

## SCOTLAND

### **Glasgow City Chambers**

In the very heart of Glasgow stands one of the city's most important and prestigious buildings – the City Chambers. A grand and imposing edifice overlooking George Square, the City Chambers is an impressive symbol of Glasgow's political strength and historical wealth. Completed in 1888, the City Chambers has for over a hundred years been the headquarters of successive councils serving the City of Glasgow. Take a guided tour around the chambers and learn all about the Glasgow's political history.

**Location:** City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow, G2 1DU

**Opening times:** Tours are conducted twice per day at 10.30am and 2.30pm

**More information:** Call 0141 287 2000 or visit

[www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/YourCouncil/Council\\_Committees/CityChambers](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/YourCouncil/Council_Committees/CityChambers)

**Nearest Travelodge:** Stay at the Glasgow Central Travelodge, 5-11 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6RP from as little as £19 per night, for the best deals log on to [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)

### **Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), Glasgow**

GoMA is the second most visited contemporary art gallery outside London, offering a thought-provoking programme of temporary exhibitions and workshops. GoMA displays work by local and international artists as well as addressing contemporary social issues through its major biannual projects. GoMA opened in 1996 and is housed in an elegant, neo-classical building in the heart of Glasgow city centre.

**Location:** Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow, G1 3AH

**Opening Times:** Monday to Wednesday 10am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 8pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm, Friday and Sunday 11am to 5pm

**More information:** Call 0141 229 1996 or visit <http://www.glasgowmuseums.com/venue/index.cfm?venueid=3>

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### **Museum of Scotland - Edinburgh**

The Museum of Scotland building is a landmark in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town. Collections at the museum tell the story of Scotland - its land, its people and culture. For generations, the museum has collected key exhibits from all over Scotland and beyond. From Viking brooches, Pictish stones, ancient chessmen, medieval oak carvings, ornate quichs to Queen Mary's clarsach. But that's not all, you can also meet Dolly the sheep, design a robot, test drive a Formula One car, power up a generator or blast off into outer space.

**Location:** Chambers Street Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

**Opening Times:** 10am – 5pm

**More Information:** [www.nms.ac.uk](http://www.nms.ac.uk) or call 0131 225 7534

**Nearest Travelodge:** Stay at the Edinburgh Haymarket Travelodge. The grade II listed building is perfectly situated for exploring everything Edinburgh has to offer, for the best rates visit [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)

### **Museum of Childhood - Edinburgh**

Described as 'the noisiest museum in the world', the Museum of Childhood is a favourite with adults and children alike. It is a treasure house, crammed full of objects telling of childhood, past and present. The museum opened in 1955, the brainchild of town councillor Patrick Murray, and was the first museum in the world to specialise in the history of childhood.

There are toys and games of all kinds from many parts of the world, ranging from dolls and teddy bears to train sets and tricycles. Listen to the children chanting multiplication tables in the 1930s schoolroom. Watch the street games of Edinburgh children of the 1950s, and find out how children have been brought up, dressed and educated in decades gone by.

**Location:** 42 High Street, Royal Mile

**Opening Times:** Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 12 noon - 5pm

**More information:** Call 0131 529 4142 or visit [http://www.cac.org.uk/venues/museum\\_childhood.htm](http://www.cac.org.uk/venues/museum_childhood.htm)

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### **Yellow Craig Beach – Edinburgh**

Take in the spectacular views over the Firth of Forth to Fife and the island of Fidra from this picturesque, long sandy beach. Extremely popular with families and dog walkers alike, there's plenty to see and lots of room for the kids to run about, fly a kite or enjoy a picnic. Make sure you take your bucket and spade.

**Location:** Yellowcraig beach is east of Edinburgh, just before North Berwick on the A158.

**More information:** [www.edinburgh.org/beaches/](http://www.edinburgh.org/beaches/)

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### **Balmedie Country Park**

Balmedie Country Park, just north of Aberdeen, is within part of a dune system that stretches 14 miles from Aberdeen to just north of the mouth of the River Ythan at Newburgh. The very long, wide beach comprises clean golden sand and is bordered by a substantial area of grassy sand dunes. There is ample parking within the Country Park with wooden walkways across the sands and streams, picnic areas with barbeques and a swing park with a fishing theme to keep the kids amused.

**Location:** Balmedie Country Park, AB23 8XG

**Timing:** Country Park open during daylight hours every day of the year

**More information:** [www.aberdeen.gov.uk/countryparks](http://www.aberdeen.gov.uk/countryparks)

**Nearest Travelodge:** Aberdeen Central, 9 Bridge Street, Aberdeen AB11 6JL