Summer Events & Information Guide 2015

If you’re going to be in Glasgow over the summer, we have put together information on events you can attend with your family and friends during this time.

There is so much happening in both the city and in Scotland during the summer period, check out the Visit Scotland website for lots of ideas!

FESTIVALS

The West End Festival is Glasgow’s largest cultural event and every June takes over this popular area of Glasgow with a wide variety of events and performances. Last year over 400 events took place in 80 venues. This year the festival is in it’s 20\textsuperscript{th} year so why not take a look at what’s going on near you? Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} June - Sun 28 June www.westendfestival.co.uk

Merchant City Festival Saturday 25\textsuperscript{th} July - Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} August 2015. There will be nine days filled with free events in Glasgow’s cultural quarter including street arts, dance, live music, markets, fashion and design, comedy, family events, tours, heritage walks, talks, food and drink and much more. www.merchantcityfestival.com

Launched in 2007, Glasgow Science Festival (GSF) has grown to be one of the largest science festivals in the UK. The festival will run from Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} June – Sunday 14\textsuperscript{th} June and there will be events for all ages. There will be lots of events right here at the University of Glasgow! www.glasgowsciencefestival.org.uk

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest arts festival in the world and takes place every August for three weeks in Scotland’s capital city. Every year thousands of performers take to a multitude of stages all over Edinburgh to present shows for every taste. From big names in the world of entertainment to unknown artists looking to build their careers, the festival caters for everyone and includes theatre, comedy, dance, physical theatre, cabaret, children’s shows, musicals, operas, music, spoken word, exhibitions and events. It’s a must see while you are in Scotland!
Highland games date back for over three hundred years. Proceedings include Highland dancing; tossing the caber, putting the shot, tug o' war and lots of piping. Many towns in Scotland host Highland games between May and September. Download your guide to Scottish Highland games and gather some friends to have a great day out!

Edinburgh International Film Festival
One of the oldest and most prestigious events of its kind, the Edinburgh International Film Festival offers an amazing movie experience from June through early July.

The Royal Highland Show
18th – 21st June
A festival of Scotland’s farming, food and rural life with best produce from around Scotland and demonstrations from some of the best Scottish chefs.

Livestock competitions, children’s events, arts, crafts and fashion all go to make this a great weekend for the whole family.

Glasgow city is home to more than 20 world-class museums and art galleries; and is proud to have Europe’s largest civic arts collection with works by Dali, Van Gogh, Degas and Monet all available to view free-of-charge in venues around the city. Find out more about events near you!

The Loch Lomond 2015 Food Festival is on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September. 2015 is both the Year of Food & Drink in Scotland; it is also the 10th Loch Lomond Food & Drink Festival! The event brings over 20,000 people to the area to enjoy great food, drink & entertainment.
DO SOME TRAVELLING AROUND SCOTLAND

**Fife and St Andrews:** If you would like to visit the oldest University in Scotland (where William met Kate), play on world famous golf courses or tour round traditional fishing villages - Fife has it all. Only 2 hours from Glasgow by road or rail, Fife is a popular holiday destination for people all over the world. Many Scottish people holiday in Fife also as there are beaches, festivals and the weather is usually lovely during the summer.

**Aberdeen City and Shire:** Discover a land where majestic landscapes meet the sea and the flourishing Granite City boasts beautiful architecture and cultural gems. Aberdeen City and Shire is adored by the Royal Family, and is a region with a maritime heritage which offers lively events and a selection of thrilling activities.

**Dundee & Angus:** Discover a place where you can explore great glens, pristine beaches and ancient forests. Uncover a captivating history, fantastic golf courses and a wide range of events and festivals.

**The Highlands:** The Highlands really is the Scotland of your imagination, a beautiful and inspiring region of ancient landscapes with a fascinating history. Witness the amazing wildlife and take part in some thrilling outdoor pursuits. Explore the many mountains and glens, the stunning islands and stretches of coastline and follow the country’s only Malt Whisky Trail.

EMERGENCY SERVICES & STAYING SAFE

Please ensure that you keep yourself and your belongings safe over the summer holidays. Check out all the helpful information Police Scotland have available online. International Student Support also provide helpful information on our webpages on keeping safe if you choose to travel abroad this summer.

If you are off campus and you are involved in a serious accident or incident, contact the local emergency services first and then let the University know as soon as possible thereafter so that any appropriate assistance can be provided. A serious incident would involve death or serious injury or risk from an accident, natural disaster, political disturbance or similar event. In these circumstances, use the following number to make a PPA (Please Provide Assistance) call to the University reversing the charge if necessary.

Call: +44 (0)141-357 6868 (24 hours)
Say you are making a “PPA call” and be ready to give:
- A brief description of what has happened
- What help is required
- Names and other details of those involved
- A contact phone number (and alert someone there to expect calls)
- Agree a time to phone again

University assistance can include help with repatriation, enlisting support from insurers and local agencies, notifying relatives, fielding media inquiries. For all other emergencies call **999**

**Lost passport and visas**
Please remember to take care of your travel documents and personal belongings. You can find information on the [International Student Support webpages](#) on what to do in the event of losing your passport or visa. We advise that you keep a copy of both your passport & visa in a safe place (perhaps ask your family or friends to safely store a copy for you) as well as storing the originals safely.