

# Glasgow Lodging Options

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**FIRST:** Be sure to read our **Scotland Lodging Tips** PDF—posted free of charge on the **Outlandish Scotland Extras** directory of our website—*before* reading this file. That file offers a wealth of important information related to finding the type(s) of lodgings you're interested in *anywhere* in Scotland. It also contains cost-saving booking tips common to all types of accommodation. <a href="http://www.outlandishscotland.com/ScotlandLodgingTips.pdf">http://www.outlandishscotland.com/ScotlandLodgingTips.pdf</a>

★If you'll be driving to Glasgow, please read the **Glasgow Driving and Parking** PDF *before* researching Glasgow lodgings. <a href="http://OutlandishScotland.com/GlasgowDrivingParking.pdf">http://OutlandishScotland.com/GlasgowDrivingParking.pdf</a>

This PDF provides some Glasgow-specific lodging information related to accommodations available in one particular area of the city.



 $[@2014\ Mandy\ Tidwell\ https://greatscotblog.com]\ [@2014\ STARZ\ TV]\ Segments,\ enhanced.$ 

While researching Glasgow we visited Mandy Tidwell's Great Scot blog. Her website is a wealth of Outlandish information and she often shares terrific travel tips. Strangely enough, it was Mandy's special interest in the Gaelic language that led to us discover our Preferred Glasgow Lodgings Area. Below is an excerpt from her 2014 trip.

"After finishing dinner, we headed out into the rain for the Argyll Hotel [on Sauchiehall Street]. What was at the Argyll, you might ask? The Argyll is where an event called An Gealbhan is held every Friday evening. This is an evening dedicated to Gàidhlig song and conversation.

"Hmmm ... now I wonder who we might know from the *Outlander* world that would show up at an event like that? Yep, ... the event is currently being hosted by none other than Àdhamh Ó Broin, Gàidhlig tutor to the stars of Outlander. ...

"I absolutely love listening to Àdhamh play and sing. He has such a strong clear voice and is very talented in the songs he writes himself. Another *Outlander* fan was in attendance and was convinced to contribute a song or two as well. ... All in all, much fun was had into the wee hours of the morning. I didn't get [back to my hotel] until 1:30 am."

https://greatscotblog.com/2014/10/05/from-singing-in-the-pub-to-singing-in-the-rain-days-1-and-2-in-scotland/

The photos above and below are of Adhamh and others you might recognize.

Mandy returned to Scotland a year later, visiting Glasgow again in 2015.

"Dinner complete, we headed just down the street to our final event for the day. And when I say final, I mean I knew we would be there until tomorrow. An Gealbhan never ends early. As we approached the Argyll hotel, a familiar figure came into view. Many hugs and greetings were exchanged with Adhamh Ó Broin, our host for the evening."

https://greatscotblog.com/2015/05/23/greatscot-travels-tupes-and-tales-2nd-outlandish-

https://greatscotblog.com/2015/05/23/greatscot-travels-tunes-and-tales-2nd-outlandish-adventure-day-9/



[Internet-posted pic segments (enhanced), ©Unknown]

We admit it. The possibility of being able to meet Adhamh Ó Broin at Sutherlands Bar in the Argyll Hotel is what first interested us in the hotel and drew our attention to the area. Sadly, when we contacted Adhamh with questions about the event, we learned that he no longer emcees the Sutherlands' An Gealbhan. Since becoming so Outlandishly popular, Adhamh's Gaelic language consultancy work prevents him from regularly attending the gatherings.

http://www.scottishgaelic.scot/

https://www.facebook.com/Gaeliconsultant/

Later during our research we learned that Sutherlands pub and restaurant no longer exists! (We'll tell you more about that in the Argyll Hotel section.) By then, however, we had fallen in love with the *AREA*.

# Our Preferred Glasgow Lodging Area

**Western Sauchiehall Street** became our preferred Glasgow lodging AREA when we realized that the Argyll Hotel was only a 10 minute walk from the first film site on our Glasgow West End tour—only a 3 minute walk from the last West End tour film site.

Reminder: "Sauchiehall" is pronounced, SOCK-EE-hall (or SUCK-EE-hall).

The western end of Sauchiehall Street is situated midway between Glasgow City Centre and the West End, within the northern section of what once was Finnieston Village. When reviewing lodgings or restaurants in this area you may find them referred to as being in "Finnieston."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finnieston

https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/neighbourhoods/west/finnieston

#### Results from Our Accommodation Research

Based on TripAdvisor reviews, a few places in our preferred lodging area should be avoided, but most of them sound marvelous. Additionally, a wide Hotel/B&B/Guest House price range is available—even a safe and economical Hostel is nearby.

Each of our accommodation reports begins with a picture of the lodging beside a graphic of its TripAdvisor review ratings.

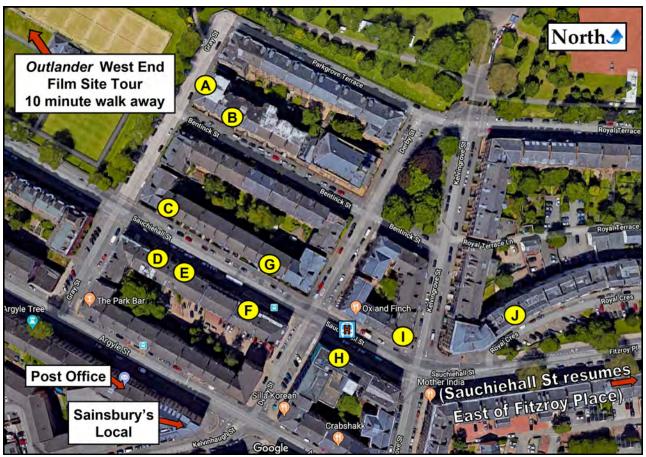
**BTW:** We have no idea why the number of individual review ratings never matches the total number of TripAdvisor reviews. We're simply reporting what was published when we captured a ratings screenshot in December of 2018.

We also list the 2018 seasonal rate range for each lodging.

**FYI:** A very popular concert and event venue, the **SSE Hydro**, is only a 10 minute walk away. Dates corresponding with particularly special performances—such as Rod Stewart or Paul McCartney concerts (GASP!)—may result in any or all of these lodgings becoming fully booked months in advance.

https://www.thessehydro.com/

Quoted descriptions at the start of each accommodation's report are from the lodging's website, unless otherwise noted.



[©2018 Google Map segment (enhanced)]

The map above identifies 10 of the 11 accommodations found within our Preferred Glasgow Lodgings Area, beginning with our favorite, the Alamo Hotel (A). The Glasgow Youth Hostel, (K), is just north of this area and is represented on a different map.

The letter designations above alphabetically correspond with each lodging's proximity to the Alamo Hotel. This also is the order in which we discuss them.

On the last page of this PDF we provide a list of all 11 lodgings in order of our preference—based on tariff, amenities, and overall value.

#### Other Area Plusses

- A "Sainsbury's Local"—a small version of this major UK grocery store chain—is on Argyle Street, literally just around the corner from all but the Glasgow Youth Hostel. Stop here between 7am and 11pm, on any day of the week, to purchase snacks and drinks for your Glasgow lodgings and tour travel bag at grocery store prices (as opposed to vending machine prices). https://stores.sainsburys.co.uk/4431/glasgow-kelvinhaugh-street-local
- The Sandyford Post Office is only a few doors northwest of the Sainsbury's Local. In addition to being able to mail postcards here, a 24 hour ATM is available.
- The public bus stop near the intersection of Sauchiehall and Derby streets (in front of the Ox and Finch restaurant) is also an *east-bound* **Hop-on/off-Bus stop**.

You'll learn more about the Glasgow Hop-on/off-Bus in one of our Glasgow Planning PDFs. <a href="http://OutlandishScotland.com/GlasgowHopBusInfo.pdf">http://OutlandishScotland.com/GlasgowHopBusInfo.pdf</a>

Several popular restaurants are in this area.
 Mandy of the Great Scot blog highly recommends the Mother India restaurant at the intersection of Sauchiehall and Kelvingrove streets. <a href="https://www.motherindia.co.uk/">https://www.motherindia.co.uk/</a>

TripAdvisor reviews for Mother India also are overwhelmingly "Excellent." <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\_Review-g186534-d2351017-Reviews-Mother India Dining In-Glasgow Scotland.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\_Review-g186534-d2351017-Reviews-Mother India Dining In-Glasgow Scotland.html</a>

Please Note: You'll need to book a table at Mother India, even on a weeknight.

If Mother India is fully booked at the time you wish to eat, the restaurant also offers a takeaway menu—perfect for those lodging nearby.

#### HERE WE GO!



# Alamo Guest House TripAdvisor Reviews (752)

Traveler r		
Excellent		640
Very good		117
Average		31
Poor		7
Terrible		2

[©2018 Google Street View image segment (enhanced)] [TripAdvisor December 2018 rating]

#### (A) The Alamo Guest House B&B

46 Gray Street, Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow G3 7SE 55.866994, -4.286187

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £67 to £153 per person, per night.

(A 2- or 3-night minimum stay may be required, depending on the season and days of the week.) https://www.alamoguesthouse.com/

To read the Alamo Guest House TripAdvisor reviews, click on the link below: <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel</a> Review-g186534-d617966-Reviews-Alamo Guest House-Glasgow Scotland.html

#### The Alamo Guest House is our Favorite Glasgow Lodging

Situated one block north of Sauchiehall Street, this lovely, family-run B&B has 10 rooms that offer luxury accommodation at amazingly low prices. Outlanderites traveling solo may consider the tariff a small splurge. For those traveling with a friend and splitting the bill, this lodging is extraordinarily inexpensive.

After purchasing the property in 2005, Emma and Steve Benzie restored and refurbished this elegant Victorian building. The bathroom fixtures they installed are exceptionally modern—some rooms even have "rainfall" showers! Best of all, *every* room in the Alamo Guest House—including the least expensive ones—is sumptuously furnished with gorgeous antiques.



Room 8, Small Standard Double / Room 7, Standard Double / Room 11, En-suite Double

The three least-expensive Alamo Guest House rooms are pictured above. They are small rooms located on the ground level, which is partially below street level and may be called the basement. Room 4—the only room that can accommodate 3 people—is also in the basement. Each of these rooms is amazing. Below is the website's description of the room pictured above, center.

#### Room 7, Standard Double

Ornate dark oak period antique bed-head, marble-topped 'Bombe' [a French term, meaning "curved"] oak French bedside tables. Lovely cushioned window seat in bay window. 32" wall-mounted Freeview HD LCD Flatscreen TV & DVD Player. Shared [toilet and shower] facilities just outside the door with a sink in the room.

- 1 or 2 people for 2 nights in May of 2019: £148
- 1 or 2 people for 3 nights (required) in August of 2019: £222

The six above-ground rooms have a view of Kelvingrove Park, or the walled garden behind the building. When you consider the many luxurious amenities provided, even the highest-priced Alamo Guest House room is a bargain.



Room 12 Bedroom Area ... Sculptural Bathtub ... Sitting Area

#### Room 12, Luxury En-Suite

[A 19 x 24 foot] room, 14-foot-high decorated ornate corniced ceiling with chandelier, 2 full-height bay windows with views over the park. King sized Louis the XV bed, marble-topped oak 'Bombe' French bedside tables, iPod player, digital radio/alarm clock. Seating area in park view bay window. Beautifully designed slate tiled raised en-suite bathroom area, including designer wet room with ... heat-sensitive 3-colour LED-lit rainshower, hand-held shower, and 6 body jets. LED up-lit sculptural bath, positioned perfectly to watch the 52" wall-mounted Samsung 1080p full HD plasma 3D TV ... and 3D Blu-ray Player with 2 integrated 3D glasses.

- 1 or 2 people for 2 nights in May of 2019: £338
- 1 or 2 people for 3 nights (required) in August of 2019: £507

Some of the other items included in Room 12: dressing gowns, blackout drapes or curtains, and an inroom safe.

To see photos of all the Alamo Guest House rooms—including pix of the amazing bath fixtures in several—visit the link below.

https://www.alamoguesthouse.com/gallery

#### Additional amenities available in each Alamo Guest House room:

- Free WiFi (throughout the building, and in each of the rooms)
- Electric kettle with a plentiful selection of complementary biscuits, and packets of coffee, tea, and cocoa
- Complimentary toiletries
- Hair dryer

#### Each Alamo Guest House Room Tariff Includes Breakfast

"Wake up and enjoy our complimentary breakfast in our beautiful Victorian dining area with breathtaking views of Kelvingrove Park and the University of Glasgow.

"If cooked breakfast is your thing, then why not do it full Scottish style with haggis and potato scones (no deep frying). Indulge in fresh fruit, yogurt, cereal, porridge, or create your own granola with our choice of seeds and dried fruit.

"If you'd like a lighter choice, pastries and a selection of yogurts and cheeses will be sure to fill you up for your day in the city.

"Please make us aware, before your arrival, of any dietary requirements (e.g. Vegetarian, Vegan, Celiac and Non-Celiac / Gluten Sensitivity). We're more than happy to cater for your needs. ...

"Just let us know on arrival if you require an earlier breakfast, as we can provide a continental, help-yourself option." https://www.alamoguesthouse.com/Breakfast

#### **Breakfast Service Times:**

Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 9:30am Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 10am

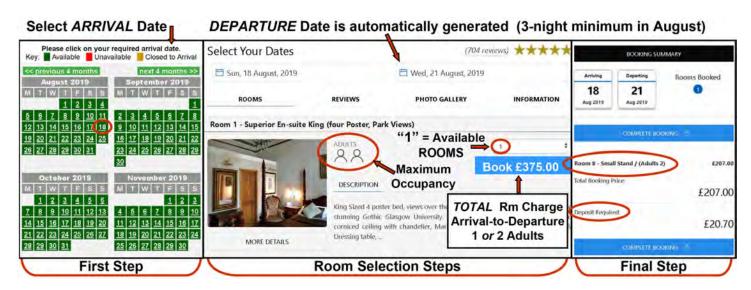
#### Accessibility

Seven steps lead up to the Alamo Guest House's front door and there is no lift/elevator in the building. Thus, this lodging is not wheelchair accessible.

Those who find stairs a challenge should request a room on the main floor/reception floor when you call the hotel to book a room. 141 339 2395

#### **Booking Your Room**

The Alamo Guest House's online booking system will determine your **minimum length of stay**, based on the day of your arrival—its time of year, and/or day of the week. CD Miller found some aspects of the system slightly confusing, so she obtained clarification from the owner and created the following graphic image.



- First, select your **Arrival Date**. For our example, we selected Sunday, August 18th, 2019.
- After submitting your arrival date the Booking Program will open a new window with an automatically-generated **Departure Date**. This date may be the next day (during low tourist seasons—i.e. late Fall, Winter, or early Spring—and for some mid-week stays in summer

months). *OR*, it will automatically reflect a 2- or 3-night minimum stay, as it did for our August 18th arrival date.

- You can change the departure date to stay additional nights, but you cannot change it to stay
  fewer nights.
- The "1" in the box that looks as if you could select another number will NOT change. It is the number of rooms available that correspond with the room description. As each of the 10 Alamo Guest House rooms has an individual description, there is only 1 of each room available. (Miller initially thought this box was for indicating the number of people staying.)
- Two adults is the maximum occupancy for 9 of the 10 Alamo Guest House rooms. The only exception is Room 4, the "Family En-suite" room, located on the below-street level. According to the owners:

"Room 4 has capacity for a third person. You can let us know via email or on the booking form 'special Request' section if there is a third person in your party. We do not have rooms for 4 [or more] people to stay together (even though we have rooms that are big enough), as this would put too much strain on the facilities of the guest house when we are fully booked—i.e. too many people to be able to accommodate at breakfast (seating, service, etc)."

If there are 4 or more people in your party, you'll need to book 2 or more rooms.

• After adjusting the departure date, the "Book" price listed for each room is the TOTAL amount of room charge (before taxes) for the entire indicated length of stay—*not* the tariff **per night**.

In the graphic above, Room 1—the "Superior En-suite King" with four poster bed and views of Kelvingrove Park—costs £375 for a 3-night stay in August. That's £125 per night for one person, or £62.50 per night per person for two people. This is a *bargain* price for a room of that value!

• Scroll down the Room Selection page to see the other rooms available during your indicated length of stay.

We scrolled down to the "Room 8, Small Standard Double" and clicked on the BOOK button for that room.

After clicking on the BOOK button, the Booking Summary is populated.
 Our Booking Summary listed the selected room, its total room charge for the indicated length of stay (before taxes), and calculated the DEPOSIT required to book the room.

# The booking deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.

If something happens and you later have to cancel your booking, the guidelines for obtaining a full refund of the *remaining* booking expense are detailed on the Alamo Guest House FAQ webpage.

https://www.alamoguesthouse.com/FAQs

• Lastly: Go to the TripAdvisor page for the Alamo Guest House to check on aggregator booking discounts for the dates of your visit before calling to book your room. If less than the website-listed tariff, quote the aggregator's rate when calling to book and you'll likely receive the discounted rate.

#### Also explained on the Alamo Guest House FAQ page:

- Earliest and Latest check-in times. (2pm/8:30pm)
- Earliest luggage drop off time. (10am)
- Checkout times. (10am to 11am, or before 8:30pm the previous night)

#### Please Read the Alamo Guest House FAQ Page!

This really is a small, family-run, guest house. It is personally operated by the owners, Emma and Steve, with only a handful of other people helping. They all work very hard to make your stay as enjoyable at possible. Please respect their rules so that they can provide an exceptional experience for *everyone* lodging here.



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# (B) The Beersbridge Lodge

50 Bentinck Street, West End, North West, Glasgow, G3 7TT 55.866753, -4.285896

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £44 to £60 per person, per night. http://beersbridgelodge.com-glasgow.com/

"Just 50 yards from Sauchiehall Street, Beersbridge Lodge Guesthouse overlooks the beautiful grounds of Kelvin Grove Park in central Glasgow."

#### We're not sure if the Beersbridge Lodge actually has a website.

The website linked above seems to be more of a booking service. Unless they are outright lying, the service is unaware that the Beersbridge Lodge does *not* overlook Kelvingrove Park, but is down the street from it. There also are many contradictions between the site above and other booking sites, such as Hostelworld and Expedia, among others.

Breakfast isn't mentioned on Beersbridgelodge.com. Some booking sites say that continental breakfast is included in the room tariff (Hostelworld), some say that there is an extra fee for breakfast (Expedia). TripAdvisor reports "Breakfast *Available*" at the Beersbridge Lodge, and a recent reviewer mentions paying £2.50 for a "continental breakfast" while staying there.

The "satellite TV channels" amenity cited on Beersbridgelodge.com is specifically contradicted on Hostelworld: "colour TVs (no satellite)."

https://www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Beersbridge-Lodge/Glasgow/7168 https://www.expedia.com.sg/Glasgow-Hotels-Beersbridge-Lodge.h11900655.Hotel-Information

#### Then there are the TERRIBLE TripAdvisor reviews.

Many 2018 Beersbridge Lodge TripAdvisor reviews are positive. And, if you read ALL of the August, 2018, reviews you'll learn that a group of disruptive individuals each posted a "Terrible" review that month, in an effort to lower the Beersbridge Lodge guest house rating and drive business away.

That said, several *other* "Poor" and "Terrible" reviews were posted in 2018—so many, in fact, that we cannot ignore them.

**★2019 update:** Even more horror stories have been posted. Thus, we vote *NO*, *NO*, *NO* to Beersbridge Lodge! Read the TripAdvisor reviews here:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d1196344-Reviews-Beersbridge\_Lodge\_Guesthouse-Glasgow\_Scotland.html

#### Our Recommendation

#### NO, NO, NO to Beersbridge Lodge!

If you have to book a room here, do NOT book online! Discover the TripAdvisor aggregator rates for the dates of your stay, then CALL the Beersbridge Lodge to book a room: 141 338 6666



[©2018 Google Street View image segment (enhanced)] [TripAdvisor December 2018 rating]

# (C) The Argyll Guest House

970 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G3 7TH

(Across the street from its sister, the Argyll Hotel)

55.866216, -4.286499

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £35 to £79 per person, per night. http://www.argyllguesthouseglasgow.co.uk/

"The Argyll Guest House Glasgow offers cheap, budget bed and breakfast or room only accommodation. Located on Sauchiehall Street, by Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery & Park in the West End, the Argyll Guest House offers ideal accommodation for your stay in Glasgow, Scotland. We are ten minutes walk from the SSE Hydro and five minutes from Glasgow University.

"Recently refurbished, each of [our] 18 bedrooms has en-suite facilities and the added convenience of colour television, [free WiFi,] clock radio, hairdryer, direct-dial telephone and beverage tray. Dry cleaning and laundry services are available for guests always on the move. ...

"Being a small private accommodation, we feel that we have created a happy, homely atmosphere with a number of helpful staff who hope to make your stay as comfortable as possible. We look forward to welcoming you to the Argyll Guest House, (formerly the Angus Hotel) on your next visit to Glasgow."

Please Note: Check in for the Argyll Guest House is at the Argyll Hotel reception desk.

Two October of 2018 TripAdvisor reviews:

#### **Great Little Guest House**

"Stayed here because of the hotel's location, not far from the Hydro and the wonderful Park Bar. As the title of this review says, is a great little guest house/hotel, the rooms are spotless and the showers are superb. We booked breakfast and I'm glad we did as it was excellent. Friendly staff too, I wouldn't hesitate to stay at the Argyle in the future."

#### Comfort, Convenience, and Tradition

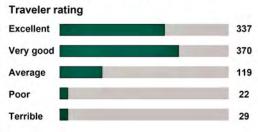
"This hotel combines the quaint charm of an older building with comfortable beds, late Victorian architectural details, and a touch of tartan. Guests cross the street for a traditional Scottish breakfast at the Argyll Hotel to be greeted by cheerful staff offering a delicious hot and cold buffet. The hotel is located in a lovely part of Glasgow within easy walking distance of pubs, restaurants, the university, and impressive museums."

★2019 update: Several not-so-nice reviews have been posted recently. Perhaps they will take them to heart, and make corrections. To read the most recent Argyll Guest House TripAdvisor Reviews: <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d210895-Reviews-Argyll\_Guest\_House-Glasgow\_Scotland.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d210895-Reviews-Argyll\_Guest\_House-Glasgow\_Scotland.html</a>

Information *common* to the Argyll Guest House and the Argyll Hotel follows the Argyll Hotel section.



# Argyll Hotel Glasgow TripAdvisor Reviews (972)



[©2018 Google Street View image segment (enhanced)] [TripAdvisor December 2018 rating]

# (D) The Argyll Hotel

973 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G3 7TQ

55.866216, -4.286499

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £38 to £118 per person, per night.

http://www.argyllhotelglasgow.co.uk/

https://www.facebook.com/ARGYLLHOTELGLASGOW/

"Argyll Hotel Glasgow is a 3 Star Hotel providing accommodation [within easy reach of both Glasgow City Centre and Glasgow's famous West End.] ... This Glasgow hotel is a family-run, traditional Georgian built hotel, recently refurbished to a very high standard. All our en-suite rooms offer their own charm and individuality, and whether it's business or pleasure that brings you to Glasgow, you will find a warm friendly atmosphere at our hotel. ...

"All rooms have en-suite facilities with the added convenience of Colour TV and Free View Channels, Free WiFi, Direct Dial Telephone, Hairdryer, Tea/Coffee Making Facilities, and Digital Clock Radio. Dry cleaning and laundry services are available for guests always on the move. Room Service is available for those guests who prefer to enjoy excellent food in the privacy their own room."

#### Two 2018 TripAdvisor reviews:

## Cosy Hotel (December, 2018)

"We stayed in the Argyll for two nights, bed and breakfast, on a leisure break. Hotel is ideally suited for getting around Glasgow and on a bus route. The accommodation was well furnished and clean. We stayed in Room 409, and although it was next to the lift, it was nice and quiet. The dining room had been recently renovated and it was bright and airy. Buffet breakfast was good, with a satisfactory choice and freshly cooked. The two breakfast ladies were pleasant and polite. Nothing was too much of a bother for them."

#### **Great Short Stay (November, 2018)**

"Stayed here Saturday night as a convenient stopover for a concert at the SSE Hydro. The hotel is very well located, only a few minutes walk from the Hydro, with lots of great pubs and restaurants nearby. It's also ideally located for a walk in the Kelvingrove Park, or a wander in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery, which is well worth a visit. A short walk of about 20 minutes through the architecturally fantastic University will take you up to Byers Road and all of the hip shops and cafes in that area.

"The hotel was good, very clean and tidy, with a decent shower and the staff were very pleasant. ... And at less than £60 for a night, what's not to like for a short stopover."

To read more Argyll Hotel TripAdvisor Reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d191893-Reviews-Argyll\_Hotel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html





Information and Tips Common to the Argyll Hotel *and* the Argyll Guest House The Argyll Hotel's Sutherlands Restaurant and Pub once served both the Argyll Hotel and the Argyll Guest House. Alas, Sutherlands was closed in the winter of 2018. The space it once occupied was completely refurbished and redecorated, and an all-new restaurant opened in January of 2019; the Soul Food Kitchen.

This is a *vegan* restaurant—not "soul food" as known in the US. Their vision statement: "To make nutritionally balanced, delicious plant based-food more accessible to the people of Glasgow. We also hope to increase overall wellbeing in the community by holding lots of events and workshops in our restaurant."

https://www.soulfoodkitchen.co.uk/

https://www.facebook.com/soulfoodkitchenglasgow/

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\_Review-g186534-d15740696-Reviews-or10-

Soul Food Kitchen-Glasgow Scotland.html



Clockwise, from 12:00:
Grilled Mushrooms,
Grilled Tomato,
Sausage links,
Potato Scones,
Baked Beans,
Egg (cooked to order),
Black Pudding patty,
Bacon ("Ham" in the US)



The Argyll Hotel & Argyll Guest House Traditional Scottish Breakfast Buffet

Breakfast for those who lodge in the Argyll Hotel and the Argyll Guest House is still served in this space, but it is *not* vegan. It remains the same breakfast frequently complemented on TripAdvisor. The Soul Food Kitchen doesn't begin public service until *after* the Argyll lodgings' breakfast service. If you prefer a vegan breakfast, however, ask for one. We're sure they'll be happy to substitute.

#### Both of the Argyll lodgings offer Room-Only booking or B&B booking.

The price difference between these options varies from £5 to £7.50, depending on the season. Since no breakfast restaurants are nearby, we suggest springing for the B&B booking.

However! The Argylls' breakfast is served from 7am to 9:30am on weekdays, 7:30am to 9:30am on weekends. If you need to leave earlier than that on one or more days of your stay—or if you'll be breakfasting elsewhere on one or more days—make a room-only booking. On the day(s) you have time to enjoy an Argyll breakfast, purchase a Breakfast Voucher at the Argyll Hotel reception desk for £8.50.

Beverage and snack vending machines are available in both the Argyll Hotel and the Argyll Guest House, 24/7.

Sauchiehall is a busy street, even in the wee hours of the morning. If traffic noise bothers you, request a room away from the street when calling to book a stay in either of the Argylls. (This is a tip applicable to every accommodation found on Sauchiehall Street.)

Additionally, basement level rooms tend to garner the most complaints for both of the Argylls. When calling to book a stay in either of the Argylls, ask to be assigned to a room on the entrance level floor or above.

#### Accessibility

The Argyll Hotel has a lift that accesses all floors, including the basement where the restaurant is. The lift is in the reception area, however. To reach the front door and reception area, five shallow steps must be negotiated—as seen in the Argyll Hotel photo above.

To read the Argyll Hotel Access Statement, click on this link: <a href="http://www.argyllhotelglasgow.co.uk/access-statement.htm">http://www.argyllhotelglasgow.co.uk/access-statement.htm</a>

The Argyll Guest House does *not* have a lift, and there are several more steps leading to its front door—it is not wheelchair accessible. The Argyll Guest House Access Statement is also posted on the page linked above.



# Smith's Hotel TripAdvisor Reviews (449)

Traveler rating		
Excellent	95	
Very good	74	
Average	103	
Poor	59	
Terrible	153	

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#### **(E)** Smith's Hotel

963 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G3 7TQ

(Next door to the Argyll Hotel)

55.866049, -4.286199

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £23 to £87 per person, per night. https://www.smiths-hotel.com/

#### We are voting NO for Smith's Hotel.

To learn why, read the TripAdvisor Reviews—otherwise, proceed to the next accommodation. <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d1095745-Reviews-or5-Smiths\_Hotel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d1095745-Reviews-or5-Smiths\_Hotel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html</a>

A note for those who read the TripAdvisor Reviews: While there are a few positive reviews in December and November of 2018, and a "Terrible" review that may have been unjustified, there are far too many other complaints about terrible conditions to ignore.



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#### **(F)** Devoncove Hotel

931 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G3 7TQ 55.865867, -4.285534

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £27 to £92 per person, per night. https://www.devoncovehotel.com/

#### We are voting a resounding NO for Devoncove Hotel.

To learn why, read the TripAdvisor Reviews—otherwise, proceed to the next accommodation. <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d256005-Reviews-Devoncove\_Hotel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d256005-Reviews-Devoncove\_Hotel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html</a>



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# (G) Kelvingrove Hotel 944 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G3 7TH 55.865867, -4.285534

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £40 to £72 per person, per night. https://kelvingrove-hotel.co.uk/

"Set in the heart of trendy Finnieston, the Kelvingrove Hotel provides superb 3-star accommodation close to all of Glasgow's amenities. Having been awarded a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence, you can be sure you'll receive the high quality hospitality in our friendly, family-run hotel, allowing you to truly relax and enjoy the city at its best. Book your stay direct through our official website to guarantee the best rates and the most up-to-date availability. ...

"Discover a true home away from home in one our 25 light, airy bedrooms complete with original, Victorian period features. Complimentary toiletries, tea and coffee-making facilities, satellite television, free WiFi, and an in-room telephone (charges apply) all come as standard, and Double, Twin, Triple or Quad rooms are all available."

The Kelvingrove Hotel is another of our favorite lodgings in the area. It also is endorsed by Undiscovered Scotland!

https://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/areaglas/hotels.html

#### **Kelvingrove TripAdvisor Reviews**

As you can see by the rating chart above, the vast majority of Kelvingrove reviewers rated the hotel Excellent or Very Good. The review quoted below was particularly fun.

#### The Jewel in the Crown!

"What a hidden gem this hotel is. The Glaswegian hospitality extended by Joe upon our arrival was as big as the bell at reception—huge! ...

"The hotel itself was very clean. The room was spotless with tea and coffee making facilities available. The room was very quiet and the beds extremely comfortable. We both had a great nights sleep.

"Breakfast in the morning was fabby! Plenty of selection available, cereals, yoghurt, fruit, pastries etc. I chose the great Scottish full breakfast served with a smile and a bit of banter—just brilliant. Joe had the dining room guests in stitches! The lovely lady (I'm sorry I didn't get your name) who took and served our breakfast order was cheery and good fun! ...

"I won't look past the Kelvingrove Hotel when I next stay in Glasgow. In this case west is best—and that's coming from an Edinburgh resident!

"PS: There is also free tea, coffee and biscuits served daily in the hotel between 10am and 1pm."

Review by Foxkew of Edinburgh, UK. November, 2018

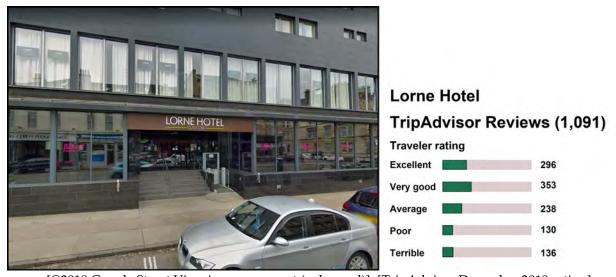
To read other of the Kelvingrove Hotel TripAdvisor reviews: <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel</a> Review-g186534-d209058-Reviews-Kelvingrove Hotel-Glasgow Scotland.html

#### **Kelvingrove Hotel Booking Tips**

- If traveling solo, the Double or Twin room you book will cost the same as if two adults are staying. If traveling with a friend and splitting the tariff, a Kelvingrove Double or Twin room becomes quite inexpensive.
- If traffic noise will disturb you, request a room away from Sauchiehall Street.
- Promo Code: "Breakfast"!
  - Breakfast is not automatically included in the Kelvingrove Hotel room tariff, and costs £10. If you use the hotel's online system to book, however, there is a "Promo Code" box at the top right portion of the booking page. Type "Breakfast" into that box and you'll receive free breakfast per person, per night of stay.
  - .....When booking by phone, remember to ask if you can receive the free breakfast promotional offer. The answer likely will be, "Yes!"
- At check in you'll be given a handout that explains the WiFi and gives you the password. It also explains the **Breakfast Booking** system. Your breakfast table must be booked before 7pm on the night before.

#### Accessibility

"There are stairs leading to our entrance and between certain rooms and reception. Please check with us prior to booking to see which rooms are available which may meet your needs." 141 339 5011



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#### **(H)** The Lorne Hotel

923 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G3 7TQ 55.865593, -4.284655

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £45 to £115 per person, per night. https://www.thelorneglasgow.com/

#### This Hotel is a Crap Shoot

The only consistently positive aspect about staying here: the building is wheelchair accessible from the street's sidewalk and has a lift that accesses all floors. That said, there are a number of TripAdvisor complaints about the noise of the elevator—both while on it and if lodging next to it (something you want to avoid).

Read the Lorne Hotel TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d1163175-Reviews-Lorne\_Hotel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html

Pay close attention to the "Room Tips" at the bottom of the TripAdvisor page.

#### Our Recommendation

If you end up needing to stay at this hotel because better area accommodations are fully booked:

- Make a list of your special requests (based on the TripAdvisor room tips).
- Note the aggregator tariffs for your date of stay.
- Then call the manager to book your room.

Stephen Shearer, Manager at Lorne Hotel

Tel: 141 330 1555



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# (I) The Sandyford Hotel

904 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G3 7TF, Scotland 55.865564, -4.284089

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £41 to £110 per person, per night. http://www.sandyfordhotelglasgow.com/

"The Sandyford Hotel is owned and operated by a family who have been providing [high-quality, cheap hotel] accommodation in Glasgow City Centre for many years. Our hotel offers traditional Scottish hospitality, including our famous cooked Scottish Breakfast.

"The accommodation in the hotel was recently fully refurbished and boasts 55 individually-styled hotel rooms all with en-suite bathrooms, direct dial telephone, complimentary tea and coffee making facilities, and a 24 hour reception.

"We provide free wireless internet (Wi-Fi) access for all of our [guests]. We also provide computers in the reception area with free broadband internet access. Both of these services are available 24 hours a day."

Despite its humdrum external appearance, the Sandyford Hotel offers exactly what it promises—high-quality accommodation at budget prices. Better yet, the last film site on our Glasgow West End tour is in the next block south, and the highly recommended Mother India restaurant is across the street.

Use the link below if you want to read TripAdvisor reviews for the Sandyford Hotel. <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel</a> Review-g186534-d210879-Reviews-The Sandyford Hotel-Glasgow Scotland.html

BTW: We believe that negative reviews referring to a room in the "attic" are actually Sandyford Lodge reviews.

The most common TripAdvisor Sandyford Hotel complaints are about the stairs. The building has no lift and there are four floors of rooms; the basement (where the breakfast room is), the reception level/first floor, and two upper floors. If you find stairs challenging, request a room on the reception level floor when you call to book. They *may* offer to bring breakfast up to your room.

141 334 0000

If street noise bothers you, request a quiet room away from Sauchiehall Street when you call to book.

The Sandyford Hotel's 24-hour reception area includes a free coffee machine, as well as a cold drinks and snack vending machines.

Breakfast is included in the room tariff and the food consistently receives compliments.

Please note, however, that the breakfast service time is short. If you wait until just before end of service to arrive, you may find the small breakfast room crowded with others who also waited until the last minute. The best breakfast experience is enjoyed by early birds! (When you think about it, this is probably true for every B&B on Sauchiehall Street.)

- Monday through Friday: 7am to 8:30am
- Saturday and Sunday: 7am to 9:30am

#### Wheelchair Accessibility

If traveling with someone who can help you negotiate the 4 shallow steps leading to the front door, request a room on the reception level floor when you call to book.



# Sandyford Lodge TripAdvisor Reviews (222)

Traveler	rating	
Excellent		111
Very good		106
Average		27
Poor	0	3
Terrible		8

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# (J) The Sandyford Lodge

21 Royal Crescent, Glasgow G3 7SL 55.865663, -4.283138

Standard room rate range in 2018 seasons: £45 to £146 per person, per night. http://www.sandyfordlodge.com/

"The Sandyford Lodge is located in an elegantly restored Victorian townhouse offering good quality cheap bed and breakfast accommodation—conveniently located on Sauchiehall Street between the West End and City Centre of Glasgow.

"Formerly the Townhouse Hotel & Guest House, the property has been extensively upgraded by the new owners before being reopened in 2014—including free Wi-Fi, flat screen TVs with up to 90 channels, & digital radio.

"There are 19 large and spacious rooms, and guests can choose between single, double, twin, triple, quad and family guest rooms. All rooms include en suite facilities and all the expected mod-cons such as direct dial telephone, hairdryer, complimentary tea and coffee making facilities etc.

"Guests can also enjoy the use of our 24 hour reception as well as a comfortable guest lounge. "FREE cooked breakfast."

While we like the Sandyford Lodge—a sister to the nearby Sandyford Hotel—there are a few caveats that should be considered when booking a room here.

• Despite the lodge's website description, all rooms are *NOT* "en-suite." Some have a bathroom or shower that is down the hall—possibly not even on the same floor as your room. While you may be given a key to the so-called-private bathroom/shower, it isn't an en-suite accommodation.

When booking online, watch for a description of "basic" room, rather than "en-suite" room. Click on the "+ Show room details" button to learn more. That is where you'll learn that the room is not en-suite.

Note that a discount is *NOT* offered for staying in a basic room.

- As with the Sandyford Hotel, there is no lift in this lovely Victorian building, and the breakfast room is in the basement. If you find stairs challenging, book a room on the same floor as reception. (They may or may not offer to have a breakfast brought up to your room.)
- Rooms on the top floor—referred to by some as the "attic"—have a low ceiling height in areas.
- Because the Sandyford Lodge is on Royal Crescent—a lane that arcs away from Sauchiehall Street—traffic noise is not as large a consideration when lodging here.

The solution to avoiding the above-described difficulties: CALL to book your room: 141 332 9009

- Request an en-suite room on the same floor as reception.
- Request a room away from the street-side of the building.

Use the link below if you want to read TripAdvisor reviews for the Sandyford Lodge. <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel</a> Review-g186534-d210878-Reviews-Sandyford Lodge Hotel-Glasgow Scotland.html

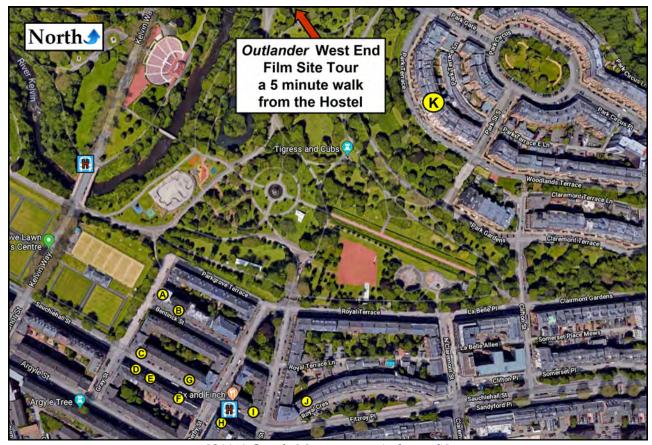
The Sandyford Lodge has a 24-hour reception area, but no vending machines. If you need food or drink during the wee hours of the morning—apart from the kettle and biscuits in your room—the Sandyford Hotel's 24-hour reception area is only 50 yards away (west). There you'll find a free coffee machine, as well as a cold drinks and snack vending machine.

Breakfast is included in the Sandyford Lodge room tariff and the food consistently receives compliments. Please note, however, that the breakfast service time is short, especially on the weekend—even shorter than the Sandyford Hotel's weekend breakfast service. Remember that the best breakfast experience is enjoyed by early birds!

- Monday through Friday: 7am to 8:30am
- Saturday and Sunday: 7:30am to 9:15am

#### Wheelchair Accessibility

There are eight (8) steep steps leading up from the sidewalk to reception—Sandyford Lodge is NOT wheelchair accessible.



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The 11th accommodation in our Preferred Glasgow Lodging Area is the Glasgow Youth Hostel. If visiting the city of Glasgow mid-way through your Outlandish Scotland Journey, staying in this hostel is a plus. As explained in our **Scotland Lodging Tips** PDF, you'll be able to safely and conveniently DO YOUR LAUNDRY while lodging here!



# Glasgow Youth Hostel TripAdvisor Reviews (203)



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# (K) Glasgow Youth Hostel

8 Park Terrace, Glasgow G3 6BY 55.868987, -4.281199

https://www.hostellingscotland.org.uk/hostels/glasgow/

"Glasgow Youth Hostel offers four star VisitScotland-accredited accommodation in a fabulous Victorian townhouse overlooking beautiful Kelvingrove Park in Glasgow's lively West End, close to award-winning Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, numerous cafes, restaurants and bars. ...

"The hostel offer guests a great range of comfortable en-suite rooms and spacious shared accommodation with private lockers. There's even a self-contained apartment sleeping up to six people.

"WiFi is free for all guests and other facilities include a large comfortable lounge with views over the park, television room, games room, laundry, secure bike store and luggage storage for guests arriving early and wanting to explore the city.

"Reception is open 24 hours a day."

#### To see TripAdvisor Reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\_Review-g186534-d209062-Reviews-Glasgow\_Youth\_Hostel-Glasgow\_Scotland.html

The most common hostel complaints: Too many stairs and no WiFi in the rooms. (It is only available in the common areas, and can occasionally be slow.)

"We do our best to deliver a free WiFi service but apologize that connectivity ... can be intermittent due to the level of our current broadband provision along with high usage when the youth hostel is busy. Please be assured we are endeavoring to improve where we can. We thank you for your patience and understanding."

With such a wide variety of rooms available at the Hostel, a rate "range" isn't useful. Below are a few rate examples.

	April, 2019	August, 2019
Bed in shared en-suite room	£16.50 per bed	£23.50 per bed
(5, 7, or 8 beds to a room)	per night	per night
Private en-suite room, 1 person, single bed	£38 per room	£42.50 per room
	per night	per night
Private en-suite room, two people,	£48 per room	£61.50 per room
1 double or 2 twin beds	per night	per night

• Breakfast is NOT included in the Hostel room tariff.

A communal kitchen is available if you want to cook your own breakfast.

Alternatively, breakfast can be purchased between 7:30am and 9am from those who manage the kitchen:

Continental breakfast £5.95

Cooked breakfast £7.50

- Towel hire is £3 per person.
- There are lockable lockers [for each bed] in all rooms and padlocks are available to buy from reception.
- Token-operated washing and drying machines (3 each) are available 24 hours a day. Purchase the tokens at reception. Cost is £2 per wash, £2 per dry. Bring your own soap!

#### Accessibility

"Currently Glasgow Youth Hostel is not suitable for people with impaired mobility."

A "Fact Sheet" is available for download on Glasgow Youth Hostel's website that provides answers to many other questions. Below is the link to 2019's fact sheet.

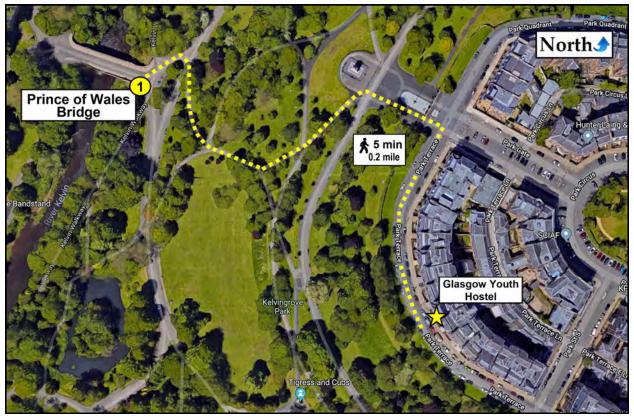
https://www.hostellingscotland.org.uk/media/3044/glasgow2019.pdf

# Directions for Following the Outlandish Glasgow West End Tour (Site #59) When Lodging at the Glasgow Youth Hostel

The next 4 pages of this PDF contain directions for walking from the Glasgow Youth Hostel to the 1st West End film site—and for walking back to the hostel from the final (4th) West End film site.

- Print the directions page for walking to the first film site.
- Print *one* of the 2 directions page options for walking back to the Glasgow Youth Hostel from the last film site.

If you'll be traveling with the *Outlandish Scotland Journey* paperback, tuck these pages into your book.



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#### Directions to the First West End Tour Film Site (1) from the Hostel:

Film Site Coordinates: 55.870344, -4.284147

- Step out of the hostel and turn right to follow Park Terrace as it curves north, until you come to a Kelvingrove Park entrance on your left.
- Turn left & enter the park.
- Walk forward to the left side of the Lord Frederick Sleigh Roberts monument. (He served in the 1857 Indian Rebellion, and is mounted on his favorite Arab charger "Volonel.")
- Bear left and walk down the small path that leads southwest from the monument, following it as it crosses a path.
- When you reach the next small path turn right to walk slightly northwest.
- Cross the next path, continuing as your route bears right and curves north, until you reach a major path.
- Bear left and then turn left to reach the Prince of Wales Bridge film site.

When finished at the Prince of Wales Bridge film site, follow directions provided in the Outlandish Glasgow West End Tour (Site #59) chapter to reach the other film sites.



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# Directions for Returning to the Glasgow Youth Hostel [You do not need to print this page.]

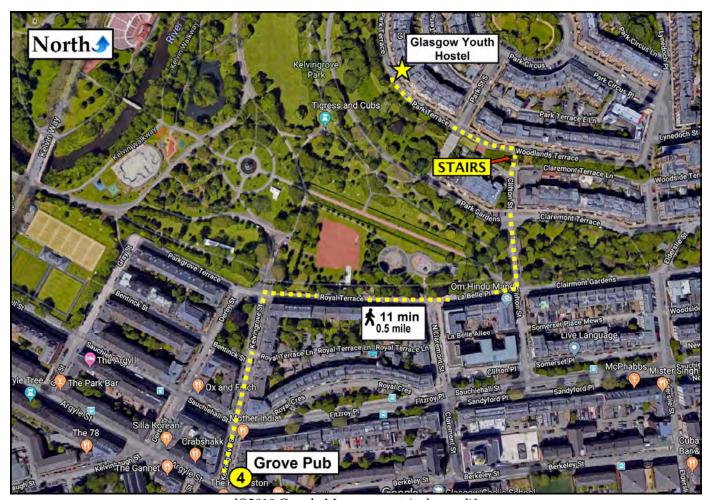
We provide two route options for returning to the Hostel from the last West End film site, both of which are 11 minute walks, according to Google Maps.

- Route #1 sticks to the streets and is the easiest to follow. It also includes the beautiful Victorian stairs seen above.
- Route #2 leads through Kelvingrove Park.

Those who follow the second route can avoid stairs, but run the risk of becoming lost in the park and taking longer than 11 minutes to reach the hostel.

Then, again, walking through the park is a far more picturesque route.

Your choice!



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# Glasgow Youth Hostel Return Route #1

#### Walking back to the Hostel from the Last West End Tour Film Site: The Grove Pub (4)

Film Site Address: 8 Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow G3 7RX

Film Site Coordinates: 55.864914, -4.284144

- Exit the Grove Pub, turn right, and walk north on Kelvingrove Street to its end.
- When you see the Kelvingrove Park entrance ahead, you've reached Royal Terrace. Turn right.
- Walk east on Royal Terrace, continuing east when it becomes La Belle Place, until you reach Clifton Street.
- Turn left on Clifton Street and walk north until you reach the stairs seen in the photo on the previous page.
- Mount the stairs to arrive at Woodlands Terrace.
- Turn left and walk west, curving north, until Woodlands Terrace becomes Park Terrace.
- Continue walking northwest on Park Terrace until you reach the Glasgow Youth Hostel.



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# Glasgow Youth Hostel Return Route #2

#### Walking back to the Hostel from the Last West End Tour Film Site: The Grove Pub (4)

Film Site Address: 8 Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow G3 7RX

Film Site Coordinates: 55.864914, -4.284144

- Exit the Grove Pub (located south of the map above), turn right and walk north on Kelvingrove Street.
- When you reach the Kelvingrove Park entrance, enter the park and continue walking north.
- Cross a small path intersection and continue walking north until you reach a large intersection.
- Cross it and bear right to take the path that leads north to the "Tigress and Cubs" statue.
- Cross the next intersection, bearing slightly left to continue walking north to the Tigress and Cubs statue.
- Bear right at the next intersection and you'll reach the Tigress and Cubs statue.
- From the Tigress and Cubs statue, follow the path that leads north to the Lord Frederick Sleigh Roberts monument. (He served in the 1857 Indian Rebellion.)
- Keep bearing right at every opportunity until you reach the Lord Roberts monument.
- At the monument, turn right and walk east to the Kelvingrove Park exit on Park Terrace.
- Turn right and walk south on Park Terrace until you reach the Glasgow Youth Hostel.

# **Glasgow Lodings Summary**

Below are the accommodations available in our Preferred Glasgow Lodging Area, listed in order of best tariff, room conditions, and overall value. When ready to book, start at the top!

### Reminder from our Scotland Lodging Tips PDF:

When ready to book, search "[Accommodation Name] TripAdvisor" to check the rates available from aggregators for your dates of visit. If less than the website-listed tariff, quote the aggregator's rate when you call to book and you'll likely receive the discounted rate.

1.	(A)	Alamo Guest House	https://www.alamoguesthouse.com/	
	()		141 339 2395	
2.	(D)	Argyll Hotel	http://www.argyllhotelglasgow.co.uk/	
			141 337 3313	
3.	(C)	Argyll Guest House	http://www.argyllguesthouseglasgow.co.uk/	
			141 357 5155	
4.	(G)	Kelvingrove Hotel	https://kelvingrove-hotel.co.uk/	
			141 339 5011 Promo Code: "Breakfast"!	
5.	(I)	Sandyford Hotel	http://www.sandyfordhotelglasgow.com/	
			141 334 0000	
6.	<b>(J)</b>	Sandyford Lodge	http://www.sandyfordlodge.com/	
			141 332 9009	
7.	(K)	Glasgow Youth Hostel	https://www.hostellingscotland.org.uk/hostels/glasgow/	
			141 332 3004 Laundry	
8.	(H)	Lorne Hotel	https://www.thelorneglasgow.com/	
			141 330 1555 Wheelchair Accessible from street	

# We Suggest Avoiding

- (B) Beersbridge Lodge
- (E) Smith's Hotel
- (F) Devoncove Hotel