



Away For the Day

with Glasgow Museums

Free Family Fun

Try something new together as a family – here
are some free ideas to get you started!

Complete the activities and
collect stickers as you go.

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Glasgow Museums belong to you. You and your family are welcome here. We understand that all families have different interests and needs, and we aim to help you to get what you want from your visit.

There is a page in this booklet for each of our nine museums. You will find activities, suggestions of family-friendly displays to explore, and ideas for what else there is to see and do nearby.

Top Tips

Here are some top tips from families who have visited our museums before:

1. Glasgow Museums are free
2. Plan your journey
3. Pack a picnic
4. Bring a buggy for when younger children get tired
5. Take photos to remember your trip
6. Bring a small notebook and pencil to fill with ideas and drawings during your visit
7. Ask Gallery Assistants for help
8. Check if there is another museum or a park nearby to visit on the same day



Not all of our museums have indoor picnic spaces, please check our website for information.



You can share your ideas, stories and photos with us on facebook and Twitter.

Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA)

Don't miss

The mirrored walls in the foyer and the Duke of Wellington sculpture outside.

What's Your Taste?

Go upstairs to Gallery 2.

- Have a look at all the colourful sculptures, paintings and photographs.
- Describe the most interesting artwork to your family.
- Talk about size, shape, pattern and what you see.



Get Creative

Find the Create Space in Gallery 2.

- Explore texture, shape and sound.
- Use the materials provided to make your own family masterpiece.
- Give your artwork a title.

Art on the Building

See the large artwork close to the roof.

- What shape is it?
- What is it made of?
- Can you move like the bird and the fish, swing like the bell and stand still like the tree?

Looking for
more to do?

Visit the GoMA library.
Stop for a break on
George Square, or walk
to The Lighthouse to
view the city from
above.

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Store Hunters

Take part in activities and explore one of our big stores full of museum treasures.

- Every Saturday, 1.30–4pm, free, drop-in.
- Which items do you and your family like best, and why?

Dig

Go on an excavation dig.

- Become an archaeologist, and use special tools to find objects hidden in the sand.

Toys Handling Box

Ask for the toys handling box.

- Touch different toys from years ago.
- How similar are they to your toys?
- Would you play with them today?



Looking for
more to do?

Visit nearby Dams to
Darnley Country Park for
some more exploring
and fun outdoors.

Don't miss

Our wee garden is full
of plants and bugs.
See what you can find
on our outdoor
nature trail.

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Magic Mirror

Peek through the windows on the Avenue into the sports halls.

- What sports do you think are played in there?
- Find the Magic Mirror and practice the sports – see how different you look.

Crest Quest

Go to the Collections Showcase and find the Glasgow coat of arms.

- The fish, tree, bell and bird tell a story about St Mungo, Glasgow's patron saint.
- What pictures would you use to tell the story of your family?

Don't miss

Pick up an I-Spy trail sheet from our front desk. Use picture clues to find objects.

Looking for more to do?

Visit the Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls & Tennis Centre on Kelvin Way for a free lawn bowls session.

National Library of Scotland's Moving Image Archive

Walk to the top of the Avenue. If the doors are open and you see the big screen, go inside.

- Use the computers to find some old films about how children used to play.



Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum



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Don't miss

The Object Cinema
– study the creatures
and watch the film
about Life in the
Rainforest.

Looking for
more to do?

Spot local wildlife,
play, skate and cycle in
Kelvingrove Park. There
are more displays
across the road
at Kelvin Hall.

Feeling faces

Go to the East Court and look up at the Floating Heads.

- Choose a head and copy the facial expression.
- Can your family guess how you feel?
- If this head could talk, what would it say?

Animal Safari

Go to the West Court.

- Which animals are easy to see?
- Why would some animals be difficult to find?
- Has anyone in your family ever been close to one of these animals in real life?

The Island of St Kilda

Go to the Cultural Survival gallery on the first floor. Find the mail boat.

- If you were marooned on a small island what would you ask for?
- How would you send a message to the mainland?

Don't miss

Doing the family laundry at the Steamie on the first floor.

People's Palace

Buttercup Dairy

Find the Buttercup Dairy.

- Dress up as a shop assistant and weigh the butter.
- What would you buy in a dairy?
- What could you buy in the Buttercup Dairy that you couldn't buy anywhere else?

Barrowlands

Visit the Barrowlands' display on the first floor.

- What style of dancing did people do when the ballroom first opened?
- What would the ladies and gentlemen wear?
- Find the dance steps and have a go.

Looking for more to do?

Explore the Doulton Fountain, washing poles and fancy old Templeton carpet factory on Glasgow Green. Try out the chutes at the park.

Single End

Go to the top floor. Find the Single End.

- A family of five would live in this one room.
- Where would everyone sleep?
- Where would they go to the toilet at night-time?
- How would they cook?

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Provand's Lordship

Animal Hide and Seek

There are lots of animals hiding in the stone, wood and glass of this old house.

- Who can find the most?
- Look closely for horses, lions, dogs, goats, birds and fish.

Making faces

Go into the garden and look up to see the Tontine Heads.

- How many can you count?
- Who can do the best impression of a Tontine face?

Don't miss

St Nicholas Garden
behind Provand's
Lordship.



Looking for
more to do?

Why not visit Glasgow
Cathedral and look at
the beautiful stained
glass and wood
carving.

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Riverside Museum

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Family Portrait

Visit the Photography Studio.

- Dress up and pose – be still like a statue.
- How do you take photos now?
- How did the adults in your family take photos when they were children?

Looking for
more to do?

Follow our wildlife picture trail outside by the River Kelvin, use our small skate park or visit our neighbour, the Tall Ship.

Morris Mini Minor

Find the red Mini car beside the silver dress. Imagine a family holiday.

- How could you fit everyone safely into the car?
- What would you pack?
- Where would you go?
- Where would you stop for a picnic?

Don't miss

Our old streets with shops and transport you can get inside.

Doon the Watter

Go upstairs to the Ship Conveyor.

- Can you spot the *Maid of Argyll*? There are children, dogs and a band on board.
- Spot the differences between the ships.
- Look out the window at the River Clyde.



St Mungo Museum of Religious Life & Art

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Dance Like Shiva

Go to the Art Gallery and find Shiva as Nataraja – The Lord of the dance.

- Can you dance like Shiva?
- What is Shiva holding in his hands?
- Strike a pose for a Shiva photo.

The Dancing Skeleton

Go into the Life Gallery and find the Dancing Skeleton.

- How many insects can you find on the skeleton?
- How many different colours can you count?

Through the Window

Find the large window on the third floor.

- What can you see?
- Look out for our Zen Garden made of raked stones.
- Is there anything special on the lamp-posts?

Don't miss

Hand's-on Religion
interactives in the
Scottish Gallery

Looking for
more to do?

Why not have a walk in
the Necropolis. It's
teeming with wildlife;
you might even
spot a deer.



Scotland Street School Museum

Don't miss

The cookery room where you can use your imagination and follow the recipe on the blackboard.



Step back in time

Find the cloakroom.

- Try on an old-fashioned school uniform.

Find the old classrooms.

- Sit at a desk.
- What's different about your classroom today?
- Look for clues to guess what the children were learning about long ago.

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Play Games

In the drill hall

- Have a family hula-hooping competition.
- Try out more playground games such as skipping and hopscotch.
- Can anyone in your family share a singing or clapping game?

Reading Corner

Get comfortable in the 1950s/1960s classroom.

- Open the old books.
- Share stories.



Our venues



Opening Times

All museums are open 10am–5pm, except on Fridays and Sundays when museums are open 11am–5pm. The following museums are closed on Mondays: People’s Palace, Provand’s Lordship, St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, and Scotland Street School Museum.

Facilities

For information on public transport, parking, cafés and wheelchair access, please visit our website www.glasgowmuseums.com

- A** Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA)
Royal Exchange Square G1 3AH
- B** Glasgow Museums Resource Centre
200 Woodhead Road G53 7NN
- C** Kelvin Hall
1431–1451 Argyle Street G3 8AW
- D** Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum
Argyle Street G3 8AG
- E** People’s Palace
Glasgow Green G40 1AT
- F** Provand’s Lordship
3 Castle Street G4 0RB
- G** Riverside Museum
100 Pointhouse Place G3 8RS
- H** St Mungo Museum of Religious Life & Art
2 Castle Street G4 0RH
- I** Scotland Street School Museum
225 Scotland Street G5 8QB

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