

A photograph of the University of Glasgow entrance, featuring a series of stone arches. Large white letters spelling 'UofG' are placed on a green lawn in the foreground. People are visible walking through the arches in the background.

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GLASGOW
ARRIVAL GUIDE

FOR THE FUTURE STUDENTS !

PRE - DEPARTURE PREPARATIONS:

1. Essential Apps Download

Before setting off, make sure to download several key apps.



Google Maps is indispensable for navigation, whether you're finding your way around the airport or getting around Glasgow later.

Uber offers convenient transportation services, especially useful for those who are new and unfamiliar with local public transport.

The Uber logo, consisting of the word "Uber" in white text on a black rectangular background.

2. Language and Customs Readiness



If English is your second language, a reliable translation app like DeepL is highly recommended.

Additionally, familiarize yourself with common customs questions:

- "What is the purpose of your visit?"
- "Where will you be staying?"
- "Do you have anything to declare?"



PRE - DEPARTURE PREPARATIONS:

3. Communication Arrangements

Planning communication methods in advance is crucial. Although there is airport Wi - Fi and SIM - card sales points, it's better to prepare an international SIM card or data plan beforehand.

I used a free SIM card from the pre - departure briefing for a month and then switched to a local plan. Staying connected upon arrival enables you to contact your accommodation or classmates easily.

You can also research common mobile network operators in the UK, such as Lebara, Vodafone, and O2, and their respective package features.



AT THE DOMESTIC AIRPORT:

Check - in Procedures

Arrive at the domestic airport 3 - 4 hours in advance.

Have your passport, visa, admission letter, etc., ready and double - check all information meticulously.



Also, pay close attention to the airline's baggage allowance to avoid overweight fees.



DURING THE FLIGHT AND TRANSIT:



1. Transit Strategies

As direct flights to *Glasgow* are scarce, most of you will need to transit. Thoroughly research the transit airport in advance. There are numerous detailed guides on travel platforms and study - abroad forums.


For example, when I transferred from Terminal 3 to Terminal 5 at Heathrow Airport, I followed the "Transfer to Terminal 5" signs to find the shuttle bus.

If you're short on time during transit, don't panic. Ask the on - site staff for help, and they may arrange a fast - track.

Generally, if your luggage can be checked through to the final destination, about 3 hours should be sufficient. In case of flight delays, learn about the airline's re - routing procedures and how to seek assistance at the airport.

2. In - flight Comfort Tips

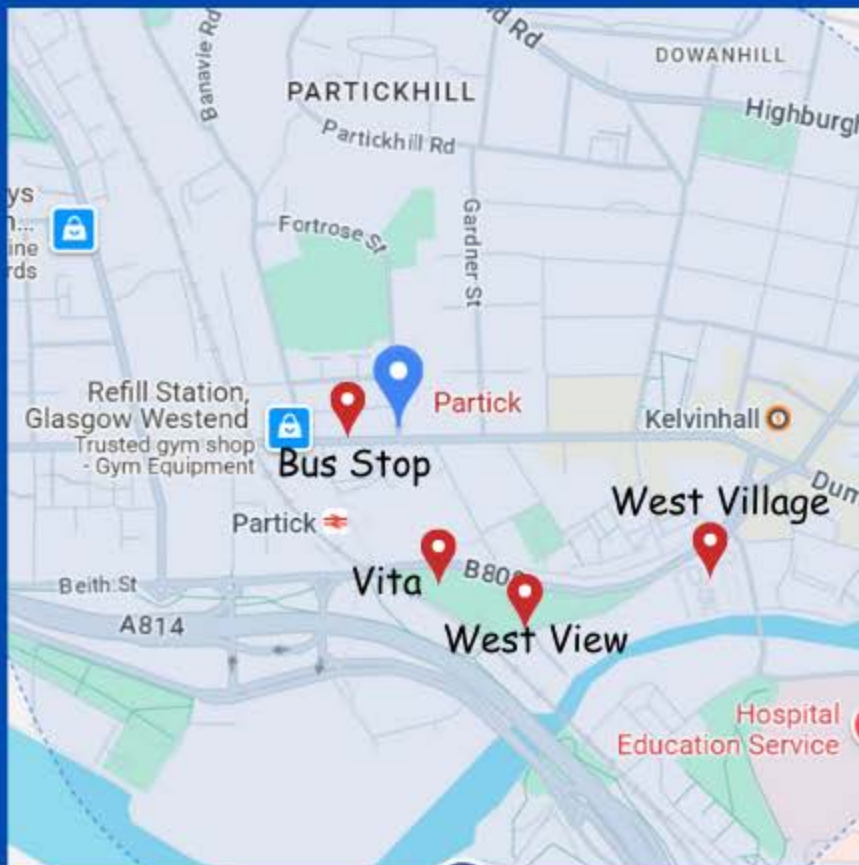
To enhance your in - flight experience, don't forget to bring some essential items such as neck pillow, eye mask, noise - cancelling headphones and so on.



UPON ARRIVAL AT GLASGOW AIRPORT:

1. Bus 77

Exit the terminal, turn left, and you'll see the bus stop. The student return ticket from the airport costs £5.9. It stops near some popular student apartments in the Partick area.



The operating hours:

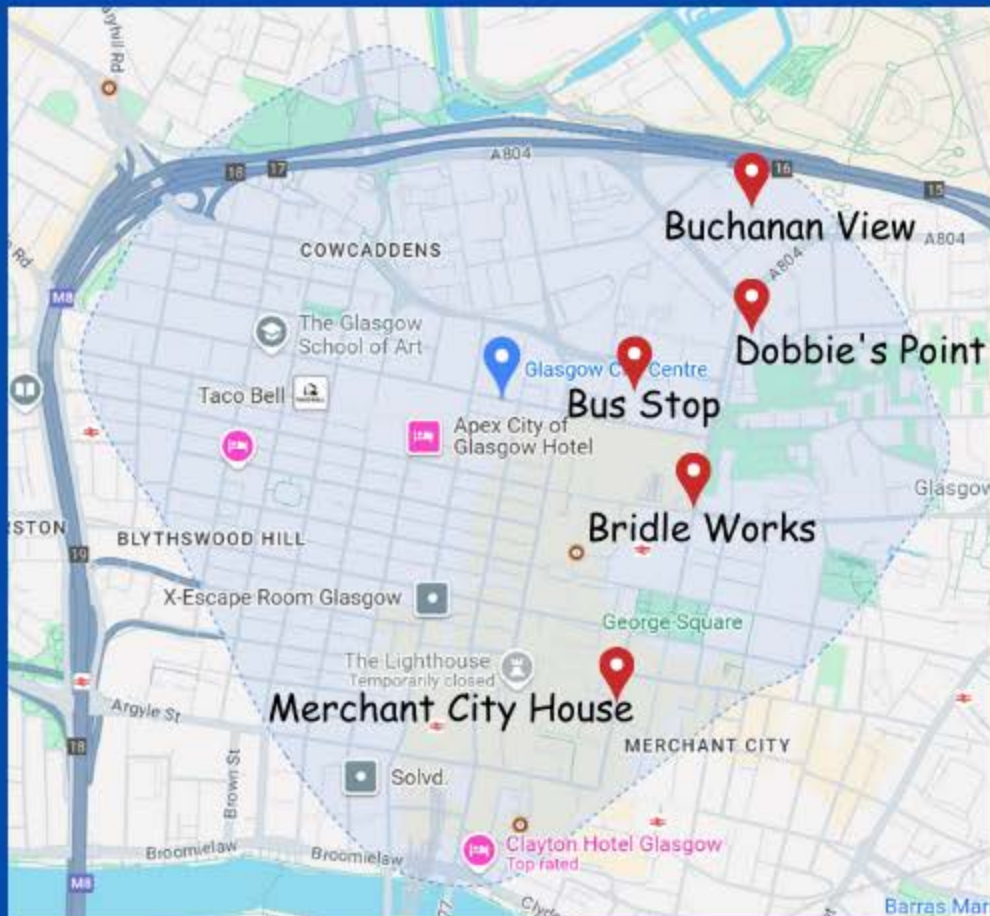
from 06:09 to 22:20
(Monday to Friday)

from 08:21 to 22:20 (Saturday)

from 09:22 to 22:20
(Sunday)

2. Airport Express (500 Airport Express)

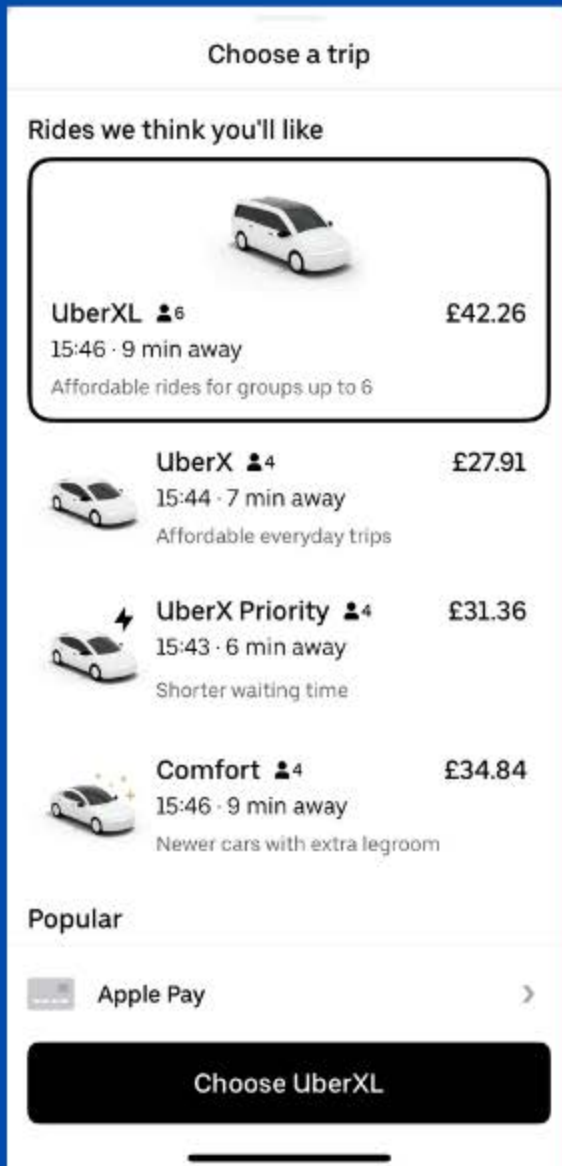
It's fast and has frequent departures, suitable for students living in the city center. A one-way ticket costs £10.5, and a group ticket for up to 5 people is £30.



The operating hours:

from 05:00 to 03:05
(Monday to Sunday)

3. Uber



For a single traveler with normal luggage (one large and one small piece), a regular Uber car is usually sufficient.

If there are more people or a lot of luggage, choose Uber XL.

Before, my friend and I shared an Uber from the airport to the apartment, and it only cost £18. Plus, it's worth noting that Uber allows you to set stop - over points, which can be really convenient if you need to make a quick stop along the way.

4. Taxi

It's the simplest option. Exit the station, turn left, and you'll find the taxi stand. Staff will assist you in getting a suitable vehicle according to the number of passengers and amount of luggage.

Taxis are relatively expensive compared to other options, so choose according to your budget and travel needs.

