



Selective
Travel Management

Glasgow Travel Guide



Introduction

Glasgow is one of the largest city region economies in the United Kingdom and is now firmly established as a global business destination. A dynamic, innovative and lively city, Glasgow is a popular destination choice for business travellers from around the world. Scotland has an impressive legacy of revolutionising and pioneering across various sectors and has become a world leader in engineering, renewables, technology, life sciences and more.

At Selective Travel Management, we have put our knowledge and expertise into this travel guide, with some top tips for your next corporate trip to Scotland's largest city.



Glasgow prides itself on its industrial heritage and continues to be Scotland's largest metropolitan city. The city is the fastest growing major city economy in the UK. Glasgow has a significant contribution to the Scottish economy and has a rich industrial history with an illustrious shipbuilding legacy.

Glasgow was chosen to host the worldwide COP26 in November due to its recognition as a Global Green City awarded in 2020, showing its commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The city is not only a beautiful place to visit but also one of the UK's most sustainable cities, making it a fantastic destination for business travel.



Just an hour drive from Glasgow, Edinburgh is considered the second strongest economy in the UK after London. It has a culture of innovation and research excellence in areas like energy, technology, and medicine, leading to hosting hundreds of corporate events annually. The Edinburgh International Conference Centre is strategically located in the heart of the city, making it convenient for business travellers to combine work with sightseeing.



Airport Options

Glasgow is home to two airports: Glasgow Airport and Prestwick Airport. Out of the two, Glasgow Airport holds the spot as the city's hub for aviation. It's conveniently situated 16 minutes away from the city centre, making it an ideal choice for travellers looking for efficient connections. Glasgow Airport provides a range of flight options, including European and international routes. This ensures that it caters to travel needs and is the convenient option for travellers seeking well connected and versatile travel opportunities.

If you're considering ground transportation here's a guide on bus journey times from Glasgow Airport to Glasgow City Centre (please note that these times are approximate and may vary based on traffic conditions).



Getting into Glasgow

Glasgow Airport

When travelling from Glasgow Airport, the most budget-friendly choice is to opt for public transportation. Although the airport itself lacks a train station, arriving passengers have several options to reach the city centre, including buses, taxi services, and nearby train stations.



To get to Glasgow City Centre, you can easily catch the Glasgow Airport Express (Bus 500) at Stance 1, a short walking distance from the terminal building. This bus service operates 24/7, and you'll reach the city centre in just 15 minutes.

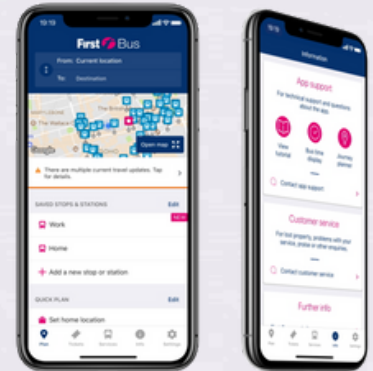
For those considering the train option, the nearest station to Glasgow Airport is Paisley Gilmour Street, conveniently located only 1.5km from the airport terminal. You can hop on the McGill's 757 bus service at stance 7, which is also a short walk away from the terminal building, to connect you to the train station.

Alternatively, travellers have the option of using the airport's official taxi company, conveniently stationed just outside the terminal building. There's no need to book in advance, but there might be a short wait for a taxi to take you to your next destination.



Transport Options

Getting around Glasgow city centre is easiest with buses, and [First Bus](#) Glasgow has got you covered with a whopping eighty different routes to choose from. To access the First Bus timetables and routes, you can visit their user-friendly website or download the First Bus app, which offers a convenient way to map your desired route. The app also allows visitors to purchase and store tickets, enabling them to plan their journeys in advance seamlessly.



For more extensive travel beyond the city, Glasgow benefits from a series of train services managed by [Scot Rail](#), serving both the southern and northern greater Glasgow area. If you need to travel from Glasgow to Edinburgh, the direct train from Glasgow Queen Street is the way to go. The journey takes just over one hour, arriving at Waverley Station in the heart of Edinburgh City Centre. To ensure you get the best price for your journey, it's advisable to plan ahead. Opting for off-peak tickets can offer greater value, as they are more affordable when traveling outside peak commuting hours. On the other hand, if you require more flexibility in your travel time, an Anytime ticket would be the ideal choice. For frequent travellers who anticipate multiple train journeys during their trip, investing in a railcard can lead to significant cost savings. With a railcard, you can enjoy up to a third off the train fare, making it a cost-effective option.

[The Subway](#) offers an effortless way to travel around the City Centre and West End, with trains running every four minutes during peak times. You can plan your route on their website using the journey planner and choose from return tickets, Smartcards, or day tickets.

For an eco-friendly option, public bike hire is available, with 500 bikes scattered across 67 locations in the city. Simply download the [Next bike by TIER app](#) and register for free to rent a bike and explore Glasgow's charm at your own pace. Alternatively, if you prefer a taxi service, Glasgow has many registered and safe-to-use taxi companies. The largest one, [Glasgow Taxis](#), operates through a free mobile app, allowing you to book, track and monitor your taxi's arrival on a map.

Considering the city's compact size, walking is a great option, especially if you'll be staying in the city centre during your business trip. Glasgow's pedestrian-friendly layout makes it easy for visitors to navigate and explore during their stay.

Hotel Options

When it comes to business travel in Glasgow, there's a wide range of hotels to fit every corporate budget. Whether you're looking for affordable chain brand hotels or indulgent 5-star luxury, Glasgow has got you covered. In the city centre, you'll find a variety of popular hotels, offering both budget-friendly options and premium choices. This makes it a convenient choice if your plans keep you within the bustling city hub throughout your stay. However, if you prefer a quieter setting or have specific areas in mind for your accommodations, there are numerous budget-friendly and luxury hotels outside the city centre too.

At Selective Travel Management, we have a Hotel Process in place to ensure we fulfil our Duty of Care as a professional travel Booker and to make sure you receive the service you expect. We quality check all hotels and make recommendations based upon a benchmark of the review sites on the day that you confirm your hotel. The final choice of where you want to stay is yours, we will simply provide our recommendations.

For recommendations on hotel options in Glasgow, please get in touch with your Dedicated Team, who can advise on the best accommodation to suit your travel needs. Our team of experts will use their personal experience, expertise, and knowledge to advise on the best accommodation for your trip. We will take into consideration many factors including: the reason for travel, your travelling scenario (solo, female, group etc.), your personal preferences, and more.



Work Facilities

If you're in need of a separate co-working space from your office, you'll find a variety of options to choose from. Some of these include Work-Clockwise, BrewDog Desk Dog Co-Working Spaces, Bruntwood, West End co-working, and The Distillery at the Whiskey bond. Each of these spaces offers day pass options that you can easily purchase. They come equipped with everything you need for efficient co-working, such as high-speed internet, hot beverage facilities, meeting rooms, and hot desk options to suit your specific requirements.

Moreover, you'll find plenty of other flexible working options available, although some may require a membership and/or monthly payment fee. However, there are a few locations that generously provide dedicated areas for work and collaboration. These include places like Citizen M hotel, Hampton by Hilton Glasgow Central, the Maldron Hotel Glasgow City, and several others. Whatever your co-working needs may be, Glasgow offers a multitude of options to accommodate your work preferences.



Business Environment

As the 3rd fastest growing technology investment hub in the UK, Glasgow stands as a thriving destination and a significant driver of the Scottish economy. The city has earned a leading position for investment and relocation among numerous global companies and sectors. Its strengths lie in financial services, software, digital technology, life sciences, engineering, and technology.

The city centre serves as Glasgow's central business district, providing companies with a thriving infrastructure, access to a highly qualified workforce, and an exceptional business environment. Renowned industry leaders like Morgan Stanley, J P Morgan, IBM, Spire Global, Siemens, and more have chosen Glasgow to establish their offices, further attesting to its attractiveness for global corporations.

With its diverse range of corporate opportunities and promising rewards, Glasgow continues to be the preferred city for investors, solidifying its status as a prime choice for businesses seeking growth and success.



Sightseeing

Glasgow stands as a leading city in sustainability across the UK and Europe, harmoniously blending culture, business, and sport. If you have time to explore during your visit, you'll find a wealth of landmarks to behold and activities to indulge in. Among the pivotal Glasgow landmarks, the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum shines with its world-class art and artefact collection, making it a top must-see attraction. For a journey through the city's history, the Riverside Museum awaits with interactive displays and a historic cobbled street, ensuring an unforgettable experience. Alternatively, take a guided public tour of the Glasgow City Chambers, home to the Glasgow city council, a distinct landmark and a popular choice for many tourists.

When it comes to dining, Glasgow has you covered with numerous restaurant options, including One Michelin Star establishments, which can be found in this **[Michelin Guide](#)**. Whether you're dining solo, with a group, or on the go, most restaurants in Glasgow can cater to your needs.

If you need any advice or guidance on Glasgow, feel free to reach out to our Dedicated Team for assistance.



Useful Apps

Before your trip to Glasgow, consider these helpful mobile apps to ensure a smoother experience during your stay:

Transportation:


- Glasgow Taxis or Uber (taxi service)
- First Bus (scheduled public transport services and to purchase mtickets)
- ScotRail Train Times & Tickets (Train timetables and purchase tickets)
- Nextbike by Tier (free public bike rental)

Glasgow Airport:

- GLA App (for the latest flight updates and airport information)

Other helpful apps:

- Spotted by Locals (promoting Glasgow's hidden gems)
- Glasgow Live (latest breaking news and local traffic news)
- Mealzo (food order and delivery service)
- Glasgow Offline Map (let's you navigate offline and provides recommendations about where to visit and dine in Glasgow)
- Global Movie Trails (interactive tours of film locations in Glasgow)
- Glasgow Map and Walks (self-guided walks to famous landmarks and hidden gems)

Interested in other useful business travel apps? [View Top Business Travel Apps](#) 





Selective

Travel Management

Business Travel. Simplified.

Talk to us today



selective-travel.com



UK: hello@selective-travel.co.uk

IE: hello@selective-travel.com



UK: +44 (0) 2890 389 000

IE: +353 1 416 7089

