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Suggested food routes: a 3-day Glasgow food itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Places to Eat in Glasgow**. Print it or save it to your phone.



You can fit most of this list into a long weekend without leaving the central area.

Day 1: City centre classics

Have an early lunch at Gamba or, if you want something casual, join the queue for Paesano. Spend the afternoon on Buchanan Street and at the Gallery of Modern Art, then book dinner at Sebb's for cocktails and fire-cooked plates. Everything is within walking distance.

Day 2: Finnieston and the Kelvingrove area

Visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in the morning, then eat at Mother India. Walk along Argyle Street in the afternoon, with a stop at the new Eleven Fifty Five for an early dinner, or book Crabshakk for seafood. Finnieston has plenty of bars for a drink afterwards.

Day 3: The West End

Explore the Botanic Gardens and Byres Road in the morning. Lunch at Ka Pao or Ox and Finch suits a relaxed afternoon, and for a final evening, choose between Ubiquitous Chip on Ashton Lane for a classic Glasgow dinner or Cail Bruich for a special-occasion finish.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Ox and Finch

How to get there: On Sauchiehall Street in the west of the city centre, a short walk from Kelvinhall subway station or a taxi from the centre.
How long to spend: About two hours for dinner, or a long lunch.
Best time to go: A weekday for a quieter room, or an early evening table at the weekend.
Tip: Book as soon as you know your dates, and try a different time if your preferred slot is full.
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2. Cail Bruich

How to get there: On Great Western Road in the West End. Take the subway to Hillhead or Kelvinbridge and walk, or take a taxi.
How long to spend: About two to three hours.
Best time to go: Book weeks ahead for weekends, and look at lunch for better value.
Tip: Mention any dietary needs when you book, and ask about the chef's table if you like watching the chefs.
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3. Ubiquitous Chip

How to get there: Ashton Lane is off Byres Road in the West End. The nearest subway station is Hillhead, a short walk away.
How long to spend: About two hours for dinner.
Best time to go: Early evening, followed by a drink on Ashton Lane.
Tip: Ask for a table in the main courtyard room for the full atmosphere, and check the current menu online.
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4. Crabshakk

How to get there: On Argyle Street in Finnieston, a short walk from Exhibition Centre railway station or a taxi from the centre.
How long to spend: About an hour and a half to two hours.
Best time to go: Weekday evenings for the best chance of a table.
Tip: Ask what has come in fresh that day and order that over the standard dishes.
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5. Gamba

How to get there: On West George Street in the city centre, a short walk from Central and Queen Street stations.
How long to spend: About two hours.
Best time to go: Weekday lunch or an early evening before the theatre.
Tip: Phone or use the official booking page rather than relying on third-party listings.
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6. Mother India

How to get there: On Westminster Terrace in Finnieston, a short walk from Kelvinhall subway station.
How long to spend: About an hour and a half.
Best time to go: Early evening or weekday lunchtime, with a booking at weekends.
Tip: Order a few dishes to share rather than one each, and tell the staff your spice preference.
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7. Paesano Pizza

How to get there: Miller Street in the city centre, a short walk from Queen Street and Central stations.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Early evening or mid-afternoon to avoid queues.
Tip: Check whether the branch you choose takes bookings, and go early if it does not.
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8. Ka Pao

How to get there: Vinicombe Street, a short walk from Hillhead subway station and Byres Road.
How long to spend: About an hour and a half to two hours.
Best time to go: Weekday evenings, or an early weekend seating.
Tip: Share several dishes and ask staff to bring the spicier ones last.
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9. Sebb's

How to get there: Miller Street in the city centre, a short walk from Queen Street and Argyle Street stations.
How long to spend: Two hours for food and cocktails.
Best time to go: Evenings, with a booking on Fridays and Saturdays.
Tip: Start with a cocktail at the bar before you sit down to eat.
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10. Eleven Fifty Five

How to get there: Argyle Street in Finnieston, a short walk from Exhibition Centre station or Kelvinhall subway.
How long to spend: About two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, and book at weekends.
Tip: As a new restaurant, check recent reviews and the official menu before you book.
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Getting around

Glasgow's centre is compact and walkable. The **subway**, a single circular line, links the West End with the city centre, and Hillhead, Kelvinhall and Kelvinbridge stations are handy for the restaurants above. Buses and taxis fill the gaps, and taxis are usually easy to find. For more ideas on where to eat Scottish food in the city, see the VisitGlasgow guide to Scottish restaurants. Walking between Finnieston and the West End takes around half an hour, and is pleasant in dry weather.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-places-to-eat-in-glasgow/.