



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Scotland (United Kingdom) - Glasgow

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** London (UK) / Edinburgh (Scotland)
- ✓ **Language:** English / Gaelic
- ✓ **Population:** ± 600.000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 175
- ✓ **Currency:** Pound sterling (£)
- ✓ **Country code:** +44 (141)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some purposes, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency:** 999 (medical)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** None



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

6000BC: Stone Age hunters. 4500BC: Stone Age farmers. 400BC: Celts introduce iron. 80AD: Romans → Hadrian's Wall (122) & Antonine Wall (143). The Picts. 563: St. Columba, monastery at Iona. Scotti from Northern Ireland arrive, kingdom Dalriada (575 independence). 795: Beginning of Viking raids. 840: MacAlpin, Kenneth I King of Scots. Malcolm II unites Lothian & Strathclyde with Scotland. 1071-'91: Defeated by English Rufus. William The Lion: Import & export. 1266: Norway sells western isles to Scotland. Edward I grants throne to Balliol: rebels against Edward, massacre, William Wallace wins armed struggle against English → 1305: executed. 1320: Declaration of Arbroath: Scots determination to fight for freedom. '28: Treaty of Northampton: Recognizes independence. Warfare over borders continues. '49: Black Death kills 1/3 of population. 1587: Mary Queen of Scots beheaded by Queen Elizabeth I of England. 1642-46: Civil War, '48-49 and '49-51 two more. '89: Willem of Orange takes throne. '92: Massacre of Glencoe. '95: Bank of Scotland. 1707: Act of Union. '60: Adam Smith. 1780s: Beginning Industrial Revolution. '32: Cholera outbreaks. 1931 onward: Depression. '41: Germans bomb Glasgow. '80-'82: Recession. '80s: Growth electronics industry. 2014: Scots vote against independence. '15: Scottish National Party 50%.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 39m. Climate: Marine West Coast (Oceanic) climate (Cfb).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Culture & sights:** University of Glasgow, Buchanan Street, Necropolis, Cathedral, City Chambers, Lighthouse, Govan Old Parish Church.
- ☺ **Museums:** [Kelvingrove Art Museum](#), [Gallery of Modern Art](#), [Riverside Museum of Transport and Travel](#), [People's Palace](#), [Police Museum](#), [Street School Museum](#), [Hunterian Art Gallery](#), [Burrell Collection](#), [Tall Ship at Riverside](#),
- ☺ The [City Center Mural Trail](#): Street art.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 **Tours:** [Tennents Wellpark Brewery](#).
- 👍 **Museums & sights:** [House for an Art Lover](#), [Science Center](#), [Mackintosh House](#), [Tenement House](#), [Scottish Football Museum](#), [Museum of Piping](#).
- ☺ **Nature:** Pollok Country Park, Botanic Gardens & Kibble Palace, Kelvingrove Park, West End, [Glasgow Green](#), River Clyde, [Linn Park](#), Finnich Glen, Ruchill Park, Queens Park, Loch Lomond (up north).

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Lidl, Aldi, Tesco, Sainbury's.
- ⌘ **Markets:** Farmers Market (Mansfield Park & Queens Park). Find more markets [here](#).
- ⌘ **Local food:** Deep-fried Mars bars (*for real*), Haggis (sheep's heart, liver & lungs), Shortbread (cookies), Porridge, Fish & Chips, Smoked Salmon, Scones, Neeps & Tatties (turnips & potatoes), Bangers & Mash (sausage with mashed potatoes), Black Pudding (blood-based), Leek & Tattie Soup, Scotch Pie (meat pie), Tablet (fudge), Scotch Egg... & Scotch Whiskey.
- ⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe and also in Scotland. However, the UK is expensive and so is vegan food. Every bigger supermarket has an endless supply of vegan products and there are many vegan/vegetarian restaurants. Check them here: [Happy Cow – Glasgow](#).

## Mama Said

- ☠ Europe in general, and also Glasgow is rather safe... but use your common sense like everywhere. Don't walk anywhere alone after sunset, don't take your most important valuables along and always follow your instinct.
- ☠ Boycott zoos or aquariums like Sea Life Loch Lomond where animals are held in captivity.
- ☠ Tap water is drinkable.
- ☠ International banks don't always accept Scottish pounds for exchange, so always require British notes shortly before leaving the country.
- ☠ If you're really on a budget, and have no money to spend... maybe the UK is not the place for you, as together with Scandinavia it's more expensive than the rest of Europe.

## Next?

- ➔ In Scotland: Edinburgh, Loch Lomond, Stirling, Perth, Glencoe.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Ireland, England.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are very expensive in Scotland. Camping is a good option in the Highlands (mind the rain though), but in the cities it's rather difficult. Find hostels [here](#).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## Festivals

- ⊗ Glasgow Tattoo: Music, Dance – Jan.
- ⊗ Riverside Festival: Music – May.
- ⊗ World Pipe Band Championships: Bagpipes – Aug.

Find a cultural calendar [here](#).

## Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Nightlife is mostly in the form of pubs, but there are definitely clubs like The Art School, The Berkeley Suite, La Cheetah & Subclub.
- ◆ Breweries: Tennents Wellpark, Drygate, Oran Mór, Mono.
- ◆ Theatres: [Royal Concert Hall](#), [Theatre Royal](#), [Citizens Theatre](#), [King's Theatre](#), [Pavilion Theatre](#), [Tron Theatre](#), [Saint Luke's](#), [CCA](#), [The Arches](#).

## Free-Riding?

- Within the centre of Glasgow basically everything is at walking distance, but for the outskirts alternative transport is necessary.
- There's a bike sharing system in Glasgow: [Nextbike](#).
- There's an extensive train and bus network in Scotland. Trains are more than double the price, leave from the Waverley station and are run by [Scotrail](#). The central bus terminal is called Buchanan Bus Station, located at Killermont Street. There are many budget lines like [Megabus](#). Prices for train and buses are cheaper when booked far in advance.
- Airport: Glasgow Airport (GLA).
- Hitch-hiking is relatively safe, although not very common... but possible. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride.