardens, excellent food and drink, and a vibrant atmosphere that makes it one of the UK's most exciting cultural destinations.

As Scotland's largest city, Glasgow combines a proud history with a modern, creative spirit. Home to internationally recognised arts organisations, including the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, the city offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience the heart of Scotland's performing arts community. Whether you're exploring the city centre, enjoying a performance, or visiting one of Glasgow's many cultural attractions, you'll find a welcoming city with creativity at its core.

This guide has been created to help you plan your journey, navigate the city with confidence, and make the most of your time here. We hope your visit is both inspiring and memorable, and that you have the opportunity to experience everything Glasgow has to offer during your stay.

Welcome to Glasgow. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

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Getting to Glasgow

By Air

Glasgow is served by **Glasgow Airport (GLA)**, located approximately 15 minutes from the city centre. From Glasgow Airport to the City Centre you can choose to travel from the following:

Glasgow Airport Express (Service 500)

- Operates 24 hours a day
- Runs every 10-15 minutes during peak times
- Journey time: approximately 15-20 minutes
- Stops at Glasgow Central Station and Buchanan Bus Station

Taxi

- Available directly outside the terminal
- Journey time: approximately 15 minutes
- Cost: around £20-£30 depending on traffic

Ride-Hailing Services

- Uber and local taxi apps operate throughout Glasgow

By Train

Glasgow has excellent rail connections across Scotland and the UK. Here are two main stations in the city centre you may want to utilies:

Glasgow Central Station

- Great for services from London, Manchester, Birmingham and other major UK cities

Glasgow Queen Street Station

- Great for services from Edinburgh and destinations throughout northern Scotland

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is approximately a 10-minute walk from both stations.

By Coach

Long-distance coach services, including those operated by National Express and FlixBus, arrive at **Buchanan Bus Station** in Glasgow city centre.

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is approximately a 5-minute walk from the bus station.

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Getting around Glasgow

Whether you've flown, coached or trained your way to Glasgow, you'll need a way to get from point A to B. Whilst many fantatsic places as just around the corner, for others you may need a hand getting to those places just out of walking distance.

Here in Glasgow, you'll have access to public transport such as:

The Subway

Known locally as the "Clockwork Orange", Glasgow's subway system is the third-oldest underground railway in the world.

Useful Information

- One circular route with 15 stations
- The Cowcadden Subway stop is an 8 minute walk away from RCS
- Services operate frequently throughout the day
- Convenient for visiting the West End, Kelvingrove Museum, the University of Glasgow and the SEC

Tickets can be purchased at stations or you can Tap-On using contractless.

Buses

First Bus operates most local bus services throughout Glasgow.

Benefits include:

- Extensive city-wide coverage
- Contactless payment accepted
- Mobile ticketing available through the First Bus App

Trains

ScotRail services connect Glasgow city centre with surrounding areas and nearby towns.

Useful destinations include:

- Glasgow Central
- Partick
- Shawlands
- Pollockshaw West

Taxis and Ride-Hailing

Black taxis can be hailed in the city centre or found at designated taxi ranks.

Uber is also widely available throughout Glasgow.

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ACCOMMODATION BOOKING SERVICE

Glasgow Convention Bureau offers a free and impartial accommodation booking service to clients organising a conference in Glasgow.

ALLOCATIONS

We will secure allocations and negotiate rates at a wide range of hotels to suit all budgets. Our close working relationship with the hotels in Glasgow allows us to offer the same terms and conditions at each hotel.

BESPOKE AND FLEXIBLE

- A customised, secure accommodation booking website is provided free of charge. This can include your conference logo and can be embedded in the conference website or sent as a link by email.
- Our housing system, Passkey by cvent, uses advanced cloud-based event housing technology.
- Delegates can book the preferred rates up to six weeks prior to the start of the conference and will receive immediate confirmation by email.
- No deposit or contract is required for individual bookings and there are no charges for amendments or cancellations made within the cancellation period.

FEATURES

- Allocations to suit a range of budgets
- User-friendly booking site for delegates
- Booking site branded with your conference logo
- No contracts for individual bookings
- Flexible release T&Cs
- Personal service from our experienced local team

PERSONAL SERVICE

We provide a dedicated telephone number and email address for delegates' accommodation enquiries. Our accommodation team has over 30 years' experience within the hotels industry.

SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCES

By using our Accommodation Booking Service, you are helping us to continue to provide a free city support package for conferences in the city. Thank you!









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