



# Glasgow Hop On/Off Bus Info

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A Novel Holiday Travel Guidebook

## Outlandish Scotland Journey The Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus



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As with many other major cities, a Hop-on/off-Bus tour is available in Glasgow. Scores of travelers—ourselves included—enjoy riding the full route to get a sense of the city; seeing the sites and learning about them before making a final decision on which places to visit.

The full, ride-only Glasgow tour lasts approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. If this is your only tour bus intention, a 1 day ticket is all you'll need. Then, again, a 2 day ticket costs only £1 more and the Hop-on/off-Bus can be ridden between the two sites that are the farthest apart (the longest walk) in each of our Outlandish Glasgow tours. We suggest buying a 2 day ticket.

Each City Sightseeing Glasgow bus seat is equipped with a head phone jack to access tour commentary in 7 languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Polish and Mandarin. Complimentary headphones are available for those who need them. There's even a "Ghoulish Glasgow" track designed to entertain children—a track many adults may also enjoy.

"Ghoulish Glasgow is all about the city and its history. It focuses on the ghoulish, gory and downright horrible past of Glasgow and its buildings and locations. From huge dunghills to ghostly apparitions, Ghoulish Glasgow will enthrall your kids for 1 hour 20 minutes."

<https://citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk/tours/ghoulish-glasgow/>

Between the end of May and the end of September, busses run from 9:30am to 6:30pm and arrive at each stop approximately every 10 minutes. Between Easter and Halloween, every other bus usually has a live guide—guides that receive rave reviews on TripAdvisor. If you speak English and will be doing a ride-only tour, ask if the bus has a live guide before boarding. If it does not, wait 10 minutes and check the next bus.

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g186534-d2021265-Reviews-City\\_Sightseeing\\_Glasgow-Glasgow\\_Scotland.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g186534-d2021265-Reviews-City_Sightseeing_Glasgow-Glasgow_Scotland.html)

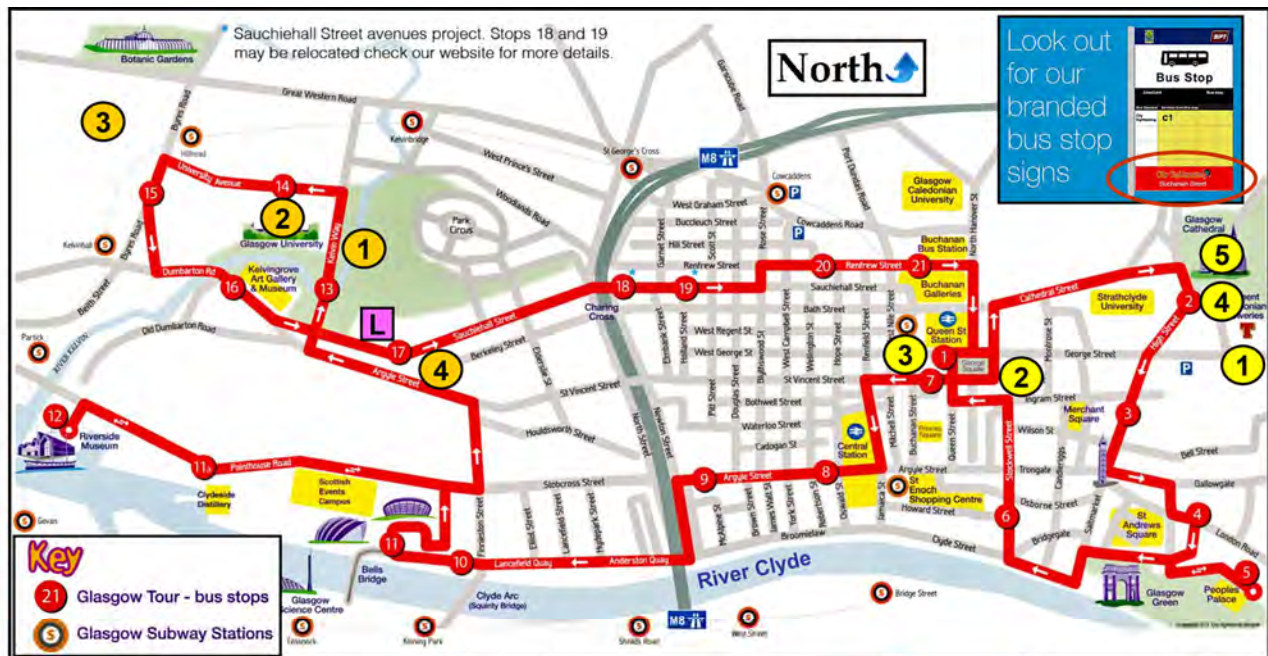
**FYI:** During winter months, the busses run from 9:30am to 4:30pm and arrive at each stop approximately 30 minutes apart. Live guides are not available. Also, the busses aren't heated — dress warmly, even if you'll be sitting in the lower deck.

Remember that Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland. If you plan to actually hop off to tour an attraction, and then hop back on to visit others, you'll definitely want a 2 day ticket.

“Our tour has been created to incorporate Glasgow’s top attractions, many of which are free, and maximize the experience of visitors to our city. Each of our 21 stops on the tour offer hop-off and on opportunities and our map shows some of the places that can be visited at each stop. ...

“If you are buying a 1 day ticket, we'd recommend you decide on a maximum of 3 places you'd like to hop off at for visits during the tour. Our 2 day ticket allows for more visits to Glasgow's main attractions en route, perhaps with some shopping and meals added in to your tour itinerary!”

<https://citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk/>



**Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus Stops**

- 1 George Square
- 2 Glasgow Cathedral
- 3 Merchant City
- 4 Barras Market
- 5 Glasgow Green
- 6 St Enoch
- 7 St Vincent Place

- 8 Radisson Hotel
- 9 Marriott/Hallmark Hotel
- 10 Hilton Garden Inn
- 11 SECC / Clydeside Distillery
- 12 Riverside Museum
- 13 Kelvin Way
- 14 Glasgow University
- 15 Byres Road
- 16 Kelvingrove Art Gallery

- 17 Kelvin Park [In front of the Ox & Finch restaurant, on the north side of Sauchiehall Street.]
- 18 Charing Cross
- 19 Sauchiehall St
- 20 Theatre Royal
- 21 Buchanan Bus Station

Upon boarding the Hop-on/off-Bus you'll receive a map of the route. We augmented that map and created an **Outlandish Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus Map**. A full-page version of the image above (including the bus stop name list) is in a PDF posted free of charge on the **Glasgow Planning Directory** of our website. <http://www.outlandishscotland.com/GlasgowHopBusMap.pdf>



The yellow-circled locations are the five Outlandish places discussed in the Glasgow City Centre Tour (Site #58) chapter. The orange-circled locations are the four *Outlander* film sites visited when following the Glasgow West End Tour (Site #59). In the list of bus stop names, we color-coded the stops associated with our tour sites.



Glasgow West End Tour (Site #59)



Glasgow City Centre Tour (Site #58)

[Images above are approximately 50% smaller than the images in the book.]

Outlanderites traveling with the *Outlandish Scotland Journey* guidebook do not need to print the PDF map. Each tour’s chapter has a full-size image of the map segment associated with it. These chapters also include our map KEY, as well as tips for using the Hop-on/off-Bus while following the tour.



### Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus Notes

Hop-on/off-Buses use city bus stops that are “branded” with a red *City Sightseeing* banner at the bottom of the bus stop sign.

The Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus route is a one-way circuit. You cannot catch a bus traveling in the other direction, because there aren’t any. If you miss a site where you planned to hop off, you’ll have to ride the entire route again to reach it—or, disembark and walk back to it.

The Full-Size Glasgow West End Tour Map Segment found in the Site #59 chapter.

You may board or disembark the Hop-on/off-Bus only at the official Hop-on/off-Bus stops.

While traveling between stops 12 and 13, for example, you’ll pass Film Site #4, but you cannot disembark there. The closest Hop-on/off-Bus stop to Film Site #4 is stop number 17, “Kelvin Park,” a block north of the film site, on Sauchiehall Street.

### Accessibility

“One dedicated wheelchair space is available on the lower deck of each bus. To ensure the availability of this space, we recommend that you contact us in advance with details of your proposed journey times.”

### Reasons for NOT Buying an Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus Ticket

- While a Hop-on/off-Bus can be ridden between the two most distant sites (the longest walk time) in each of our tours, it will not change the fact that our Glasgow *Outlander* tours require 2 days to accomplish.
- If you’re an Outlanderite who doesn’t enjoy riding an open-top tour bus, do *not* purchase a ticket.

			
<b>Glasgow Tour - 1 Day</b>		<b>Glasgow Tour - 2 Day</b>	
Adult	<b>£16.00</b>	Adult	<b>£17.00</b>
Concession/Student	<b>£15.00</b>	Concession/Student	<b>£15.00</b>
Child	<b>£9.00</b>	Child	<b>£10.00</b>
Family	<b>£35.00</b>	Family	<b>£35.00</b>

<https://citysightseeingglasgow.co.uk/get-tickets/>

### Hop-on/off-Bus Tickets

Above are the 2019 ticket prices, if purchased online.

Add £1 to each ticket if you'll be purchasing them on site.

Tickets purchased online may be troublesome. You must specify the date of your visit, and the tickets are coded for the day(s) selected. The tickets are valid only on the day(s) they are coded for.

“[When a ticket is purchased online] we send a QR code to your phone to allow paper free boarding. The QR code can be activated on the bus at any stop on the route and exchanged for your tickets.”

We prefer to pay the extra pound and buy tickets on site, just in case an unforeseen event changes our itinerary.

- Tickets can be purchased with cash from the driver of any Hop-on/off-Bus, at any stop.
- Credit cards may be used to purchase tickets at Stop 1 in George Square.