



Glasgow

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Why Go?

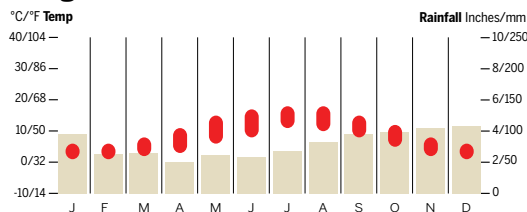
Disarmingly blending sophistication and earthiness, Scotland's biggest city has evolved over the last couple of decades to become one of Britain's most intriguing metropolises.

The soberly handsome Victorian buildings, legacies of wealth generated from manufacturing and trade, suggest a staid sort of place. Very wrong. They are packed with stylish bars, top-notch restaurants and one of Britain's best live-music scenes. The place's sheer vitality is gloriously infectious: the combination of edgy urbanity and the residents' legendary friendliness is captivating.

Glasgow also offers plenty by day. Its shopping – whether you're looking for Italian fashion or pre-loved denim – is famous and there are top-drawer museums and galleries. Charles Rennie Mackintosh's sublime designs dot the city, which – always proud of its working-class background – also innovatively displays its industrial heritage.

When to Go

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Feb The drizzle won't lift? Maroon yourself in one of Glasgow's fabulous pubs or clubs.

Jun The West End Festival and the Glasgow Jazz Festival make the city music heaven.

Aug Glasgow is super-friendly at any time, but when the sun is shining it's the happiest city in Britain.



Glasgow Highlights

- 1 Art** Exploring the city's fabulous wealth of paintings, beginning at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum (p112).
- 2 Architecture** Discovering the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, starting with his

masterpiece, the Glasgow School of Art (p106).

- 3 Ubiquitous Chip** (p126) Dining in the restaurant that set the scene for the West End's culinary excellence.

- 4 Live Music** Seeing a band at King Tut's Wah Wah Hut (p130) or at any other venue in the city's legendary, diverse live-music scene.

- 5 Vintage Shops** Browsing the city's excellent selection of