

# Glasgow & Edinburgh



Monday 27 April - Friday 01 May 2026

In Glasgow, although little survives of the medieval town centre, it is the building work carried out from the Victorian period onwards that has come to define the cityscape and give Glasgow its very particular architectural style. From Alexander Thomson, famed for the introduction of classical elements to the Glaswegian style, to the lauded Charles Rennie Mackintosh, who was so crucial in the development of the Art Nouveau movement, there is a huge amount to explore.

Edinburgh, on the other hand, has long guarded its heritage, and as such it is still possible to view the new alongside the old. Edinburgh's ancient town, including the famous Castle, was originally confined within a high wall, and therefore built to dizzying heights. Well ahead of its time when it was begun in 1767 to designs by James Craig, Edinburgh's New Town belongs to the same noble Georgian period of architecture as Bath and Dublin. The gracious streets and squares exude an air of 18<sup>th</sup> century comfort and affluence with neo-Classical architecture including work by the famous Adam family such as the Georgian House on Charlotte Square.

## MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026

We will transfer by coach from our local pick up-point to London Heathrow for our scheduled flight with British Airways to **Glasgow**, departing at 13.10 and arriving at 14.40. *Please note that the flight schedule may be subject to change by the airline.*

On arrival we will be met by our local guide and coach to embark on a **panoramic tour** en route to our hotel. We will check into the 4 star **Clayton Glasgow City Hotel** for 4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation. After some time to freshen up, **dinner** will be taken in the hotel restaurant.

## TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026

After breakfast at the hotel we will meet our coach. Today, we will focus on the legacy of **Charles Rennie Mackintosh**. Born in Glasgow in 1868, Mackintosh grew up in the city where he received his architectural education and spent his entire professional life as a practicing architect, eventually becoming a partner in the firm of Honeyman, Keppie and Mackintosh. He retired to London at an early age in 1914, where he died in 1928. The latter years were largely spent as an artist, a textile designer and in the execution of one or two small architectural commissions. Like other great men before him, Mackintosh was slow to find recognition in his own city, although almost all his extant work is located in the Strathclyde Region.

We will travel to Bellahouston Park for a **guided tour of House for an Art Lover**. This extraordinary building was designed by Mackintosh in 1900 for an international competition, however the realisation of the plans was only completed in 1996. Visitors may view the magnificent exhibition rooms, including the famous Music Room with its elaborately carved piano and spectacular lighting. These are some of Mackintosh's finest interiors and they have been created using the skills of Scottish craftspeople to produce works of stone carving, stained glass, gesso panels and embroidery. *Please be aware that this visit is subject to availability as it is also used as a conference venue and may therefore close for private bookings. Every effort will be made to include the visit.*



We will transfer to **The Tenement House** (*National Trust for Scotland*) for a free-flow visit. The 1892 tenement building contains four meticulously restored rooms that offer an insight into early 20<sup>th</sup> century Glasgow life. Miss Agnes Toward, a shorthand typist, lived here from 1911-1965, and her furniture and personal belongings make up most of the collection.

We will walk to the **Mackintosh at the Willow Tea Rooms**, which are furnished in the traditional Mackintosh style. A **group lunch** will be served.

This afternoon we will visit **The Burrell Collection**, that was awarded *Art Fund Museum of The Year 2023*, for a **guided tour**. The world-renowned Burrell Collection is located in Pollok Country Park to the south of Glasgow. This astonishing array of treasures amassed by Sir William Burrell, a wealthy ship owner, was presented to the City of Glasgow in 1944. The collection includes medieval stained glass and suits of armour, Flemish tapestries, oriental jades, Degas pastels, a Ming Dynasty table and chair and paintings and drawings from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. We will return to our hotel by coach and the evening will be at leisure.

## WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026

After breakfast at the hotel we will travel by coach to Cumnock to visit **Dumfries House**. The property belongs to The Great Steward's of Scotland's Dumfries House Trust, which was set up to present and preserve the house and its collections. The last family member to occupy the residence was the Dowager Marchioness of Bute who died in 1993. In 2007 the house was sold by John Bute to a consortium led by King Charles III. The Palladian

mansion was constructed in the mid 1700s to designs by the brothers, John, Robert and James Adam and is today renowned for its unique collection of 18<sup>th</sup> century rococo furniture. **Tea/coffee and shortbread** will be taken on arrival, followed by a **Grand Tour** of the house, to include the Principal Floor and extended access to the interiors. A **light lunch** will be served after the tour. *Please be aware that the Grand Tour includes further floor access via a staircase with a handrail and there is no stairlift.*

We will continue to **Drumlanrig Castle**. Built more than 300 years ago by William Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Queensberry, it is one of the finest examples of late 17<sup>th</sup> century Renaissance architecture. Drumlanrig houses one of Scotland's finest private art collections, furniture, silver and tapestries. We will have a **guided tour** with a resident guide (*subject to availability*). At the end of the afternoon we will return to our hotel by coach and the evening will be at leisure.

#### THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026

After breakfast at the hotel we will travel by coach to **Edinburgh**. On arrival we will meet our local Blue Badge Guide for short **panoramic coach tour**.

We will continue to the **Palace of Holyrood House**, the King's official residence in Scotland. Situated at the end of the Royal Mile in the shadow of Arthur's seat, this baroque palace is closely associated with Scotland's turbulent past and perhaps best known as the home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Also located within the palace is **The King's Gallery**, which hosts a programme of changing exhibitions from the Royal Collection. We will transfer to a central drop-off point and there will be free time to take lunch and explore Edinburgh at leisure.



This afternoon we will visit **The Royal Yacht Britannia**, the former royal yacht of the British monarchy that was in service from 1954-1997. She was the 83rd such vessel since King Charles II acceded to the throne in 1660, and is the second royal yacht to bear the name. During her 43-year career, the yacht travelled more than a million nautical miles around the globe and today she is permanently berthed at the Ocean Terminal.

We will return to our hotel in Glasgow by coach. **Dinner** will be taken this evening in a local restaurant.

#### FRIDAY 01 MAY 2026

After breakfast there will be some time at leisure this morning before we check out of the hotel. We will travel by coach to **Ardgowan House** for a **private guided tour** led by the Laird, **Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart**, the 12<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Greenock and Blackhall. The Ardgowan Estate has been in the Shaw Stewart family since 1406, and it's 800 year history has seen battles, witch hunts and wartime bombings. The present house was built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and was used as a military hospital during both world wars. Today, the walls are hung with art collected on Grand Tours. The landscape was designed by James Ramsay, said to be the Scottish equivalent of Capability Brown. **Afternoon tea** will be served following the tour.

We will travel to Glasgow Airport for the flight with British Airways to London Heathrow, departing at 17.00 and arriving at 18.25. *Please note that the flight schedule may be subject to change by the airline.*

We will be met by our local coach for the transfer to our original pick-up point, arriving in the evening.

*Please note that as this tour has been planned many months in advance, the final itinerary may vary slightly from the above.*

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## TOUR PRICE

£1,545 per person sharing a twin/double room (*including flights*)

£195 single supplement

### PRICE INCLUDES

Return coach transfers to/from London Heathrow  
Return scheduled flights with British Airways  
(Heathrow/Glasgow)  
4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Glasgow  
2 dinners  
2 lunches  
Tea/coffee and shortbread at Dumfries House  
Afternoon tea at Ardgowan House  
Services of a local guide for 1 half day in Glasgow  
Guided tour of House for an Art Lover  
(*subject to availability*)  
Guided tour of The Burrell Collection  
Grand Tour of Dumfries House  
Services of a local guide for 1 half day in Edinburgh  
Private guided tour of Ardgowan House  
All coach travel in Scotland as per the itinerary  
All booking and entrance fees as per the itinerary\*

*\*Please note that charges to National Trust for Scotland properties are not included as these are free of charge to National Trust members upon production of a valid membership card.*

### HOTEL DETAILS

**Clayton Hotel Glasgow City** (4 star)

298 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4NP

[www.claytonhotelglasgowcity.com](http://www.claytonhotelglasgowcity.com)

### OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is not mandatory for the UK, but we strongly recommend that you have adequate insurance in place to cover any COVID-related issues. We have arranged a scheme with specialists Brokersure Limited who are fully authorised and regulated by the FCA (firm reference number 501719) full details of which can be found on the FCA website: [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk). Please call Brokersure on 0330 880 3625 for a quote.

### MINIMUM NUMBERS

The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 25 paying participants.

### FLIGHTS

We hope to use the following flights with British Airways:  
27 April - Heathrow/Glasgow - 13.10 (14.40) BA 1484  
01 May - Glasgow/Heathrow - 17.00 (18.25) BA 1487

*Please note that flights cannot be booked until we are in receipt of client deposits and are subject to schedule changes by the airline.*

### IDENTIFICATION

Please note that photographic identification will be required for the flight (i.e. passport, driving license).

### FINANCIAL PROTECTION

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### BOOKING & FINAL TRAVEL DETAILS

To reserve your place on the tour, please send your completed booking form and deposit of **£400 per person**, to **Heritage Group Travel**, as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 12 December 2025**. Please note that as places on the tour are limited, bookings will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis. You will receive a confirmation of your booking combined with an invoice for the final balance. The final travel details (itinerary, flight ticket and luggage label) will be available approximately 10-14 days prior to travel. The final balance is due no later than **Monday 02 February 2026**.

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