



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Scotland (United Kingdom) - Glencoe

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** London (UK) / Edinburgh (Scotland)
- ✓ **Language:** English / Gaelic
- ✓ **Currency:** Pound sterling (£)
- ✓ **Country code:** +44 (1855)
- ✓ **Visa:** For some purposes, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency:** 999 (emergency), 101 (police & mountain rescue)
- ✓ **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: 11m. Climate: Marine West Coast (Oceanic) climate (Cfb).

Bucket List For Free

☺ **Hikes (some possible by mountain bike):** The Devil's Staircase: Altnafeadh to Kinlochleven, Pap Glencoe, Grey Mares Waterfall, St. John's Church Forest Walk, River Coe, around Buachaille Etive Beag, Ballachulish to National Trust, Bishop's Bay, Glencoe Lochan, Mamore Lodge Circular Walk, Highland Tiles Nature Reserve, The Lost Valley, Callart Forest Walk, Kinlochleven Bridges Circular Walk, Ba Bridge from Blackrock Cottage, Ciaran Path to P.O.W. Camp, Glencoe Orbital Track, Ben Nevis: Kinlochleven to Fort William, The Lost Valley... & way more! Check [here](#) and [here](#) for maps and itineraries.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 **Harry Potter:** [Steam train](#) Fort William – Mallaig.

👍 **Museums & sights:** [Glencoe & North Lorn Folk Museum](#).

👍 **Adventure activities:** [Laser Clay Shooting](#), [Ice Factor](#) (ice climbing), [Segway](#), [Summer Tubing](#), [Abseiling](#), [Archery](#), [Skiing & Snowboarding](#), Kayak.

☺ **Geocaching** is popular and allows you to discover unique sights.

Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Nisa Local Convenience Store (only one in Glencoe), Lidl (Fort William).

⌘ **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, Glencoe is very remote and doesn't have vegan restaurants nor health shops. Stock up in Glasgow or Fort William.

Mama Said

☠ On long hikes, inform people about your whereabouts and expected return.

☠ Tap water is drinkable.

☠ Don't expect strong wifi here, or reception at all.

☠ 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: Glasgow, Arisaig, Mallaig, Isle of Skye.

➔ International destinations close by: Ireland, England.

Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are very expensive in Scotland. There are 2 hostels about 2 miles outside of Glencoe: [Glencoe Youth Hostel](#) & [Glencoe Independent Hostel](#). Wild camping is a good option if you don't want to spend anything (mind the rain though).

❖ At point of writing there was no [Couchsurfing](#).

Festivals

⚙ World Snow Day: Jan.

⚙ Autumn Festival: Oct.

⚙ Endurance Race: Oct.

Nights Best Spent

◆ There's one pub in Glencoe with live music: Clachaig Inn. Fun Fact: Harry Potter's Hagrid Hut was filmed across the road.

Free-Riding?

■ Glencoe is a walking area and hiker's paradise.

■ Glencoe is perfect for mountain biking and several rental companies are located here (also at hotels).

■ There's a limited bus connection to Glencoe, served by [Citylink](#). Trains are more than double the price, and head to Fort William. It's operated by [Scotrail](#).

■ 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.

The Earth Becomes My Throne