Explore the West End

Glasgow’s West End is on the doorstep of the Scottish Event Campus, and easily accessible by Subway from the City Centre, making it easy for you to explore the cultural offerings of this eclectic, vibrant neighbourhood in your free time in the city.

Glasgow is renowned for its remarkable museum offerings and most of them are completely free of charge to visit. Glasgow is also proud to have one of Europe’s largest civic arts collections with works by Van Gogh, Degas and Monet all available to view completely free of charge. The West End neighbourhood of the city allows you to explore the arts and culture scene, unique shops and independent restaurants, cafés and bars.

Riverside Museum

Riverside Museum is just over 15 minutes’ walk from the Scottish Event Campus.
100 Pointhouse Place, Glasgow, G3 8RS, Tel: +44 (0) 141 287 2720
Web: https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/riverside-museum

Glasgow’s well-loved Museum of Transport is a spectacular waterfront landmark, designed by internationally-renowned architect, Zaha Hadid. The dynamic new Riverside Museum displays Glasgow’s rich industrial and transport heritage, stemming from the adjacent River Clyde. The Tall Ship is berthed alongside the Museum, creating a fantastic visitor experience in a stunning setting.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum

17 minutes’ walk from Riverside, you will reach Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
Argyle Street, Glasgow, Tel: +44 (0) 141 276 9599
Web: https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/kelvingrove-art-gallery-and-museum

The iconic Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum has welcomed over four million visitors through its doors and is one of Scotland’s most popular free attractions. It has 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8,000 objects to discover including art, archaeology, natural history and more.

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Hunterian Art Gallery & Mackintosh House

10 minute walk from Kelvingrove to the Hunterian Art Gallery & Mackintosh House
82 Hillhead Street, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ, Tel: +44 (0)141 330 4221
Web: www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian

In 1807, The Hunterian was the first museum in Britain with a gallery of paintings. Today, although most famous for the Whistler and Mackintosh collections, there is a wide range of outstanding works on show. The Hunterian Art Gallery, located on Hillhead Street beside the University Library, boasts one of the most distinguished public art collections in Scotland with works ranging from Rubens and Rembrandt to the Scottish Colourists and Glasgow Boys. The Hunterian houses one of the most important collections of the work of Scottish architect, designer and artist, Charles Rennie Mackintosh (1868-1928) and his wife, the artist Margaret Macdonald Mackintosh (1864-1933). The adjoining Mackintosh House is a meticulous reassemblage of the principal interiors from the Mackintoshes’ Glasgow home. The principal interiors were decorated in his distinctive style, remarkable then, and now, for the disciplined austerity of the furnishings and decoration.

Hunterian Museum & University of Glasgow cloisters

Cross University Avenue to the main building of the University of Glasgow and Hunterian Museum
Gilbert Scott Building, University Avenue, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ, Tel: +44 (0)141 330 4221
Web: www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian

Within the historic main building of the University of Glasgow, The Hunterian Museum, founded in 1807, is Scotland’s oldest public museum and home to one of the largest collections outside the National Museums. The museum features stunning displays of archaeology, palaeontology, geology, zoology, entomology, ethnography and numismatics, with highly acclaimed permanent galleries dedicated to Roman material from the Antonine Wall, the history of medicine in the west of Scotland and Lord Kelvin’s scientific instruments.

Take a wander through the impressive University cloisters and the beautiful Gilbert Scott building, a true landmark of the West End.

Explore the West End / Finnieston further

If you have more time available, take a stroll along the bustling Byres Road with its shops, cafés, bars and restaurants. Or turn off at the charming Ashton Lane next to Hillhead Subway, a real hidden gem! The Glasgow Botanic Gardens and Kibble Palace are situated at the junction of Byres Road and Great Western Road, offering a green space to relax. If you’re staying closer to the Scottish Event Campus, the trendy Finnieston area is nearby, with a wide range of independent restaurants and cafés to enjoy.

Insider tips on the these areas can be found at:
https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/neighbourhoods/west

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