Explore Glasgow
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AROUND THE SEC:
FINNieston AND WEST END

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No trip to Glasgow is complete without a visit to the stunning Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, with one of the world’s finest civic art collections.
Take a wander up Byres Road, the West End’s main street for small quirky shops, coffee shops, bars and restaurants. Stretch your legs with a walk around Glasgow Botanic Gardens or take a peak at the historic University of Glasgow campus, with its instagrammable cloisters and quadrangles. Close to the SEC, whisky lovers can take a tour of the Clydeside Distillery and also learn about the history of the campus and its docks area.
Within walking distance is the Riverside Museum focusing on transport history, the Tall Ship and the Glasgow Science Centre.

EVENING
Just off Byres Road, the charming cobbled street, Ashton Lane, has a range of bars and restaurants to enjoy, including the Ubiquitous Chip for fine Scottish cuisine and the more casual Innis & Gunn Brewery and Taproom.
If you’d like to sample a wide range of whiskies, you might enjoy the converted church venue near the Botanic Gardens, Oran Mor.
Closer to the SEC, the Finnieston Area (centred around Argyle Street) has a wide range of independent bars and restaurants including:
Award-winning cuisine at The Gannet
Casual vegan pub The 78
Street food Dockyard Social
Gin and seafood The Finnieston
Cosy traditional pub, the Ben Nevis Bar
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Glasgow City Centre is known for its great selection of shops, centred around iconic Buchanan Street. There are several shopping centres to explore including Buchanan Galleries, Princes Square and St Enoch Centre. Get your culture fix by visiting GoMA - Glasgow’s Gallery of Modern Art or have some afternoon tea at the world-famous tearooms, Mackintosh at the Willow. Grab a great coffee at Glasgow roasters, Gordon St Coffee, right next to Central Station.

EVENING
There are a huge range of places to eat and drink in the city centre. Here are some quick picks:
For gin and quality steaks - Alston Bar & Beef
For a huge selection of beers - Shilling Brewing Co.
For Friday & Saturday street food - Platform
For Michelin recommended seafood - Gamba
For vegan eats - Stereo
For pub grub in cosy surroundings - The Butterfly and Pig
For more ideas and a range of articles on the food and drink scene in Glasgow, visit our official tourism website.
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A great way to explore is to follow the self-guided Art Mural Trail, taking in some of Glasgow’s iconic street art. Or take a short walk from the Merchant City to visit Glasgow Cathedral (advance booking recommended). A local favourite for brunch and delicious home-baking is Singl-End Merchant City.

EVENING
Many of the Merchant City’s historic buildings have been converted into great places to eat and drink. Here are some to try:
Historic market converted into a range of indoor bars and restaurants - Merchant Square
Scottish cuisine with a focus on local-sourced ingredients - Mharsanta
Stylish cocktails and late night bar - Metropolitan
Beer hall and pub grub - BrewDog Merchant City
Late night bar with retro gaming - N64
Find out what’s on in the city, including live music, theatre, comedy and exhibitions by visiting the official tourism website: What's On page

Take a tour of Glasgow to get to know the city, its architecture and history. Get some fresh air by taking a walking tour or bike tour around Glasgow. City Sightseeing Glasgow is a great way to explore the city if you don’t have much time. If you have more time to explore Scotland beyond the city, check out Discover Scotland, Timberbush Tours and Rabbie’s Tours for a fantastic range of day trips to lochs, glens, castles and distilleries!