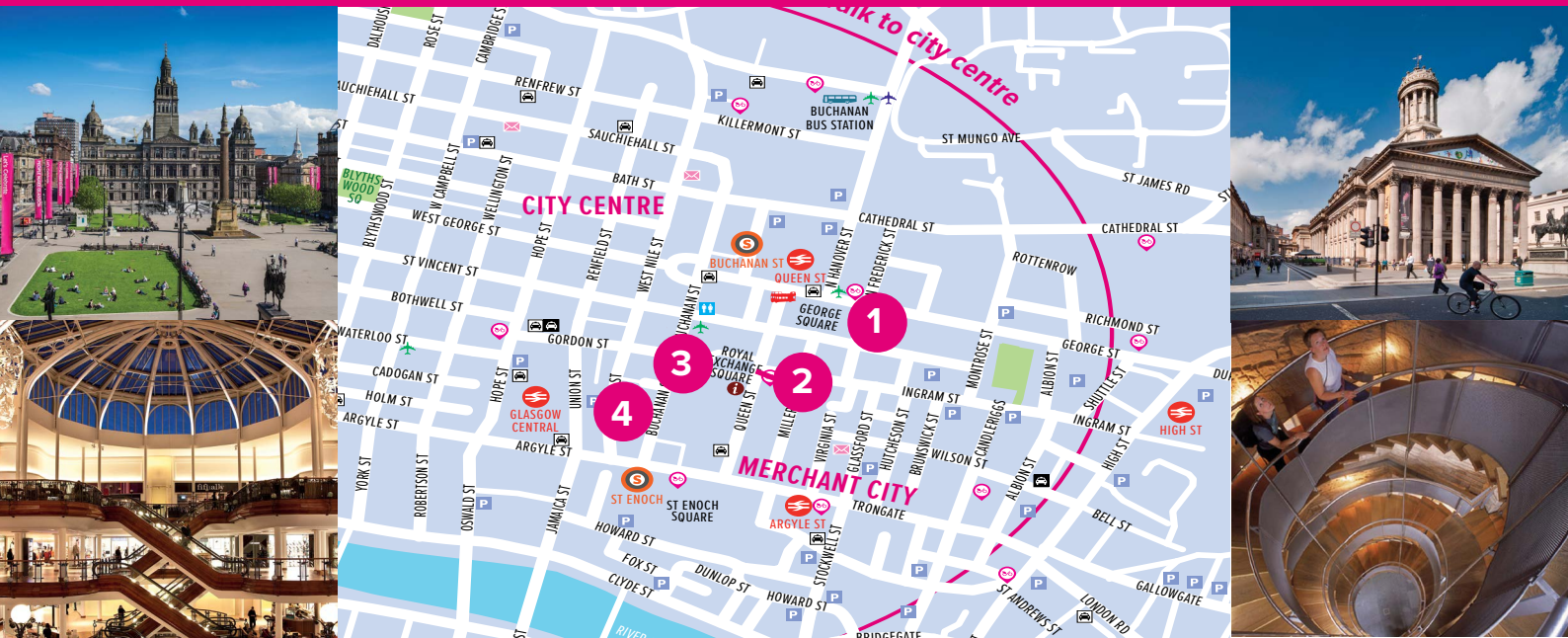


Explore the City Centre



City Centre

Take a wander around Glasgow city centre and 'look up'!

You'll find an abundance of stunning landmark buildings, which illustrate the city's rich and varied architectural heritage. The stunning Victorian and Georgian architecture and grid system of streets make Glasgow's bustling city centre a distinctive, culturally-rich neighbourhood. George Square, the city's principal square, is the civic heart of the city and a great meeting place for locals and visitors.

STOP 1: CITY CHAMBERS

City Chambers

George Square Tel: +44 (0) 141 287 4018

Web: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=19136>

The majestic Glasgow City Chambers (which has doubled as the Vatican and the Kremlin on film) proudly overlooks George Square. Dating back to 1888, the Chambers are home to the city council.

Join a free tour to discover the grand, marble Insta-worthy interiors, a great way to start your exploration of this area of Glasgow.

Tours are available Monday to Friday - more details via the above website.

Group bookings must be arranged in advance.

STOP 2: GALLERY OF MODERN ART

Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA)

Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow G1 3AH Tel: +44 (0) 141 287 3050

Web: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/gallery-of-modern-art-goma>

Moving on to Royal Exchange Square, a short distance from George Square, make a visit to the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA). Housed in an elegant 18th-century neo-classical former mansion, GoMA offers a thought-provoking programme of temporary exhibitions featuring cutting-edge contemporary work by local, national and international artists.

Look out for the Duke of Wellington statue in front of the building, an iconic Glasgow landmark.

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STOP 3:
BUCHANAN
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Web: <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/things-to-do/shopping>

From the back of GoMA continue through Royal Exchange Square onto Buchanan Street. Glasgow is the largest retail centre outside of London's West End and Buchanan Street is the main pedestrianised thoroughfare, with a range of shops and shopping centres to explore. Take a stroll along Buchanan Street to Princes Square shopping centre.

Princes Square, a listed building dating back to 1841, is a great place to explore a range of specialist shops or head to the top floors of the centre to relax with a coffee and enjoy the atmosphere.

Buchanan Street is also a great place to pick up some Scottish souvenirs, such as tartan scarves or shortbread!

STOP 4:
THE
LIGHTHOUSE

The Lighthouse

11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow G1 3NU Tel: +44 (0)141 276 5365

Web: <http://www.thelighthouse.co.uk/>

From Buchanan Street, turn on to Mitchell Lane to find The Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse, Scotland's Centre for Design and Architecture, is a visitor centre, exhibition space and events venue.

Dating from 1895 and formerly housing The Glasgow Herald newspaper, The Lighthouse was the first public commission completed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

The venue also houses the Mackintosh Interpretation Centre or 'Mack' Centre, designed by Gareth Hoskins Architects, celebrating Glasgow's most famous architect and exploring his life and work.

Head up to the top of the building to the Viewing Platform, for some fantastic views across the rooftops of the city.

Ready to
explore
further?

Explore the Merchant City

If you have some more time available, you might choose to walk along to the Merchant City area. One of the oldest parts of the city and once home to markets and warehouses, many of the buildings have been converted to restaurants, cafés and bars.

Merchant Square is a charming cobbled square with a range of bars and restaurants. Once housing part of the fruit market for the city, this is now a great place to relax after exploring the city centre.

Alternatively, the city centre is a great place to pick up the Art Mural Trail and admire some of our stunning street art.

For more inspiration, visit <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/neighbourhoods/city-centre>