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# THE STUDENT GUIDE TO

*A UofG  
Summer*



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## *Hiya!*

As an international student, the summer holidays can feel long. Between missing my family and meeting deadlines, I find myself searching for ways to stay motivated and inspired.

Long, gorgeous, sunny days spent in the Botanics can do wonders for one's soul. But sometimes we might look for a little bit more excitement.

Over the past four years, I have travelled all over Scotland, enjoying the beautiful sights it has to offer. Locally, I've found myself becoming a familiar face in many of the ice cream shops around the West End.

Whether you are spending this summer with friends, family, or on your own, there are so many ways to enjoy this wonderful time of year.

This guide is meant to give you some ideas on how you can make the most of your summer. There is a lot happening - I hope you can find something for yourself in here too.

*With love,  
Nethmi Jayasundara*

ASBS International Student Activities Intern



# \* USING THIS GUIDE \*

## WHAT'S INSIDE

A collection of recommendations, activities, events, and other ideas organised by location, activity type and finally by budget. The prices are estimated for convenience using the following key:

£ - £0-£10  
££ - £10-£30  
£££ - £30+



Free  
or free  
entry



Student  
discounts  
or deals



Disclaimer: the information in this guide is correct at the time of publication.

## OTHER RESOURCES

### APPS

- [Unidays](#)
- [Student Beans](#)

Keep up with...

- [The List](#)
- [The Skinny](#)
- [The Tab \(Glasgow\)](#)

# University of Glasgow


Summer as a postgraduate means an emptier campus, longer days in the sun, and (hopefully) productive work. But amidst these quieter days, there are still plenty of ways to engage with the University ecosystem.

Keep the momentum going: balance your dissertation with enjoying your student life. As we push through one last semester, let's take a look at what is going on in campus this gorgeous summer of 2026.



## Student Representative Council (SRC)

### APP: MY SRC

 Download the My SRC app to see what is going on each month and stay updated on free events! Previous year summer activity included:


- Goodie bag stalls
- Bracelet making session
- Pressed flower craft session
- Therapets: destress with dogs
- Origami and tea sachet making
- Accessible viniyoga in the Cloisters
- DIY tote decorating
- Photo frame decorating




Visit the SRC [Events Page](#) to view all updates to summer term and Clubs & Society events.

## On Campus

### THE HUNTERIAN

 The Hunterian art gallery is the oldest public museum in Scotland. Whether you are interested in geology, anatomy, or film screenings, there is something for everyone to try!

### THE ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTRE

 From film screenings to student events and workshops, the ARC is full of surprises, bringing together crowds from the whole community. See what's on [here](#).

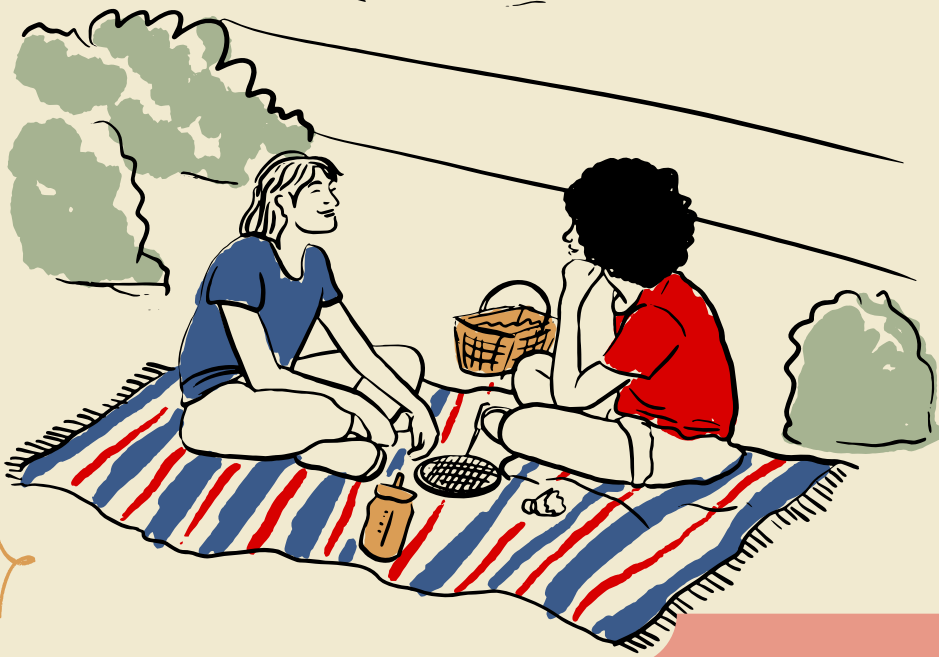


See [What's On](#) at the Hunterian this summer and register for their free sessions!

# ASBS Postgrads'



# PICNIC



**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 2-4 PM**

**KELVINGROVE PARK**

**Register your  
attendance**



# Glasgow and the city



Summer is arguably one of the most beautiful times of the year in Glasgow. And it is always buzzing with people. From tourists exploring new places to locals enjoying picnics in the Botanic Gardens, the city becomes full and colourful - just like its trees. Emmerse yourself in the local landscape by enjoying community activities, trying out new food and drinks, or attending a music festival. Glasgow falls short under no category!

## Community and Culture

### GLASGOW 2026 FESTIVAL

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

Inspired by the Commonwealth Games, this months-long showcase spans from performances to installations and celebrations of culture, music, art and community. Learn more on their [Glasgowlife website](#).

### WESTFEST

Jun 1<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

🎁 Featuring live music, recitals, screenings and street festivities, WestFest is a collection of free and paid activities for the people of the local community.

See what's on [here](#).

### GLASGOW MELA

Jul 5<sup>th</sup>

🎁 Taking place in the Kelvingrove Park, Scotland's largest multicultural festival brings together South Asian creativity, performance, and international music.

Learn more on their [Glasgowlife website](#).

### GLASGOW'S PRIDE

Jul 18<sup>th</sup>

🎁 The Pride March, a massive celebration from Glasgow Green to George Square, is a fantastic show of support of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Keep updated with details [here](#).

### MERCHANT CITY FESTIVAL

Jul 24-26<sup>th</sup> & Jul 31<sup>st</sup> - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

🎁 From family programmes to circus, Glasgowlife brings another festival of art and performance to Merchant City, with most events being free and surrounded by market stalls and food vendors.

Learn more on the [Glasgowlife website](#).



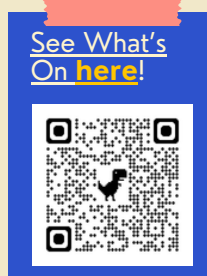
# Glasgow and the city

## Sports

### 23<sup>RD</sup> COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Jul 23<sup>rd</sup> - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

£ Includes street celebrations to international-level sport featuring athletes from 74 nations.

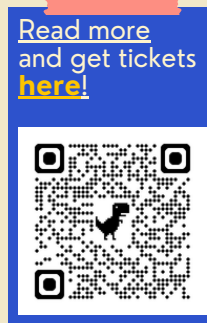


## Food and Drink

### QUEEN'S PARK FOOD FESTIVAL

Jun 6 - 7<sup>th</sup>

£ A friendly celebration aimed at creating a platform for the local and international community to come together. Expect live music, a global street food experience, family entertainment, free activities, and a vibrant market!



### GLASGOW FOODIES FESTIVAL

Aug 14 - 16<sup>th</sup>

££ Taking place in Rouken Glen Park, Giffnock. This festival is a place for foodies, families, and music lovers. Bringing together headline musicians and MasterChef stars, this event is opening up for another fantastic year of summer activity. Read more about it and get tickets [here!](#)

## Family Friendly

### GLASGOW SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Jun 4 - 14<sup>th</sup>

🎁 £ Marking 20 years of this festival, Glasgow brings back a range of events for everyone. From science, to engineering, to talks on art, film, and experiments, we anticipate a packed few days. For more information, see [here](#).

### BARBIE THE EXHIBITION

Jun 13<sup>th</sup> - Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

££ Coming to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, this exhibition explores the history of the iconic Barbie® dolls. Ticketed activity. For more information, see [here](#).

### GLASGOW INDIE GAMES FEST

Jul 11 - 12<sup>th</sup>

£ Taking place in the Barras Art and Design Centre, GIGF brings together game developers and enthusiasts. From talks, to interviews, and even music, explore the world of entertainment. For more information, see [here](#).




# Glasgow and the city



## Music

### GLASGOW JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jun 10 - 14<sup>th</sup>

 **££** As one of the largest jazz festivals in the UK, this festival brings together various different artists across the genre. Prices range from free to upwards of £26. See the schedule [here](#).

### WOMAD FESTIVAL

Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

**£££** The World of Music, Arts and Dance festival brings artists from all over the world to Kelvingrove Park, performing across a range of genres.

See [here](#) for the lineup and tickets.

### SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE BANDSTAND

Jul 27<sup>th</sup> - Aug 15<sup>th</sup>

**££** Taking place in Kelvingrove Park, this festival is a great chance to relax a beautiful summer evenings while enjoying a great lineup of artists. See [here](#) for tickets.

## Performance

### BARD IN THE BOTANICS

Jun 24<sup>th</sup> - Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

**££** Scotland's annual Shakespeare festival, taking place in the Botanic Gardens, brings great productions of classic literature and contemporary twists to its audiences.

See here for [tickets](#).

### LAUGH IN THE PARK GLASGOW


Jul 11<sup>th</sup>

**££** Taking place in Queen's Park Arena, Glasgow's Southside comedy festival returns for a stand-up extravaganza.

See here for [tickets](#).

### PIPING LIVE!

Aug 9 - 14<sup>th</sup>

 **£** The Glasgow International Piping Festival is an exciting mix of trad groups, international performers, family events, talks, and more! Venus across Glasgow. See [here](#) for more information.

### WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aug 14 - 15<sup>th</sup>

**£-££** Taking place in Glasgow Green, thousands of pipers and drummers gather for a two-day competition. Read more [here](#).



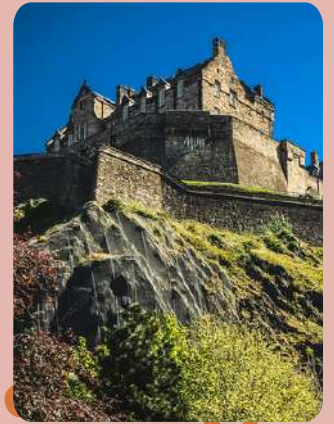
DON'T FORGET



SUNSCREEN

# Scotland Edinburgh and beyond

Summertime bring longer days, which means more time to explore Glasgow's neighbours and Scotland. Edinburgh is a beautiful city, both busy and homey, with stunning views from every angle. Scotland's islands are a gorgeous reminder of its natural beauty, with breathtaking views and great experiences of something different.

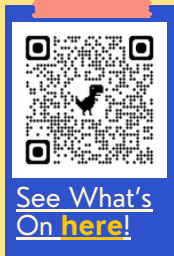


## Edinburgh Festivals

### EDINBURGH FOOD FESTIVAL

Jul 24<sup>th</sup> - Aug 02<sup>nd</sup>

The Folk and Food Festival brings together delicious street food, drinks, and some of the best live music and demos.

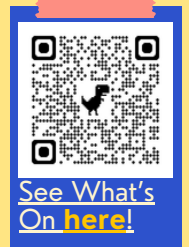


See What's  
On [here!](#)

### EDINBURGH FRINGE

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

As the world's largest arts festival, this festival spans multiple weeks and over 2000 shows and performances across various genres.



See What's  
On [here!](#)

### EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Aug 13 - 19<sup>th</sup>

Showcasing documentaries, shorts, and indie films, this festival brings together some of the best global new talent and professionals.



See What's  
On [here!](#)

### EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

Bringing together writers from around the globe, this festival celebrates words, perspectives, and conversations. Visit author talks, attend workshops, and book signings!

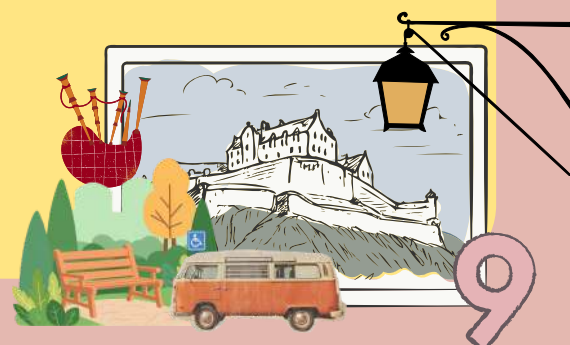


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On [here!](#)

### THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

Aug 7 - 29<sup>th</sup>

The Tattoo is an array of cultural performances, music, military drills - all taking place in the landscape of Edinburgh Castle. It features international military bands and Scottish performers. See [here](#) for more.



# Islands and Highlands

## Festivals

### THE SOUND OF GIGHA

[ISLE OF GIGHA]

Jun 4 - 7<sup>th</sup>

A free celebration of music, culture, art, and dance. Bringing together family entertainment and a range of activities in the beautiful island of Gigha.

More information [here](#).

### ARRAN FOLK FESTIVAL

[ISLE OF ARRAN]

Jun 5 - 7<sup>th</sup>

From workshops to evening concerts, late-night sessions and free-to-attend events, there is something for everyone!

More information [here](#).

### BUTE HIGHLAND GAMES

[ISLE OF BUTE]

Aug 22<sup>th</sup>

A short train ride and a ferry away, traditional Highland Games await in the beautiful island of Bute. Witness a range of activities from highland dancers, to pipe bands, wrestlers, and athletes.

More information [here](#).



## Must-dos

### CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK

Visit the largest national park in the UK, or hire quad bikes to trek the beautiful mountain landscape.

More information [here](#).

### INVERNESS VICTORIAN MARKET

This architectural gem doubles as a market for local shops and food spots. From souvenirs, to antiques and lunch options, there is something here for everyone!

### ISLE OF LEWIS STANDING STONES

The Calanais Stones have been around for about 5000 years. Visit the stones and take in the gorgeous landscape of the Outer Hebrides.

More information [here](#).



# FLYING SOLO

Sometimes, all you need is your own company (and maybe a really good cup of coffee).

## *Exploring the city*

- Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
- Riverside Museum
- Burrell Collection
- Gallery of Modern Art
- Glasgow Cathedral
- St. Mungo's Museum
- Science Centre
- Glasgow Necropolis

## *Parks and nature*

- Botanic Gardens
- Glasgow Green
- Kelvingrove Park
- Pollok Country Park

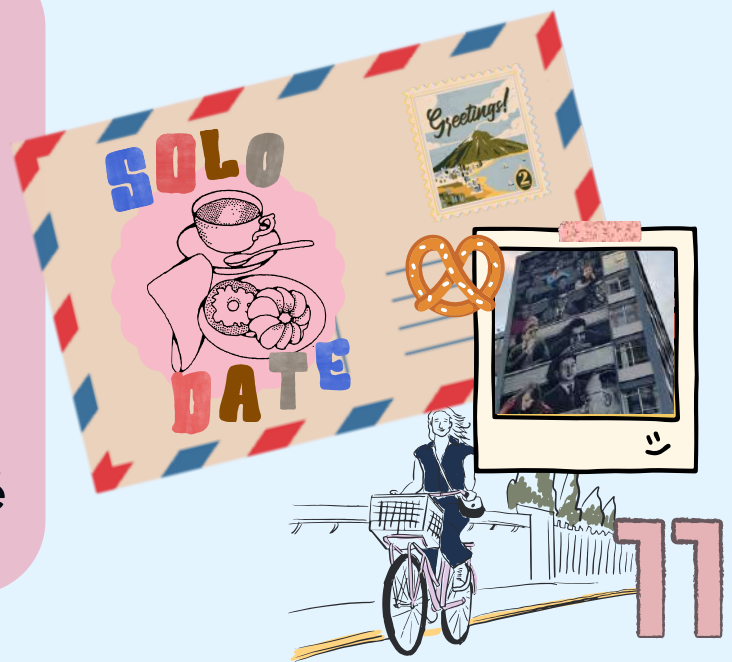
## *Food and drink*

- Tiramisu Glasgow  
*Queen Margaret Dr*
- Falafel To Go  
*Sauchiehall*
- Big Bear Bakery  
*The Railyard Glasgow*
- Roots Fruits & Flowers Café  
*Great Western Road*



## *Experiences*

- Glasgow City Mural Trail
  - Self-guided tour. More information [here](#).
- Hidden Lane  
*Finnieston*
- The Railyard Glasgow  
*Kelvingrove Park*
- Grosvenor Picture Theatre  
*Ashton Lane*



# WITH FRIENDS

Whether it's a roadtrip downtown or even a quick lunch on Byres Road, a friendly face can make all the difference. Let's make space for some quality time with each other this summer.



## Outdoor

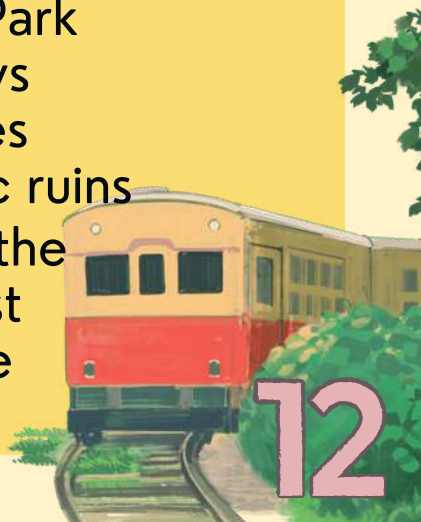
- Hiking
  - Conic Hill, Loch Lomond
  - Ben A'an, Perthshire
  - Glenfinnan
- Glasgow Necropolis
- Barras Markets  
*Gallowgate*
- Edinburgh Ghost Tour
- Edinburgh Zoo



## Day trips from Glasgow

- Edinburgh
  - Climb Arthur's Seat
  - Scottish National Gallery
  - Edinburgh Castle
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs
  - Hiking
  - Kayaking
- Isle of Arran
  - Beaches
  - Mountains
  - Distilleries
- Cairngorms
  - National Park
- Isle of Bute
  - Seaside town and coast
  - Architecture
- Stirling
  - Stirling castle
  - Blair Drummond Safari Park
- St. Andrews
  - Beaches
  - Historic ruins
- Oban and the West Coast
  - Seaside

See [here](#) for more suggestions and travel tips!



# WITH FRIENDS

## Events

- A Play, A Pie, and A Pint
  - *Oran Mor*
- The Stand Comedy Club
  - *Great Western Road*
- Glasgow Pride March
- Glasgow Mela
- Merchant City Festival

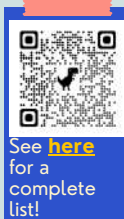


## Food and drink

- Boozy brunches
  - Las Iguanas 
  - Bar Soba
  - Hillhead Bookclub
  - Brunch Club
- Nice and Sleazy  
*Sauchiehall Street*
- The Absent Ear  
*City Centre*
- Waxy O'Connors   
*City Centre*
- Brel   
*Ashton Lane*

## Activities

- Cycle the Clyde Walkway
- Pub quiz
  - *Parlour - Mondays*
  - *The Scallion - Tuesdays*
  - *Oran Mor - Wednesdays*
  - *The Snaffle Bit - Thursdays*
  - *Inn Deep - Sundays*
- Boom Battle Bar   
*St. Enoch Square*
- Wellpark Brewery
  - *Tour - Tenants Glasgow*
- Flight Club   
*City Centre*
- The Clydeside Distillery
  - *Whisky Distiller tour*



# BUDGET CONSCIOUS

GLASGOW



## Food and Drink

£

Bloc+ Bar:

Bath St.

Bar Soba

Merchant City



The 78

Finnieston

Hug and Pint

Great Western Road

MacTassos

Kelvin Way



University Café

Byres Road

££

Chaophraya

City Centre

Bothy

Ruthven Lane

Kochchi

Ruthven Lane

Cosmo

St. Enoch Square

Eleven Fifty Five

Finnieston

Ting Thai

Byres Road

## Activities

£

Museums

- Kelvingrove Museum
- Riverside Museum
- The Burrell Collection

Mini golf

- Jungle Rumble

Pub quizzes

- All free or low charge

££

Flight Club

Darts, bar, food

Fayre Play

Activities, drinks



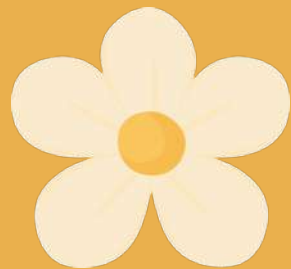
## Deals and Discounts

### Food and drink

- Bread Meats Bread - 50% off Mondays
- Sano's pizza - 50% off Mon; 20% discount
- Bella Italia - 30% off Sun-Thurs
- Koju - 15% off order
- Hillhead Bookclub - 30% off; see [more](#).

### Shopping

- Nancy Smillie - 10% off purchase
- Charity shops (Shelter, British Heart Foundation) - 10/15% off
- Superdrug and Boots - 10% off



*Here's to a  
productive  
and lively  
summer  
2026!*