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Monday-Saturday 9.00-17.30 Many department stores stay open till 18.00, some till 19.00 or 20.00 on Wednesdays or Thursdays. These are usually also open on Sundays and public holidays 10.00-18.00.

Internet

www.seeglasgow.com
www.visitbritain.com
www.visitscotland.com

Newspapers

Glasgow Herald
Glasgow Diary
Scotsman

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999

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GLASGOW

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Glasgow is the 21st-century magnet of Great Britain, with an energetic, yet sophisticated vibe. Ancient culture mixed with 19th-century ideals and modern spirit makes Glasgow an exciting place to visit. Add to that the up-and-coming musicians that never seem to rest and the thriving nightlife. Glasgow is also home to many exciting modern Scottish restaurants dedicated to preserving their Scottish heritage.

THE CITY



© Ben Kucinski

Glasgow has Roman roots. In 80 AD, the General Marcus Agricola built a series of fortresses here as protection against the aggressive tribes of the north. According to legend, Saint Mungo, who had once been expelled from the village of Fife with his mother, founded the city. St. Mungo is said to have built the first Christian church close to Molendinar Burn.

Glasgow became a city in the 12th century and was given permission to hold a weekly market. The city grew rapidly and a new cathedral was erected in the East End. Glasgow expanded westwards in the 18th century. The city's tobacco traders had, what was in effect, a monopoly on the European trade and simply left the dirty city to establish a new area, called The Merchant City.

In the 1800s, Glasgow's shipyards were working at full capacity and the city experienced a Golden Age. The areas now known as the City and the fashionable West End, were built at this time. Housing for the working-class was created south of the river. After a few difficult decades in which it lost many of its shipyards, Glasgow today is a city on the rebound and is now seen as one of the coolest in Britain.



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DO & SEE



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Glasgow has a wide selection of museums and galleries, many of which are free. And those interested in design will not be disappointed. As Glasgow city is compact and easy to walk around in, discovering it is a sheer pleasure. Buses and underground are available for more efficient or lack-of-time visitors!

Burrell Collection

The Burrell Collection, held by many to be one of the world's finest private art collections, was donated by industrialist Sir William Burrell to the City of Glasgow. It includes everything from Chinese porcelain to paintings by Renoir and Cézanne.

Address: 2060 Pollokshaws Rd
Subway: Pollokshaws West
Phone: +44 141 287 2550

Glasgow School Of Art

Architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh is omnipresent in the city. He worked mainly in the Art Nouveau style, and the 1898 Glasgow School Of Art is considered his

masterpiece.

Address: Renfrew Street 167
Internet: www.gsa.ac.uk

Celtic Park

The football club, Glasgow Celtic, was founded in the 1880's by two Irish priests, and the club's fans create a great atmosphere at their games. Tickets can be bought at the club's shops in Glasgow.

Phone: +44 871 226 1888 / +44 141 551 4308 (Visitor Centre)
Internet: www.celticfc.net

Auchentoshan Distillery

Scotland is the home of whisky. The distillery closest to the city is Auchentoshan, offering daily tours and tasting.

Address: Old Kilpatrick
Phone: +44 138 9878 561
Internet: www.auchentoshan.co.uk
More Info: South of Clydebank

Glasgow Rangers

In the 1870's, four young fellows met to talk about their dream - to have their own football club. Glasgow Rangers Football Club was founded soon after, and the rest is history...

Tickets to games and club merchandise can be bought at the club's shop on Buchanan Street. Look at their website for match dates, etc.

Internet: www.rangers.co.uk

Glasgow Botanic Gardens

The Gardens with its beautiful Kibble Palace, are located in Glasgow's West End, and after spending a day walking around the lively city it is bliss to rest your senses here. Concerts, exhibitions, talks, guided tours and children's activities throughout the seasons. A full events programme is available at the Botanic office.

Address: 730 Great Western Rd
Opening hours: Park: daily from 7am till dusk, Glasshouse: 10am-4.45pm, Visitor Centre: 11am-4pm.
Internet: www.glasgow.gov.uk

EATING



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The choice can be overwhelming there is an infinite number of good restaurants in the city. Most of the trendy and stylish restaurants are located in the elegant West End or neo-hip Merchant City.

Bothy's

Bothy's is the latest offering from the G1 entertainment empire. It's tucked away in a West End backyard with a couple of vintage fashion stores, a design boutique and a trendy hair salon. Try the pan-fried mackerel with herb sauce and rosemary potatoes.

Address: 11 Ruthven Lane, Hillhead
Phone: +44 0845 166 6032
Internet: www.bothyglasgow.co.uk

Arisaig

The whole of Scotland is represented here. The Inverurie beef is served with carrot mash from Orkney and a Lagavullin whisky sauce.

Address: 1 Merchant Square, Candleriggs
Phone: +44 141 553 1010
Internet: www.arisaigrestaurant.co.uk

Stravaigin

This restaurant offers a global menu with local specialities like "Stravaigin's Fantastic Homemade

Haggis with Mashed Neeps and Champit Tatties.”
Neeps and tatties are the Scottish nicknames for turnip and potato.

Address: 28 Gibson Street
Phone: +44 141 334 2665
Internet: www.stravaigin.com
More Info: A second restaurant, aptly named Stravaigin 2, is on 8 Ruthven Lane

City Merchant

Popular for lunch with the business crowd from the Merchant City - especially good for fish dishes. One option is the cullen skink - a heartening soup of smoked haddock, potato, onion and parsley.

Address: 97-99 Candleriggs Street
Phone: +44 141 553 1577
Internet: www.citymerchant.co.uk

Café Gandolfi

One of the first modern Scottish restaurants in Glasgow. In business since 1979, and still going strong. Celtic proverbs and a cosy all-wood interior adorn the space. Owner Seamus MacInnes' mother is a folk musician from Isle of Barra.

Address: 64 Albion Street
Phone: +44 141 552 6813
Internet: www.cafegandolfi.com

Mussel Inn

The name is a bit of a giveaway: this is a mussel and seafood restaurant owned by mussel growers from the west coast and well worth a visit, especially for the Moroccan mussels.

Address: 157 Hope Street
Phone: +44 141 572 1405
Internet: www.mussel-inn.com

CAFES



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Like all other large European cities, Glasgow has been overrun by coffee shop chains, all of them elegant and impersonal. There are still other options like Tchaiovna and Grosvenor in the West End.

Freshh

Freshh is a café and health drink bar. Try wheatgrass juices, yoghurt smoothies, organic coffee, vegetarian soups (including carrot and coriander) and vigorous low-fat sandwiches.

Address: 51 Cochrane Street
Phone: +44 141 552 5711
Internet: www.freshhglasgow.com

Miss Cranston's Tearooms

If you crave more than a cappuccino, head for Miss Cranstons and an afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones and cake. Miss Cranston's has been a delight for families for generations.

Address: 33 Gordon Street
Phone: +44 141 204 1122
Internet: www.misscranstons.com

Cafe Hula

Relaxed and friendly café with affordable food inspired by South European cuisine. The atmosphere is appreciated by many as it is designed to serve as a reminder of the more colourful lifestyles in countries far away.

Address: 321 Hope Street
Phone: +44 141 353 1660

Internet: www.cafehula.co.uk

Café Rogano

Café Rogano offers a relaxed atmosphere perfect for catching up over a coffee and/or lunch. Their menu holds several lighter dishes as well as vegetarian options.

Address: 11 Exchange Place
Opening hours: 12 noon - 11pm
Phone: +44 141 248 4055
Internet: www.roganoglasgow.com

The Hidden Lane Tearoom

It might be a bit hard to locate this place, but it's definitely worth it once you're in. Expect a warm welcome and friendly service in addition to a lovely retro atmosphere and excellent homemade cakes.

Address: Unit 8 Argyle Court, 1103 Argyle Street
Phone: +44 141 237 4391
Internet: www.thehiddenlanetearoom.blogspot.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Glasgow's nightlife is among the best in Britain, young people even travel from Edinburgh to party here. The main areas are the West End, popular with students, and the Merchant City. Our advice is to ask around for the latest and greatest places. Glasgow also has a thriving music scene.

The Horseshoe Bar

Classic Victorian Gin palace, popular with business people who congregate around the longest continuous

bar in the UK.

Address: 17-19 Drury Street
Phone: +44 141 248 6368
Internet: www.horseshoebar.co.uk

Corinthians

This former bank palace has been converted in to a party palace. People from all over the city come here after midnight. Several floors and a casino makes for an unforgettable night.

Address: 191 Ingram Street
Phone: +44 141 552 1101
Internet: www.thecorinthianclub.co.uk

13th Note Club

Good club that manages to attract guests year after year. Two bars, two dance floors, and a relaxed vibe. Live music on some evenings.

Address: 50-60 King Street
Phone: +44 141 553 1638
Internet: www.13thnote.co.uk

The Bunker Bar

A stylish bar with popular bargain prices that is open seven days a week. The venue holds a pool table, free WiFi access, Monday night quiz and resident DJ's playing a mix of music during the weekends.

Address: 193-199 Bath Street
Phone: +44 141 229 1427
Internet: www.thebunkerbar.com

Bar Soba

Bar Soba has been around for more than a decade, which has given them time to perfect their cocktail menu. How about an Apple & Ginger Mojito? They even offer Cocktail Masterclasses if you're interested in learning more about mixing drinks and make your own.

Address: 11 Mitchell Lane
Phone: +44 141 204 2404
Internet: www.barsoba.co.uk

SHOPPING



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Glasgow has three main shopping districts - the Merchant City, Buchanan Street, and the West End. The Merchant City's beautiful old buildings now house street fashion shops like Tribal Junkie and Dr Jives, but also make room for Armani and Versace. The Jigsaw store on 177 Ingram Street, housed in a stylish converted bank, is a must.

Around the city's main street - Buchanan Street - the shopping options are more traditional. The usual cadre of chain stores, like Boots and Marks & Spencer, and branches of Miss Sixty, Diesel and Urban Outfitters.

The gigantic Buchanan Galleries galleria and the pricey Princess Square are good for efficient shopping. In the West End area, most shops are on or around Byres Road, a more sophisticated version of the typical British High Street. Intersected with coffee shops and restaurants are small boutiques like bag retailer Pink Poodle and vintage fashion store Starry Starry Night. There is also a Fopp record store and a cosy deli called Hearts Buchanan, that stocks smoked Islay ham and cheddar from the Isle of Mull.

Argyll Arcade - just off Buchannas Street - with its early 19th-century features, has antique stores and jewellers. Don't miss the Barras, the Saturday morning flea market in the East End, with over 1,000 stalls. The atmosphere, the people watching and listening to the city's own working-class slang - the Patter - make a visit worthwhile. On the way to the market, pop in to G1 interiors, a contemporary Scottish interior design store in desolate Trongate.

SLEEPING



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Malmaison

Malmaison is a successful British chain of well-designed and personal boutique hotels. They often have special offers for weekend travellers. The Glasgow Mal is located in a former Episcopal church.

Address: 278 West George Street
Phone: +44 141 572 1000
Internet: www.malmaison.com

The Sandyford Hotel

The Sandyford Hotel is an affordable yet high quality accommodation conveniently situated near the city centre. Guests can enjoy an impressive Scottish breakfast and free WiFi connection.

Address: 904 Sauchiehall Street
Phone: +44 141 334 0000
Internet: www.sandyfordhotelglasgow.com

Hotel Indigo Glasgow

Hotel Indigo Glasgow has recreated a historic Victorian building in the middle of the financial district. The bedrooms are elegantly equipped with Egyptian cotton linen, rain fall showers and luxurious toiletries.

Address: 75 Waterloo Street
Phone: +44 877 859 5095
Internet: www.ichotelsgroup.com

Millennium Hotel Glasgow

Housed in an impressive Victorian building at George Square, the Millennium Hotel offers modern accommodation and superb service. The elegant hotel offers spacious rooms and suites for leisure travellers and business travellers alike.

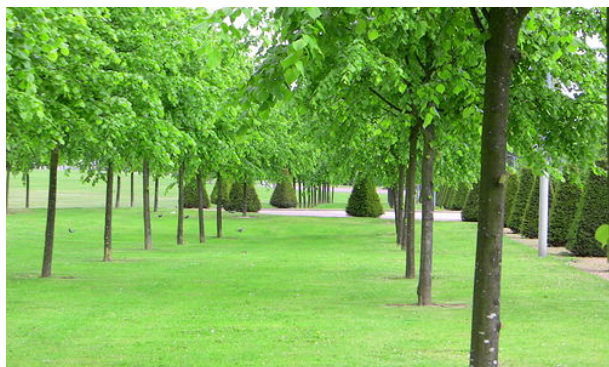
Address: George Square
Phone: +44 141 332 6711
Internet: www.millenniumhotels.co.uk

Number 10 Hotel

Number 10 is a luxury four-star hotel located next to the historic Queen's Park, three miles from the city centre. The Victorian townhouses that constitute Number 10 holds the 26 guest rooms and a large dining room.

Address: 10-16 Queens Drive
Phone: +44 141 4240 160
Internet: www.10hotel.co.uk

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Airport

Glasgow's main airport is Glasgow International Airport, a mere 13 km from the city. Buses cost around £5. The second airport, Glasgow Prestwick International Airport, is 30 miles from Glasgow. Local trains charge appr. £10 for the 45 minute journey. Tickets can be purchased onboard the trains.

Internet: www.baa.com, www.gpia.co.uk

Public Transport

Glasgow's local transport consists of a circular underground line with 15 stations and a range of train and bus routes. There are several ticket options including day passes for both the city and the surrounding areas, and return tickets.

Internet: www.spt.co.uk

Taxi

The classic London cabs are available all over the city and can be hailed on the street. The starting charge is

approximately £3. Taxis can also be ordered by phone.

Glasgow Taxi Ltd

Phone: +44 141 429 7070

Post

Stamps are available from post offices and newsagents.

The post offices are generally open Monday-Friday

9.00-17.30. Larger post offices are open Saturday

9.00-12.30.

Pharmacy

Boots is the largest supplier of health and pharmaceutical products.

Dentist

If you need urgent medical opinion call NHS 24 at tel. +44 8454 24 24 24. If you need information on hospitals, pharmacies or dental care during the day you can also call NHS Helpline.

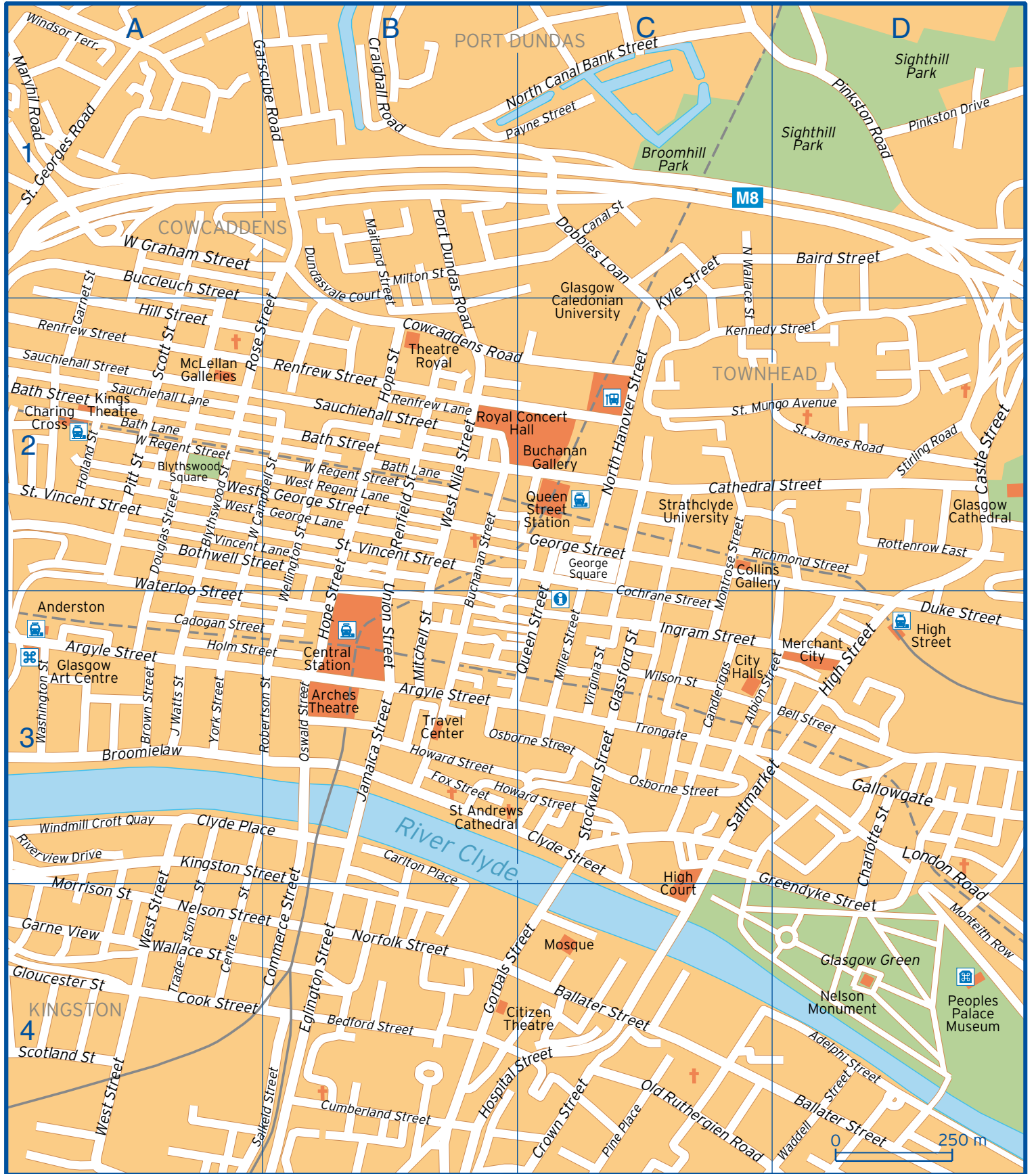
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Adelphi Street	D4	Garscube Road	A1 B1	Queen Street	C2 C3
Albion Street	C3 D3	George Square	C2	Renfield Street	B2
Argyle Street	A3 B3	George Street	C2	Renfrew Lane	B2
Baird Street	D1	Glassford Street	C3	Renfrew Street	A2 B2
Ballater Street	C4 D4	Gloucester Street	A4	Richmond Street	C2 D2
Bath Lane	A2 B2	Gorbals Street	B4 C4	Riverview Drive	A3
Bath Street	A2 B2	Greendyke Street	C4 D4	Robertson Street	B3
Bedford Street	B4	High Street	D3	Rose Street	A2 B1
Bell Street	D3	Hill Street	A2	Rottenrow East	D2
Blythswood Square	A2	Holland Street	A2	Salkeld Street	A4 B4
Blythswood Street	A2	Holm Street	A3 B3	Saltmarket	C3 D3
Bothwell Street	A2 B2	Hope Street	B2 B3	Sauchiehall Lane	A2
Broomielaw	A3	Hospital Street	B4 C4	Sauchiehall Street	A2 B2
Brown Street	A3	Howard Street	B3 C3	Scotland Street	A4
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Buchanan Street	B2 B3	Jamaica Street	B3	St. Georges Road	A1
Cadogan Street	A3 B3	James Watts Street	A3	St. James Road	D2
Canal Street	C1	Kennedy Street	C2 D2	St. Mungo Avenue	C2 D2
Candleriggs	C3	Kingston Street	A3 B4	St. Vincent Street	A2 B2
Carlton Place	B3 B4	Kyle Street	C1 C2	Stirling Road	D2
Castle Street	D2	London Road	D3 D4	Stockwell Street	C3
Cathedral Street	C2 D2	Maitland Street	B1 B2	Tradeston Street	A4
Centre Street	A4	Maryhil Road	A1	Trongate	C3
Charlotte Street	D3 D4	Miller Street	C3	Union Street	B2 B3
Clyde Place	A3 B3	Milton Street	B1	Vincent Lane	A2 B2
Clyde Street	C3	Mitchell Street	B3	Virginia Street	C3
Cochrane Street	C3	Monteith Row	D4	Waddell Street	D4
Commerce Street	B3 B4	Montrose Street	C2 C3	Wallace Street	A4
Cook Street	A4	Morrison Street	A4	Washington Street	A3
Cowcaddens Road	B2 C2	Nelson Street	A4 B4	Waterloo Street	A2 A3
Craighall Road	B1	Norfolk Street	B4	Wellington Street	B2 B3
Crown Street	C4	North Canal Bank Street	B1 C1	West Campbell Street	A2 B2
Cumberland Street	B4	North Hanover Street	C2	West George Lane	A2
Dobbies Loan	C1	North Wallace Street	C1 C2	West George Street	B2
Douglas Street	A2	Old Ruthergien Road	C4	West Graham Street	A1
Duke Street	D3	Osborne Street	B3 C3	West Nile Street	B2
Dundasvale Court	B1 B2	Oswald Street	B3	West Regent Lane	B2
Eglington Street	B4	Payne Street	B1 C1	West Regent Street	A2 B2
Elmbank Street	A2	Pine Place	C4	West Street	A3 A4
Fox Street	B3	Pinkston Drive	D1	Wilson Street	C3
Gallowgate	D3	Pinkston Road	D1	Windmill Croft Quay	A3
Garne View	A4	Pitt Street	A2	Windsor Terrace	A1
Garnet Street	A1 A2	Port Dundas Road	B1 B2	York Street	A3