Summer Events & Information Guide 2017

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 & EVENTS

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 its 22nd year so why not take a look at what’s going on near you? Friday 2nd June - Sunday 25th June

www.westendfestival.co.uk

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 8th June – Sunday 18th 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

Merchant City Festival Saturday 22nd July - Sunday 30th July. 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

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!

Glasgow Mela Scotland’s biggest free multicultural festival - is back on Sunday 2 July in the west end’s beautiful Kelvingrove Park! Bursting with live music and theatre performances, exotic and mouth-watering foods from around the globe and fun for all ages!

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRINGE
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.

The Loch Lomond 2017 Food Festival is on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September! This is the 12th Loch Lomond Food & Drink Festival! The event brings over 20,000 people to the area to enjoy great food, drink & entertainment.

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 21st June – 2nd July.

The Royal Highland Show
22nd – 25th June
Celebrating its 177th year, The Royal Highland Show is one of Scotland's most iconic events, showcasing the very best of farming food and rural life. A great day out for everyone of all ages, get up close to the country’s top quality livestock, taste exceptional food & drink and experience rural living at its most vibrant.

MugStock takes place in Mugdock Country Park 28th – 31st July. One of Scotland’s most beautiful public spaces, handily located just 10 miles north of Glasgow

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!
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.

The International Student Support webpages have several ‘Wee Guides’ to exploring Scotland and the UK. Destinations include Edinburgh, Stirling, Highlands & Islands and Newcastle, Northumberland and Durham.

**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.