



Glasgow & Southern Scotland

POP 596,500

Includes ➔

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| Glasgow | 800 |
| Lanark & New Lanark | 820 |
| Peebles | 821 |
| Melrose | 822 |
| Jedburgh | 823 |
| Kelso | 824 |
| Ayr | 826 |
| Alloway | 826 |
| Culzean Castle | 828 |
| Dumfries | 828 |
| Kirkcudbright | 829 |
| The Machars | 831 |
| Stranraer | 832 |

Why Go?

For many, southern Scotland is what you drive through on the way further north. Big mistake. It means there are plenty of peaceful corners here. The south's proximity to England brought strife, but the ruins of Borders castles and the abbeys they protected make wonderfully atmospheric historic sites. The hillier west enjoys extensive forest cover; hills cascade down to sandy coasts blessed with Scotland's sunniest weather.

The region's premier urban attraction is marvellous Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city and a fascinatingly vital place. Glaswegians are proud of their working-class background, black humour and leftist traditions, and their city combines art, architecture, great food and nightlife, style, edgy urbanity and the people's legendary friendliness in a captivating blend that will leave you wanting more.

When to Go

- ➔ February's drizzle won't lift? Maroon yourself in one of Glasgow's fabulous pubs or clubs.
- ➔ The West End Festival and the Jazz Festival make Glasgow music heaven in June, while spectacular gardens bloom around southern Scotland's numerous stately homes.
- ➔ Glasgow is super-friendly at any time, but in summertime, when the sun is shining, there's no happier city in Britain.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Ubiquitous Chip (p814)
- ➔ Mother India (p814)
- ➔ Ox & Finch (p811)
- ➔ Coltman's (p821)
- ➔ Auld Alliance (p830)

Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Malmaison (p810)
- ➔ 15Glasgow (p810)
- ➔ Corsewall Lighthouse Hotel (p831)
- ➔ Old Bank House (p822)



Glasgow & Southern Scotland Highlights

- 1 Art** (p805) Exploring Glasgow's wealth of paintings, beginning at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum.
- 2 Border Abbeys** (p821) Exploring the noble, evocative

ruins of these abbeys and the area's other historic sights.

- 3 Culzean Castle** (p828) Admiring the 18th-century architectural genius of a castle perched on wild sea cliffs.

- 4 Ubiquitous Chip** (p814) Dining in the Glasgow restaurant that set the scene for the West End's culinary excellence.