

## Things to do in the West End of Glasgow

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- **Botanic Gardens.** Extensive plant collections, and the Kibble Palace. ★★☆☆☆
- **Hunterian Art Gallery and Museum.** The Art Gallery has Europe's largest display of work by James McNeill Whistler, and the world's largest collection of work by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, much of it housed in a detailed re-creation of Mackintosh's former home at 78 Southpark Avenue. ★★☆☆☆
- **Riverside Museum: Scotland's Museum of Transport and Travel.** Due to open on 21 June 2011, it will display Glasgow's rich industrial heritage, which stems from the River Clyde. The Tall Ship will be berthed alongside the Museum, creating a fantastic experience in this stunning setting. ★★☆☆☆
- **Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery** The favourite museum of Glaswegians. ★★☆☆☆
- **River Kelvin Walkway** Good for jogging, with mill ruins near Botanic Gardens. ★★☆☆☆

## Eating

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### Scottish (forget deep fried pizza, here is the best of nouvelle Scottish cuisine!)

- **Cail Bruich** (725 Great Western Road, 334 6265 <http://www.cailbruich.co.uk>). Quality restaurant serving the finest Scottish produce based on the aim of seasonality and freshness. ★★☆☆☆
- **Number Sixteen** ( 16 Byres Road, 339 2544). One of Glasgow's best restaurants, Michelin ranked. Very reasonably priced, especially for lunch & pre-theatre. 'Honest & earthy' Scottish ingredients & flavours, very good seafood, vegetarian, and desserts to die for. ★★☆☆☆
- **The Bothy** ( 11 Ruthven Lane, 339 8444). A unique Scottish restaurant in the West End of Glasgow, serving modern classics with a twist. ★★☆☆☆
- **Stravaigin** ( 28 Gibson Street, 334 2665 <http://www.stravaigin.com/>). Good Scottish food, often with Asian styles of preparation. Pub/café upstairs good & cheap. ★★☆☆☆
- **Stravaigin 2** (8 Ruthven Lane 334 7165 <http://www.stravaigin.com/stravaigin%202/strav2home.html>) a more bistro-like approach to dining than Stravaigin ★★☆☆☆
- **The Ubiquitous Chip** ( 12 Ashton Lane, 334 5007 <http://www.ubiquitouschip.co.uk/>). A West End institution for 3 decades, the Chip has excellent local produce (oatmeal ice cream to die for), and is well known through the UK. Cheaper upstairs. ★★☆☆☆

## Indian

- **Ashoka** ( 19 Ashton Lane, 337 1115 <http://www.ashokarestaurants.com/>). Classic Indian food, popular, and good value. ★★★★★
- **Killermont Polo Club** ( 2022 Maryhill Road, 946 5412 <http://www.killermontpoloclub.com/>). Décor to remind you of the Raj (in the Second City of the Empire), with superb and inexpensive Dumpukht cuisine – and they deliver! ★★★★★
- **Mother India** (28 Westminster Terrace, Sauchiehall Street, 221 1663 <http://www.motherindiaglasgow.co.uk/>). Authentic Goanese food: fantastic. ★★★★★
- **Shish Mahal** ( 66-68 Park Road, 339 8256 <http://www.shishmahal.co.uk/>). Very good Indian & Pakistani food for 40 years. ★★★★★

## Miscellaneous

- **Brel** ( 39 Ashton Lane, 342 4966). Good Belgian cuisine and beer. Half-price dishes before 7pm. ★★★★★
- **Café Antipasti** ( 337 Byres Road). Tasty Italian food. ★★★★★
- **Chow** ( 98 Byres Road, 334 9818). Good, basic Chinese food, cheap lunch special. ★★★★★
- **Cul de Sac** ( 44 Ashton Lane). Popular creperie with pasta & pizza & vg veggie burgers. Half-price before 7pm. ★★★★★
- **Persia** (665 Great Western Road <http://www.persiaglasgow.com/>). Exotic taste of authentic Persian cuisine, traditional, fresh eastern cuisine – delicious food, friendly service, nice atmosphere ★★★★★
- **Two Fat Ladies** ( 88 Dumbarton Road, 339 1944 <http://twofatladiesrestaurant.com/>). Nothing to do with Clarissa Dickson Wright (her bookshop is in Edinburgh), but very good -- although pricey – fish and shellfish. ★★★★★

## Drinks ( Glasgow takes its pubs seriously: look for micro-brewed, especially Highland heather ale)

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- **Aragon** ( 131 Byres Road). English style local – good guest ales . ★★★★★
- **Cottiers** ( 93-95 Hyndland Street). Great pub/theatre in a converted church. ★★★★★
- **Lismore** ( 206 Dumbarton Road). A great Highland whisky bar, try Orcadian ale & visit the men's room! ★★★★★
- **Stravaigin** ( 28 Gibson Street). Lots of character – decent beer, better wine. ★★★★★
- **Tennents** ( 191 Byres Road). Busy and popular, good ale selection. ★★★★★
- **Three Judges** ( 141 Dumbarton Road). Regularly wins 'real ale' awards. ★★★★★
- **Ubiquitous Chip** ( Ashton Lane). Upstairs from restaurant, lively, good wine, but can be crowded. ★★★★★
- **Uisge Beatha** ( 246 Woodlands Road). Pronounced Ish-go-bay, loads of character & characters, famous for 'the student lunch special' consisting of 'a pint of heavy, chips [french fries] and mayo.' ★★★★★