

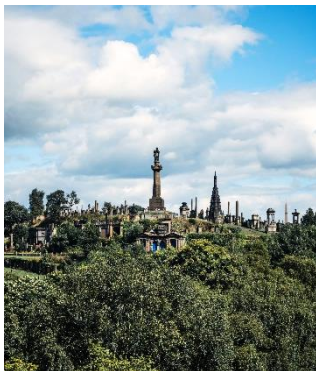
Make the most of your trip to Scotland and stay for the long weekend...

Staying in Glasgow?

🌱 In the city centre, soak up the atmosphere on Buchanan Street, stop by George Square and enjoy the nearby Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA). You can easily head down to the Clyde and take a walk/cycle along the river (Glasgow's bike share app is called 'nextbike'). If you go far enough, you'll reach the Riverside Museum and Tall Ship. When you're travelling around, look out for some of Glasgow's brilliant street art – there's a mural trail you can download, which will guide you through the city.



🌱 Heading north-east out of the city centre, you can



wander around Glasgow's atmospheric Cathedral and Necropolis (impressive architecture/sculpture and incredible city views). On the east side of the city, there's also the city's largest weekend market: the Barras. From the Barras, you can walk to the brilliant Glasgow Women's Library and/or loop back to the city centre via Glasgow Green.

🌱 In the West End, there's Kelvingrove Museum and Park. Walk up through the park and you'll reach the University of Glasgow. From there, you can head to Byres Road and Ashton Lane, packed with cafes, restaurants and shops. Glasgow's beautiful botanic gardens are a stone's throw from here - and don't forget to stop at The Ben Nevis, a cosy pub with wonderful trad music.

🌱 Glasgow's southside is also full of independent coffee shops, restaurants and beautiful parks. Glasgow's largest park, Pollok Country Park, is in the southside – it's made up of extensive woodlands and gardens and is home to the Burrell Collection (and some Highland Coos!).



🌱 For a taste of Scottish cuisine, enjoy a meal at Stravaigin, Ardnamurchan or the Ubiquitous Chip. Glasgow's food scene has lots of incredible offerings from cuisines around the world - we can't fit all our favourites on here, but if you would like some other recommendations, feel free to email the committee and we'd be happy to help.

Beyond Glasgow...

- Take a daytrip to the idyllic Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park – there’s a direct train from Glasgow Queen Street to Balloch which takes less than an hour and lies at the southern end of Loch Lomond. If you’re looking to head further up the loch, there are direct trains to Arrochar & Tarbert on the western shore, or Ardlui in the north – perfect for hiking and mountain biking.



- If you fancy a quick trip to one of Scotland’s islands, the Isle of Arran is on Glasgow’s doorstep. There are frequent trains between Glasgow Central and Ardrossan Harbour (~50 minutes). From there, you can hop on a ferry which takes around one hour.



- Or, for an even shorter island trip, visit Great Cumbrae. Cycle around the island, grab an ice cream and enjoy some lovely views of Arran. The train from Glasgow to Largs takes 56 minutes, then it’s an 8-minute ferry ride to the island.

- Edinburgh is less than an hour by train from Glasgow (if you take the fast train from Glasgow Queen Street) – a beautiful city where you can wander the cobbled streets of the Old Town, take in history at Edinburgh Castle or wander through the charming Dean Village. To stretch your legs, head up Arthur’s Seat or Calton Hill and be rewarded with incredible views over the city. Do some shopping along Princes Street and St James Centre or immerse yourself in some culture at one of the many museums and galleries, including the National Museum of Scotland or the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.



- If you’d like to explore the east coast of Scotland, head to the charming town of North Berwick – just take the fast train from Glasgow Queen Street to Edinburgh Waverley, then hop on a ~35-minute train to North Berwick. There are lots of independent shops and cafes to



explore, or visit the Scottish Seabird centre, which offers exhilarating boat trips to spot wildlife!

- 🌱 If you're looking to head further north, you can take a direct train from Glasgow to Fort William, a gateway to the Highlands – or Oban, a gateway to the isles.



We have pulled out just a few highlights of what Scotland has to offer but this is by no means an exhaustive list. To find out what other Scottish adventures you could go on, have a look at some of these websites for inspiration:

- 🌱 [VisitScotland - Scotland's National Tourist Organisation | VisitScotland](#)
- 🌱 [Culture, Events, Food, Shopping & More - Visit Glasgow](#)
- 🌱 [The Official Guide to Edinburgh - Forever Edinburgh](#)
- 🌱 [Walkhighlands: Scotland walks and accommodation](#)
- 🌱 [Offers & Inspiration in Scotland | Go by train | ScotRail](#)
- 🌱 [History Awaits | Historic Environment Scotland](#)