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**Glasgow Guide**

**Dining in the West End**

Glasgow’s lively West End has a range of restaurants and bars to suit all budgets and you will find a variety of cuisine from local dishes to international cuisine. Some of our favourites include:

*Prices indicated are £ lunch / £ dinner*

* **Oran Mor.** (*Top of Byres Road*) This converted church is one of Glasgow’s best-loved dining/music/theatre venues. The Brasserie serves a selection of traditional fare and don’t leave without taking a dram at the famous whisky bar! 0141 3576200 £6/£23.
* **Mother India**. (*28 Westminster Terrace*) Widely regarded as one of the top Indian restaurants in Scotland. Imaginative, colourful Indian cooking using fresh ingredients. You’re welcome to bring your own wine for only £1.95 corkage. Mother India also owns the Wee Curry Shop, with locations on Ashton Lane and Byres Road, and its sister restaurant Mother India’s Café, opposite the Kelvingrove Museum, is also excellent, though can have long queues for its unreserved tables. All these locations will do takeaway for collection and the ‘Dining In’ shop, next to Mother India’s Café, offers a variety of pre-packed food to take away and reheat. 0141 2211663, Mother India’s Café 0141 3399145. £17/£18.50.
* **Stravaigin** **2** (*Ruthven Lane, off Byres Road*)Produce is locally sourced and the atmosphere is cosy and welcoming. A sister restaurant to Stravaigin on Gibson St, which is currently closed for renovations. 0141 3347165 £11/£15.
* **The Left Bank** (*Gibson Street)* Popular bar/restaurant serving excellent dinners, lunches and weekend brunch. Varied and interesting menu combining bar food – fish and chips, burgers – with small ‘tapas’ dishes and more elaborate main courses. Highly recommended, booking advised. 0141 3395969. £10/£20
* **The Loft** (*Ashton Lane*) Set in a converted cinema, the Loft has adopted a movie theme in its decor. Offering bar food through the day, there is also a £7 lunch menu and frequent 2-for-1 specials. Like most of the venues on Ashton Lane, popular with students. £7/£18.

**Cafes and delis**

* **Kember & Jones** *(Byres Road, near University Avenue)*. Outstanding breakfasts, lunches and cakes – particularly famed for its scones. Also open in the evenings, serving deli platters, sandwiches and salads. There is invariably a queue for tables at peak times, but everything can be taken out.
* **Tinderbox** *(Byres Road, opposite University Avenue)*. Just across the road from University Avenue, Tinderbox serves good coffee and is justly popular with the university crowd.
* **Offshore** *(Gibson Street*). Near the Gibson St entrance to Kelvingrove Park, this is a famous West End cafe, used as a de facto office by many university staff and students. Relaxed atmosphere with plenty of sofas and free wi-fi; a good place to work. Limited food available.
* **Heart Buchanan** *(Byres Road near Great Western Road*). Another legendary West End institution, located opposite Waitrose at the top of Byres Road. Just across from the Botanic Gardens, Heart Buchanan’s deli is a good place to buy your picnic lunch or takeout dinner, while the small neighbouring cafe does excellent breakfast and lunch food.
* **Tchai-Ovna House of Tea** (*Otago Lane*) Popular with students and backpackers, this cafe, hidden away down a narrow lane off Otago Street, is crammed with mismatched furniture and funky knick-knacks. Serves food and snacks from around the world including more than 80 varieties of tea. £8/£8.

**Bars**

There are hundreds of places to drink in the West End. Students and locals often favour Ashton Lane, off Byres Road near Hillhead tube station, which has a variety of pubs. The **Ubiquitous Chip** bar, on the first floor in this famous Glasgow restaurant, is one of the best in Ashton Lane and also serves good food. **Cottier’s** is slightly off the beaten track, in a converted church on Hyndland Road (5 mins walk from Byres Road), and is a bright, friendly and relaxed place for a drink or food, with tables outside. At the Dumbarton Road end of Byres Road, the **Lismore** and the **Three Judges** are good traditional pubs, and the **Goat** on Argyle St is a lively bar, while at the Great Western Road end of Byres Road, **Oran Mor** (see above) is a good choice, and **Booly Mardy’s** on Vinicombe St serves excellent cocktails. It is worth a short walk to the popular **Uisge Beatha** on Woodlands Road, specializing in whisky.

**Things to See and Do in Glasgow**

In good weather, you can combine a visit to Kelvingrove and the Botanics by following the Kelvin Walkway, which connects the two parks, along the river.

* **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.** (www.glasgowmuseums.com) Following a three-year refurbishment programme, Kelvingrove is now Scotland’s number one tourist attraction and is conveniently located opposite Glasgow University. As well as stunning Victorian architecture, highlights include works by Charles Rennie Macintosh, Monet, Whistler and Dali’s “Christ of St. John of the Cross”. Entry Free.
* **Hunterian Museum.** (www.hunterian.gla.ac.uk/) Scotland’s oldest public museum houses permanent displays on the lives and works of Lord Kelvin and Dr. William Hunter as well as collections of ancient Egyptian and Roman artefacts, medical instruments and the Bryce skulls. Access through Glasgow University main building. Entry Free.
* **Hunterian Art Gallery.** (www.hunterian.gla.ac.uk/) The gallery has a fine Whistler collection and, in September, will be housing a number of exhibitions including ‘[James Paterson: Works from the Artist's Studio](http://www.hunterian.gla.ac.uk/whatson/whatsOnItem.php?item=373)’ and ‘[Aspects of Scottish Art 1860 - 1910](http://www.hunterian.gla.ac.uk/whatson/whatsOnItem.php?item=372)’. The Macintosh house is also attached to the gallery and features some fine examples of the artist’s architecture and design. Entry to gallery free. Charge for Macintosh house.
* **Botanic Gardens.** (http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Parks\_Outdoors/

Parks\_gardens/botanicgardens) Created in 1817, the highlight of the gardens is the stunning 19th Century wrought-iron-framed glasshouse, the Kibble Palace. Entry Free.

* **Gallery of Modern Art.** (www.glasgowmuseums.com) The GOMA features work from local and international contemporary artists. It is located in the heart of the city centre, only a short bus, taxi or underground ride away from the university. Entry Free.

**Taxis**

* **Glasgow Taxis.** 0141 429 7070
* **West End Radio Cars**. 0141 954 2000 / 0141 954 7070. Fixed rate to Glasgow Airport £10 / Prestwick Airport £35.

**Local Services**

* **Post Office.** 687 Great Western Road. Hours: 9.00-17.30 (Mon-Fri), 10.00-14.00 (Sun)
* **Banks/ATMs**. There is an ATM on campus on the basement level of the Fraser Building, beside the university bookshop (the Fraser building is across the road from the Main Building, up the hill opposite the library towerblock). Byres Road has a branch of most banks and numerous cash machines.
* **Pharmacies.**

**Boots.** 277 Byres Road. Tel: 01413391954

**Boots.** 693 Great Western Road.Tel:01413390012

* **A&E.** Western Infirmary. Dumbarton Road. G11 6NT. Tel: 01412112000.
* **NHS 24.** 08454 242424