

Glasgow

Population: 1,239,000

Language: English, Scots, Gaelic

Country: Scotland

Continent: Europe

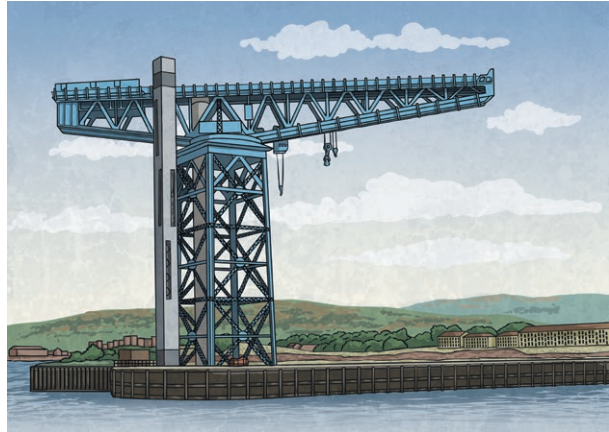
Currency: Great British Pound

Famous Buildings:

Glasgow School of Art, Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Clyde Auditorium, Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow Science Centre, Glasgow Cathedral and People's Palace and Winter Gardens.

Famous Glaswegians:

John Barrowman, Billy Boyd, Robbie Coltrane, Gerard Butler, Billy Connolly, Kevin Bridges, Sir Jeremy Isaacs, Lorraine Kelly, James McAvoy, The Krankies, Grant Morrison, John Logie Baird, Andrew Marr, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Sir Alex Ferguson, Callum Skinner and Gordon Ramsay.



The beginnings of Glasgow, as we know it, date back to the Dark Ages (500AD – 1000AD). It was along the River Clyde that the first people settled and, because of this prime location, Glasgow began to develop in the medieval era. Buildings such as Bishop's Castle and Glasgow Cathedral give us a glimpse of this era in Glasgow's early history. The river has been invaluable to the people of Glasgow. The early town continued to grow and develop, thanks to the opportunities the Clyde provided. The river allowed people to profit from innovations, including building railways, exporting goods, importing goods and, the main industrial provider from the River Clyde, shipbuilding.

Glasgow and the River Clyde are known all over the world for the incredible ships that have been built there. Alongside Glasgow's rich cultural history, this gave the Glaswegians a great sense of pride in their city.



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It wasn't just the industries which drew people to Glasgow. During the Highland Clearances and the Great Irish Famine, the population and town grew even more as people sought refuge in Glasgow. It was the Glaswegian sense of pride, community spirit and the vibrant city life that made Glasgow so appealing to those seeking a home. As Glasgow has developed and welcomed modern age by expanding on tourism, further education and architectural achievements, it has remained a vibrant city with a wonderful community spirit which welcomes others with open arms.

Glasgow's openness may be why it has been selected to be

one of the host cities for the first European Championships in 2018. However, it could also be thanks to the very successful Commonwealth Games that Glasgow hosted in 2014, as well as the Ryder Cup in 2014, World Gymnastics Championships in 2015 and World Badminton Championships in 2017! Sporting events are not the only events that Glasgow hosts – many different types of conferences are held at the SECC or the SSE Hydro, a variety of shows and performances are put on across the many theatres in Glasgow and regular festivals, workshops and street markets are important contributors to the city's bustling pace.

Interesting Information:

Glasgow is Scotland's largest city, even though Edinburgh is the capital city.

Glasgow is home to the tallest cinema in the world! It is the Cineworld Cinema on Renfrew Street and has a height of 203 feet!

Glasgow used to have a medieval castle in the middle of the city, called Bishop's Castle.