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WE'VE HAD a busy summer at Glasgow Airport and enjoyed seeing excited families and travellers head off to sunny climes to enjoy a much-deserved break.



Our European sunshine destinations have been popular as have our new routes including Frankfurt. Perennial favourites such as Florida have also been busy while our routes to Iceland, Canada and New York have provided great holiday options for people looking for a different type of holiday.

Autumn, however, is when we start thinking about a skiing holiday, visiting one of Germany's amazing Christmas markets, a city break or some winter sun – as well as planning next year's summer holiday.

And there is no shortage of inspiration.

In October, easyJet will launch a new service to Venice, that most romantic and cultural of cities. And if you're thinking about exploring the USA, Delta Air Lines will operate its longest-ever season from Glasgow to New York JFK in summer 2019.

Wherever you want to go or wherever your business takes you, Glasgow Airport is waiting to extend a warm welcome. Happy travelling!

*Mark Johnston
Managing Director
Glasgow Airport*

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ROUTES NEWS

NEW ROUTE TO VENICE

SCOTLAND'S LARGEST airline easyJet launches a new route from Glasgow Airport to Venice in October.

The new year-round service will operate twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, with fares starting from £26.70 one way per person.

Ali Gayward, easyJet's head of Scotland, said: "As Scotland's largest airline we are pleased to further strengthen our network with the announcement of this new route to Venice.

"Given this is not a route already served from Glasgow we believe it will prove a very popular addition for our passengers."

Glasgow Airport's head of aviation, Paul White, said the launch of the Venice route was "fantastic news",



commenting: "Venice is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world, attracting millions of visitors every year.

"It is important for Glasgow to have regular, direct links with European

markets and as a major city-break destination, Venice will undoubtedly prove a huge draw for passengers."

Flights to Venice from Glasgow Airport will commence on October 30.

easyjet.com

DELTA TAKES BIGGER BITE OUT OF THE BIG APPLE

THERE'S GOOD news for passengers planning a trip to New York as Delta Air Lines reveals plans to operate its longest-ever season from Glasgow Airport to New York JFK next summer.

The US airline will recommence its daily flights, operated in conjunction with Virgin Atlantic, on May 24 and operate for seven more weeks than this year, ending on October 26, 2019.

"Glasgow has strong historic and commercial links with the United States and those ties have supported our flight to go from strength to strength," said



Roberto Ioriatti, Delta's vice-president (transatlantic).

"We're giving our customers even more opportunity to explore the Big Apple and beyond with more than 40 convenient connections from New York JFK."

Francois Bourienne, chief commercial officer for AGS Airports, owner of Glasgow Airport, said: "This announcement from Delta Air Lines to operate an extended service next summer will be welcome news for our passengers.

"Since launching in May last year, the airline's Glasgow to New York JFK service has proved very popular with long-haul passengers looking to either stay in the Big Apple or make use of the fantastic onward connections available thanks to the route's convenient flight times."

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FLYBE, EUROPE'S largest regional airline, has boosted frequency of its Southampton route from Glasgow Airport over the winter.

The airline's 2018/19 winter schedule will feature a second daily flight to Southampton, one of its most popular routes from Glasgow.

Southampton's role as the UK's cruise capital makes it a very busy route for Glasgow Airport and Roy Kinnear, Flybe's chief commercial officer, said that the additional flights had been launched in response to customer demand.

"We are pleased to add some additional flights for our Glasgow customers," he said. "The added frequency will better serve those wishing to make convenient day returns as well as those wishing to take advantage of quick and easy travel to board the many cruises that depart from Southampton in winter."

Glasgow Airport's head of aviation, Paul White, said: "Southampton is an extremely busy route for the airport so the introduction of an additional rotation is fantastic news. An additional flight on this daily service provides even

**KAREN PEATTIE INTERVIEWS FLYBE'S
ROY KINNEAR ON PAGE 36**



EXTRA FLIGHT TO SOUTHAMPTON FROM GLASGOW THIS WINTER

more choice for our business and leisure passengers."

In addition, Flybe has increased flights to both Southampton and Exeter over the busy October and February half-terms, and also the

peak festive season. The airline's winter schedule from Glasgow features six routes with a choice of up to over 130 flights per week. It runs from October 28 to March 30, 2019. flybe.com

SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS IN ICELAND WITH JET2.COM AND JET2CITYBREAKS

JET2.COM AND Jet2CityBreaks are offering dedicated trips to Iceland from Glasgow Airport to experience the Northern Lights in February 2019. A three-night midweek break (February 11-14) or a four-night weekend trip (February 7-11) are available.

Steve Heapy, chief executive of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays, said: "Iceland is a destination that is rapidly growing in popularity thanks to its abundance of natural wonders, such as the Northern Lights, Golden Circle and Blue Lagoon.

"As well as geothermal spas, geysers, natural parks and the



incredible aurora borealis, Iceland offers the ultimate city-break destination in stylish Reykjavik.

"This programme of dedicated trips to Iceland from Glasgow Airport gives our customers even more choice for winter 2019."

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ICELANDAIR EXPANDS ROUTES TO CANADA AND USA

ICELANDAIR IS expanding its services to Canada from Reykjavik in 2019, increasing its current seven flights to Toronto to eleven from May 15 and increasing frequency to Vancouver from four times a week to six from May 18.

The airline will also extend services to Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis for summer 2019. From May 15, there will be two flights a day to Chicago. The seasonal service to Kansas City resumes on May 24 with four flights a week.

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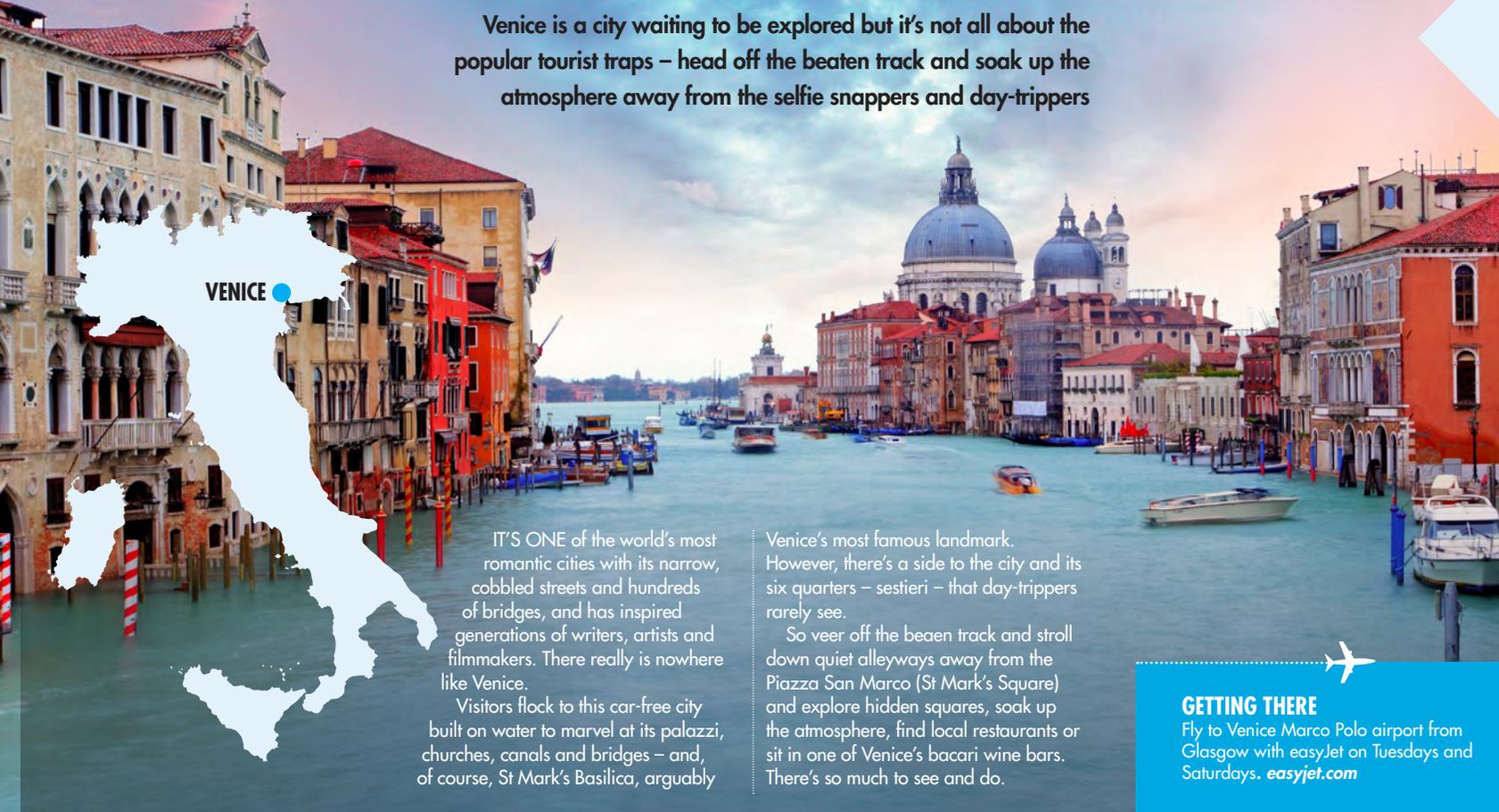


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DESTINATION: Venice

DISCOVER VENICE

Venice is a city waiting to be explored but it's not all about the popular tourist traps – head off the beaten track and soak up the atmosphere away from the selfie snappers and day-trippers



IT'S ONE of the world's most romantic cities with its narrow, cobbled streets and hundreds of bridges, and has inspired generations of writers, artists and filmmakers. There really is nowhere like Venice. Visitors flock to this car-free city built on water to marvel at its palazzi, churches, canals and bridges – and, of course, St Mark's Basilica, arguably

Venice's most famous landmark. However, there's a side to the city and its six quarters – sestieri – that day-trippers rarely see. So veer off the beaten track and stroll down quiet alleyways away from the Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square) and explore hidden squares, soak up the atmosphere, find local restaurants or sit in one of Venice's bacari wine bars. There's so much to see and do.

GETTING THERE

Fly to Venice Marco Polo airport from Glasgow with easyJet on Tuesdays and Saturdays. easyjet.com

WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN VENICE



VENICE CARNIVAL

This world-famous event, above, takes place in St Mark's Square during the 10 days leading up to Shrove Tuesday. The 2019 Carnival runs from February 16 to March 5.



BRIDGE OF SIGHs

One of the most famous bridges in the world, the Bridge of Sighs passes over the Rio di Palazzo and connects The Doge's Palace to the Prigioni, the prisons that were built across the canal in the late 16th century. However, its association with love and romance abounds as tourists jostle for the best spot to snap a selfie.



THE DOGE'S PALACE

Once the residence of powerful Venetian rulers and a former political nerve centre, it's now a museum and home to Tintoretto's famous Paradise painting. With its Gothic arches and opulent interiors including a golden staircase, The Doges Palace is a "must see" while in Venice.



RIALTO BRIDGE

One of Venice's main public thoroughfares, the Rialto Bridge spans the Grand Canal and brings together the quarters of San Paolo and San Marco. It was designed by Antonio Da Ponte whose decision to have just a single arch was considered daring at the time. The statues of St Mark and St Theodore sit on one side of the bridge.



ST MARK'S BASILICA

St Mark's Basilica is a symbol of Venetian art and faith, and houses many of Venice's greatest treasures including the famed Pala d'Ora altarpiece. Marvel at the colourful mosaics showing the scene of St Mark below a round-arched portal – this is the only one still surviving from the 1260s. It can get very busy so get there early.



CHURCH OF MADONNA DELL'ORTO

The Church of Madonna dell'Orto is home to works by Jacopo Tintoretto, and can be found in the Cannaregio quarter. It was built in the 14th century and Tintoretto, who lived nearby and worked on 10 paintings for the church, was buried here after his death in 1594. His works include Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple.



ARSENALE

Located in the Castello quarter of Venice the Arsenale is a city landmark that is a complex of former shipyards and armories, and was once the centre of Venice's naval industry. Today, Castello has evolved to become a cultural centre for the city and is home to the world-famous Venice Biennale arts organisation.



PEGGY GUGGENHEIM COLLECTION

A renowned collection of modern art, including works by Picasso and Dali, The Peggy Guggenheim Collection is located in Peggy Guggenheim's former home on the Grand Canal, in the Dorsoduro quarter of Venice. After her father's death on the Titanic, she became one of the great collectors of the 20th century.



FONDACO DEI TURCHI

The Fondaco dei Turchi, a 13th-century palazzo that was once a ghetto for Venice's Ottoman Turkish population, is now home to the Museum of Natural History with historical collections of flora and fauna, fossils, and an aquarium. Located in Santa Croce, it is an excellent example of Byzantine-style architecture.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Sip glühwein, soak up the aroma of freshly baked gingerbread, watch chestnuts roasting and immerse yourself in festive spirit at Germany's famous Christmas markets

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1 BERLIN

Around 60 markets bring Christmas cheer to the German capital. One of the most popular is at Alexanderplatz where a giant Christmas pyramid with thousands of lights twinkles against the backdrop of the TV Tower. Bustling Potsdamer Platz, meanwhile, is transformed into a winter wonderland with craft huts, a toboggan run with views of the Brandenburg Gate and an ice rink.

easyjet.com

2 DÜSSELDORF

In Düsseldorf, the Christmas market is one of the most beautiful in Germany. For four weeks, at seven different locations, visitors can browse in decorated huts and become part of a winter fairytale that the whole family can enjoy. Its centrepiece is an ice rink at Gustaf-Gründgens-Platz, while on Flinger Straße the façades of the market stalls are modelled on Düsseldorf's old townhouses.

eurowings.com

3 MUNICH

Munich's best-known Christmas market can be found at Marienplatz and can trace its roots back to the 14th century. A huge Christmas tree covered in lights towers over the stalls and there are live music performances from the balcony of the Town Hall. The Schwabinger Weihnachtsmarkt is a Munich institution and locals and visitors flock here to enjoy concerts and children's events.

LH.com

4 COLOGNE

Cologne has several Christmas markets and is only 30 minutes by train from Düsseldorf. The most famous can be found at Cologne Cathedral. However, it is the oldest market, on the Neumarkt in the city centre, that is arguably the most magical. Often called the Angels' Christmas Market, it evokes nostalgia and the kids will love watching the angels wafting through the alleys spreading festive cheer.

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5 FRANKFURT

Frankfurt's Christmas market, which can trace its history back to 1393, is one of the biggest in Germany. Here, you can browse stalls on the Römerberg and St Paul's Square where the huge Christmas tree adds to the magical atmosphere. Check out the Honey House on St Paul's Square. This 300-year-old timber building is assembled every year especially for the market. You can also enjoy live music.

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WHY WAIT?

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EXPLORE MUNICH

Mountains, fairytale castles, Christmas markets and beer – you'll find them all and much more in Munich, the capital of Bavaria.

Karen Peattie reckons it's a great option for a winter city break

MUNICH CONSISTENTLY ranks highly in quality of life surveys and visitors love the way it has held on to its traditions while positioning itself as modern city on the world map.

While the city is an ideal base for skiing – it's around an hour away from some of the best winter sports in the Alps – there are plenty of other reasons to visit this part of Germany in late autumn and over the winter months.

In the city itself there's something for everyone. From its royal Bavarian history to the world-famous Oktoberfest beer festival and high-tech industry, it's a fascinating melting pot of old and new.

Munich can be rightly proud of its centuries-old buildings including the neo-Gothic Neues Rathaus town hall in the Marienplatz square in Altstadt (Old Town). Its glockenspiel chimes and re-enacts stories from the 16th century while its tower is a dominant fixture of the Munich skyline, along with the twin towers of the landmark Frauenkirche church.

For a panoramic vista of Munich climb up the 306 steps of St Peter's – the city's oldest church. It's free and the view from the tower is well worth the effort.

Of course, Germany's third-largest city is awash with stunning palaces and churches, gardens, parks and museums so you'll never run short of inspiration



Fly to Munich from Glasgow Airport with Lufthansa. LH.com

on a city break or longer holiday. Venture outside Munich, however, and you'll find yourself in fairytale heaven as you explore Bavaria's beautiful castles.

The two castles most people want to see are Neuschwanstein and Linderhof, both in the Bavarian Alps and easily accessible from the city.

While Oktoberfest – this year ending on October 7 – is a big draw to Munich, the city celebrates beer all year round at its beer halls, including the famous Hofbräuhaus, founded in 1589.

So dust down your Lederhosen and get set for a fantastic winter break in a city that is open for business all year round.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

This is a city that captures the spirit of Christmas to perfection and if you're in Munich in December you'll find its best-known traditional Christmas market at Marienplatz (St Mary's Square) in the city centre – it can trace its roots back to the 14th century.



CURLING ON THE CANAL

The Nymphenburg Palace canal transforms into the city's longest curling track as the shallow water freezes over between Gerner Bridge and Hubertusstraße. Curlers of all abilities are welcome and it's a great fun day out for all members of the family – just make sure you wrap up warmly.



MUSEUMS

Munich has more than 80 museums. They include Museum Brandhorst with more than 1,000 works spanning classical avant-garde to American pop. Equally impressive is the trio of municipal galleries – the Alte, Neue Pinakothek and the Pinakothek der Moderne.



FAIRYTALE CASTLES

The two castles most people want to see are Neuschwanstein and Linderhof, both in the Bavarian Alps and easily accessible from the city. Neuschwanstein Castle is one of the most-photographed sights in Germany – it's also the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle at Disneyland.



NYMPHENBURG PALACE

In Munich, the baroque Nymphenburg Palace is one of the oldest palaces in Europe and a local institution with its excellent museum and stunning landscaped gardens. A key attraction is a central ceiling fresco by Johann Baptist Zimmermann.



RESIDENZ

Munich's Residenz building was home to Bavarian royalty and seat of the government from 1508 to 1918. It oozes opulence with its frescos, marble and statues. Particularly impressive are the arched Antiquarium, a banqueting hall covered in paintings, and the ornate Reiche Zimmer.



GO SWIMMING

From the Art Nouveau gem that is the Müller'sches Volksbad and one of the most impressive swimming pools in Europe to the Nordbad, Munich has 10 indoor pools operated by the city. It also has a fantastic heated outdoor pool in Dantebad which is a great experience during the winter.

ONWARD CONNECTIONS

Lufthansa offers Scottish passengers over 400 connections across the world through its Munich and Frankfurt hubs so why not move on to another part of the world after your German city break?

BOSTON

Boston has something for everyone – American history, the arts and sport. Home to the Red Sox baseball team, the world's oldest marathon, Harvard University and the John F Kennedy Museum, the city also boasts some of America's best restaurants. The capital of Massachusetts also has a reputation as one of the friendliest cities in the USA.

HONG KONG

This is a fascinating city and every visitor must go to The Peak, the highest point on Hong Kong Island and the city's most exclusive neighbourhood since colonial times. Ride up on the Peak Tram, the funicular railway. Or how about a ferry trip across Victoria Harbour – this is the perfect way to discover Hong Kong.

JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg is the economic powerhouse of Africa and very much a city of contrast with its mix of old and new buildings. The second-largest city in Africa, it is commonly known as Joburg, or Jozi, and whether you are on business or holiday there's no shortage of amazing things to see and do.

SINGAPORE

Singapore may be famous for its grand hotels – think Raffles – but it is also renowned for its multicultural diversity, green urban spaces, shopping, and its great restaurants and bars. You can also take the amphibious Duck tour or a bumboat cruise along the Singapore River and see a different side to the city.

NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

No city comes alive during the festive season in quite the same way as New York, making it the perfect destination for a winter break. Here are some of our suggestions for things to do in the Big Apple over the winter months

MAKE YOUR MAGICAL NEW YORK WINTER BREAK ONE TO REMEMBER

HOW TO GET THERE FROM GLASGOW?

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If you fly from Glasgow to New York-JFK via Dublin with Aer Lingus you can take advantage of the convenient pre-clearance service through US customs – on arrival in the USA just collect your bags and go. aerlingus.com

BRITISH AIRWAYS

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ICELANDAIR

Fly from Glasgow to Iceland with Icelandair then connect to Newark or New York-JFK airports. If you're planning a longer break, why not have an Icelandic stopover of up to seven nights for no additional airfare – visit the Blue Lagoon or, if you're lucky, see the Northern Lights. icelandair.com

LUFTHANSA

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MACY'S THANKSGIVING PARADE

The holidays in New York officially start with the help of world-renowned music artists, Broadway performers, marching bands from all over the United States and spectacular floats. This year is the 92nd edition of America's most popular pre-Thanksgiving ritual – it takes place on November 22.



BRYANT PARK WINTER VILLAGE

For New Yorkers this means Christmas has arrived. Bryant Park Winter Village features a 17,000ft ice rink and more than 125 shopping kiosks and food vendors. There's a great atmosphere as locals and visitors alike come together to get into the festive spirit. It's a great day out for families.



NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC 'HOME ALONE IN CONCERT'

Who doesn't love Home Alone? The world-renowned New York Philharmonic orchestra will perform John Williams' score to the classic Christmas film starring Macaulay Culkin in Manhattan on December 20-21 – booby traps and bandits not included!



NEW YEAR'S EVE TIMES SQUARE BALL DROP

The first Times Square celebration took place in 1904, and has been the backdrop of the city's free New Year's Eve celebrations ever since. Around one million visitors will watch the ball drop as New York welcomes 2019. Arrive early if you want to get a good spot.



A SLICE OF BROOKLYN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

More than 100,000 visitors descend on Brooklyn's Dyker Heights to view the most extravagant Christmas displays in the New York City area. This tour stops at the most over-the-top exhibits and tells the story of how the Dyker Lights event started 40 years ago.



RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Everyone's favourite high kickers – the Rockettes – dance their way from Thanksgiving through to New Year's Eve, championing the holiday spirit of New York with their extravagant costumes and breathtaking state-of-the-art production. Catch the show at the famous venue from November 9 to January 1.

CHRISTMAS WINDOW SHOPPING

Even if you're not buying you can still look – and for many people the windows are more than enough! The Christmas window displays in New York are amazing with most of them themed – the most impressive ones include Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Barney's, Bloomingdale's and Tiffany & Co. So go window shopping!

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL

Grand Central Terminal is one of the most stunning train stations in the world at any time of the year. At Christmas, however, it really comes alive and offers a one-stop festive shopping experience with one of the longest-running indoor holiday fairs in New York, running from November 12 to Christmas Eve.

ROCKEFELLER CENTER

This historic landmark in the heart of Midtown Manhattan is a sparkling affair with the famous Christmas tree and ice rink its centrepiece. This year, the tree will be lit for the first time on Wednesday, November 28. There are great views from the top, too.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY'S HOLIDAY SEASON

This is the largest natural history museum in the world. Its holiday celebrations begin with the decoration of the Origami Holiday Tree – complete with hundreds of hand-folded paper models created by local artists – and continue through the New Year.

DESTINATIONS: Iceland

LAND OF ICE AND FIRE



CONNECT TO NORTH AMERICA

SAN FRANCISCO

The Golden Gate Bridge, the cable car to Chinatown, Alcatraz, steep walkways and vintage cable cars are just some of the reasons to visit San Francisco.

BOSTON

Boston, the capital of Massachusetts has something for everyone – American history, the arts and sport, and stunning “fall foliage” in autumn.

CHICAGO

Chicago is a city of contrast, with beaches, lakes, parks, museums and an impressive skyline. The Willis Tower is one of the tallest buildings in the USA.

VANCOUVER

This modern city surrounded by mountains is an excellent base for exploring British Columbia. It also has great shops and restaurants.

Think breathtaking scenery, hot springs, wildlife and the Northern Lights – Iceland is the place of adventures

ICELAND IS a stunning outdoor playground that will appeal to anyone with a sense of adventure.

A land of extremes and contrasts, the country's natural beauty is breathtaking, the people friendly and the lifestyle healthy.

Reykjavík is a small and lively capital city, with lots of bars and restaurants. It's the ideal base for your great adventure but

also perfect for a city break with plenty of tours available to give you a taste of the wilderness.

But bear in mind that when you fly from Glasgow Airport to Keflavik with Icelandair you have access to the airline's North American gateways, including its new routes to San Francisco, Kansas City, Baltimore, Cleveland and Dallas, and established ones such as Boston and Chicago.



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THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

This boat tour takes you to the impressive Gullfoss waterfall and the famous Geysir geothermal area. At Thingvellir national park you can explore the geologic rift between the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates. And if you want to see another stunning waterfall, hire a car and drive around two hours to Skógafoss – it will take your breath away.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

The Northern Lights – also known as the aurora borealis – are another reason to visit Iceland. Reykjavik is the starting point for most visitors and the perfect base if you're chasing the Northern Lights – nature's very own theatrical performance. Iceland has some of the best Northern Lights viewing conditions in the world with the ideal viewing time between September and March.

THE BLUE LAGOON

The country's most famous attraction, the Blue Lagoon is half an hour's drive from Reykjavik. This geothermal spa allows you to bathe in mineral-rich water amid backdrop of beautiful scenery. Open all year round, the Blue Lagoon's soothing waters attract visitors from all over the world. Famous fans include Icelandic singer Björk and Beyoncé. Pre-booking is essential.



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BERLIN BECKONS



It's one of Europe's liveliest capitals and with plenty to do and see all year round, Berlin will both captivate and surprise you in equal measure, says *Karen Peattie*

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SOME PEOPLE have a theory that summer is the best time for a European city break, when good weather makes it easier to spend time outdoors. But when it comes to Berlin it doesn't matter – this city has its own special atmosphere, rain or shine.

If you've been to Berlin before you'll know that it is a city awash with stunning architecture, lively nightlife, bohemian bars and cafés,

fantastic shopping and swathes of green spaces making it one of Europe's most vibrant capitals.

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DESTINATIONS: Berlin



THE BRANDENBURG GATE

This 18th-century monument is Berlin's most important and is the main symbol of the city.



REICHSTAG

Visit the German parliament building with its roof terrace and stunning dome.



THE OBERBAUM BRIDGE

This double-deck bridge over the River Spree is another Berlin landmark and offers great views across the city when you walk over it.



SHOPPING

Stroll down Kurfürstendamm or through the shopping malls at Potsdamer Platz. Make sure you visit KaDeWe, Berlin's largest department store.



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FEATURE: Skiing

If you're a seasoned winter sports enthusiast or a beginner, there are some excellent options for skiing and snowboarding waiting for you just a short flight from Glasgow Airport

CHAMBÉRY

As lively as it is beautiful, set against the spectacular natural backdrop of the French Alps, Chambéry's interesting culture combined with easy access to some of Europe's most famous mountain resorts makes it the perfect skiing destination. Resorts such as Aminona, Champéry and Rougemont are a short drive away. During down time from the slopes you can explore the squares and courtyards of the Old Town, and visit the home of the 18th-century philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

tui.co.uk

GENEVA

With many excellent ski resorts in the Alps within three hours of Geneva you can choose between skiing in France, Italy or Switzerland. Geneva Airport is the main gateway for skiers and snowboarders arriving in the French Alps with some of the best-known resorts at Chamonix, Les Gets and Flaine. There's

a good mix of resorts, too, varying from quieter, smaller areas to larger, much busier ones. Champéry, in the Portes du Soleil area of the Swiss Alps, offers access to 423 individual pistes, and is served by over 200 ski lifts.

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GRENOBLE

Some of the best skiing in Europe can be found in the French Alps and the delightful French city of Grenoble – home of the 1968 Winter Olympics – is the perfect gateway to this part of the spectacular Dauphiné region. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, Grenoble is within easy reach of plenty of popular ski resorts while the city itself has a great bar, café and restaurant scene, lively nightlife, museums and numerous other attractions for the less adventurous. Grenoble enters its second year as part of Jet2.com's ski programme from Glasgow Airport.

Jet2.com

SALZBURG

It may have served as a backdrop to The Sound of Music but Salzburg offers a fantastic opportunity to combine one of Europe's most fascinating cities with world-class skiing. At the heart of the city is the Baroque Old Town and it also hits the right note with its links to Mozart and Rogers & Hammerstein. Alpine resorts within easy access include Zell am See, Saalbach, Obertauern and Kaprun.

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MUNICH

An ideal base for winter sports thanks to its excellent train links to the slopes, Munich can combine the best of a city break with skiing in Bavaria. One of the most popular resorts is Zugspitze, in the heart of the famed Garmisch-Partenkirchen ski area and where you'll find Alpspitze, home of the Kandahar Olympic downhill run.

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VENICE

Combine a skiing holiday with a visit to Venice this winter. There are some excellent resorts within easy reach of Venice including Cortina d'Ampezzo, considered by many to be Italy's premier ski destination. Others include Andalo, Madonna di Campiglio, Marilleva and Selva Val Gardena. Fly from Glasgow with easyJet.

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LONDON CALLING

Planning your next visit to London? Our editor **Karen Peattie** checks out the bright lights of the capital on a midweek city break, taking in a West End show, Covent Garden and The Shard as well as veering slightly off the beaten track

STEP OFF the plane and onto the train or tube – that’s how easy it is to travel into central London from Stansted, Gatwick, Heathrow, or London City airports.

It’s one of the great city-break destinations with landmark attractions such as The Shard, St Paul’s Cathedral and Greenwich just some of the places to visit. Go for a trip on the London Eye, hit the shops in Oxford and Regent Streets, take in the bright lights of Leicester Square and visit Covent Garden to soak up the artisan atmosphere.

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 museums, including the National Gallery and Natural History Museum, or hang out in Hyde Park. Whatever you do in London you won’t be short of inspiration.

From Stansted, you can take the Stansted Express to Liverpool Street and from Heathrow, jump on the tube. London City is linked to Docklands Light Railway (DLR), the Underground, overground trains and buses. From Gatwick, jump on the train – the Gatwick Express – to Victoria Street. Trains depart every 15 minutes in peak periods and take around 30 minutes.

▶ TURN OVER FOR SOME OF HIGH FLYER’S TOP TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 48 HOURS IN LONDON



48 HOURS IN LONDON



THE SHARD

We love The Shard – it's London's best vantage point and almost twice the height of any other viewing platform in the city. On a clear day – which we had on this occasion – it provides unparalleled 360-degree views for up to 40 miles. Shooting up to the top in the high-speed elevator is a thrill. Various options are available but you must book in advance to secure your time slot. You can also have a drink and bite to eat. The nearest station is London Bridge.

the-shard.com



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WEST END

The hottest ticket in town just now is Hamilton, the story of America's founding father Alexander Hamilton, but tickets need to be booked well in advance. However, I highly recommend Motown The Musical, the story of Berry Gordy who founded Motown records, at the Shaftesbury Theatre. Enjoy the music of Diana Ross and The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations and Smokey Robinson to name just a few. And you will definitely be "Dancing In The Street".

officiallondontheatre.co.uk and shaftesburytheatre.com



BRICK LANE

Brick Lane, a short walk from Spitalfields, offers another vibrant snapshot of east London with a colourful market overflowing with stalls selling antiques and art. Brick Lane has a reputation for its Indian restaurants and Jewish bagel shops. You should also visit the Old Truman Brewery which is home to some amazing independent shops, galleries, markets, bars and restaurants. Look out for Brick Lane's street art – there's work by Banksy here.

visitbricklane.org



COVENT GARDEN

One of my favourite places in London, Covent Garden has a special vibe and there's nothing I like more than wandering along its cobbled piazza. I love the way it combines market stalls selling gorgeous handmade jewellery, crafts and art with upmarket brands and stores such as Tiffany and Mulberry. There's also a great mix of bars and restaurants so enjoy a few cocktails and a bite to eat before strolling along to the theatre land.

coventgarden.london



SPITALFIELDS

Just a few minutes' walk from Liverpool Street station you'll find Old Spitalfields Market, one of London's oldest markets in a stunning Victorian building that oozes atmosphere, and the adjacent Spitalfields, a newer market but equally full of character. Both are home to an eclectic mix of stalls where independent traders sell products including handmade crafts, jewellery, art and fashion.

oldspitalfieldsmarket.com and spitalfields.co.uk



EMIRATES AIR LINE

Take in great views of London as you glide across the Thames in a cable car in just 10 minutes. It connects ExCel London to the O2 and North Greenwich tube station. From here you can take the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) to Greenwich where attractions include the Cutty Sark and the Royal Observatory. There's also a market at Greenwich as well as pubs and restaurants.

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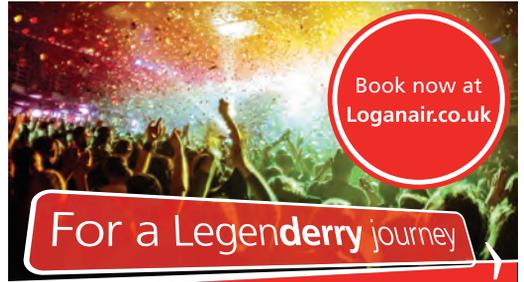
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DESTINATION: Shanghai

SHANGHAI SURPRISE

It's the largest city in China with neighbourhoods as diverse as the architecture. Shanghai offers visitors a heady mix of ancient culture and contemporary living, where Western customs and Chinese traditions intertwine

ONCE A small fishing village and situated on the estuary of the Yangtze River, Shanghai has become one of the world's most exciting cities, fast-paced and pushing boundaries.

Shanghai is the country's commercial and industrial capital but also a cultural hub and a truly diverse destination with so much to see and do.

You don't go to Shanghai for peace and quiet, however. It's a city where 24 million people live, after all, so if you want to dodge the crowds get up and out early.

Shanghai's dazzling space-age skyscrapers

sit alongside examples of the city's colonial architecture, harking back to the early 1900s. This interesting mix of old and new is fascinating and if you leave the city to visit the ancient water towns you'll see historical architecture that dates back even further.

Home to the Shanghai Tower, the second-tallest building in the world, the city's neighbourhoods each have their own vibe.

Neon-lit Lujiazui is where you'll find the liveliest nightlife, for example, while great shopping can be found at Tianzifang. But where do you start in a city that has so much going on?



GETTING THERE

Fly from Glasgow Airport with Emirates via Dubai, Lufthansa via Frankfurt and Munich, or British Airways via Heathrow.

emirates.com, LH.com, ba.com

WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN SHANGHAI



THE BUND

This mile-long waterfront is among the most-recognised symbols of Shanghai. Stroll along the promenade if you want to take in the grand skyline views of colonial-era buildings and skyscrapers. From the Bund you can see the Jin Mao Tower, one of the tallest buildings in China and, across Huangpu River, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and the Shanghai World Financial Centre.



SHANGHAI MUSEUM

Here you'll find one of the most impressive collections of historical artefacts in China. Covering four floors and almost 10,000 years of history, the Shanghai Museum in People's Square houses everything from Neolithic pottery and Tang dynasty calligraphy bamboo carvings to ornamental jade pieces, traditional Chinese arts and Ming furniture.



ORIENTAL PEARL TV TOWER

One of Shanghai's landmark buildings, the Tower boasts incredible views from its observatory and a revolving restaurant. Located in Pudong Park in Lujiazui, it is surrounded by the Yangpu Bridge in the northeast and the Nanpu Bridge in the southwest – and attracts thousands of visitors each year. There's even a virtual reality roller coaster!

► Turn the page for more of what Shanghai has to offer

DESTINATION: Shanghai



YUYUAN GARDEN

One of the most tranquil and peaceful places in Shanghai, the Yuyuan Garden was built by a government officer of the Ming Dynasty for his parents in the 16th century. This classic garden features pavilions, bridges, paths, ponds, an array of trees, and shrubs – and is the place to go when you want to escape from a hectic 24-hour city.



WATER TOWNS

There are several water towns, including Zhujiajiao which is awash with canals, bridges and gardens. Easy to get to by public transport it dates back about 1,700 years and is home to the Majia Garden, one of the largest in southern China. Another water town is Tongli, often described as a miniature Venice, with nearly every building on or by a canal.

HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

For a different vista of Shanghai, take a cruise on the city's largest river, the Huangpu, which divides the city in two with Pudong in the east and Puxi in the west. You'll see contrasting types of architecture on both sides of this Shanghai landmark, and get a different view of the city's skyline – at night the sparkling neon metropolis is a sight to behold.



JADE BUDDHA TEMPLE

The Jade Buddha Temple, with its peaceful atmosphere, is one of Shanghai's most popular attractions, built to enshrine two jade Buddha statues brought from Burma. An active Buddhist monastery, it can get very busy particularly in February during the Lunar New Year when thousands of Chinese Buddhists come to pray for prosperity.



FRENCH CONCESSION

Life moves at a much slower pace in the stylish French Concession neighbourhoods where you can stroll along the tree-lined avenues, go shopping, and visit museums and historic buildings. There's also a great eating-out scene here. Make sure you check out the Art Deco-style Cathay Cinema, which opened in 1932, and the classic Sinan Mansions near Fuxing Park.



SHANGHAI DISNEY RESORT

Shanghai Disney Resort, the first Disney resort in mainland China, features the Gardens of Imagination with bridges and paths connecting seven themed areas. Chinese Zodiac Murals in the Garden of the Twelve Friends turn the movie figures into the 12 animal signs. Other features include Adventure Isle, Treasure Cove, Fantasyland, and Mickey Avenue.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Flybe's Roy Kinnear tells **Karen Peattie** about Europe's largest regional airline's aspirations for the future



FOR ROY KINNEAR, chief commercial officer at Flybe, Glasgow Airport holds a special place in his heart.

The Northern Irishman, who joined Flybe in January from Air Seychelles where he was chief executive, recalls regular trips to the airport when he worked for British Midland in the mid-1990s. "I was setting up an office for the airline at the airport and spent a lot of time in Glasgow," he says.

In recent months he's flown quite a few times to Glasgow once again. "The airport's very different to what it was 25 years ago," says Kinnear, pointing to the £20 million-plus

investment in the main terminal building. "All of this is good for Flybe because we want to work with airports that are progressive and forward-thinking."

Glasgow and Scotland are important for Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline. "It's not just about flying passengers from Glasgow to Birmingham or Southampton," Kinnear continues. "It's about adding value and providing flights at the right times and the right price."

Southampton – known as the cruise capital of the UK – is a prime example and Flybe, in response to customer demand, has boosted the frequency of the route for its 2018/19 winter schedule.

Indeed, Flybe will operate six winter routes from Glasgow – it flies to eight UK destinations in summer. "We're passionate about connecting regional communities – we're known as a regional airline and that is what we are focused on," he says.

"In terms of that focus and commitment, Glasgow Airport is right up there."

In the last 12 months, Flybe has flown 750,000 passengers out of Glasgow using its own aircraft and franchise partners but Kinnear insists that "it's not just a numbers game".

"We're trying to improve and be better all the time," he points out. "An airline can never become complacent. It's about providing a fantastic all-round experience for your customers and that's what we're targeting every day."

Glasgow passengers, he continues, can also benefit from Flybe's hubs in Manchester and Birmingham where they can connect to long-haul flights.

"We look at our business schedule and we look at our leisure schedule and we can see where the demand is," says Kinnear. "As an airline we've become much better at recognising customer need and demand which changes depending on the day of the week and time of day."

"For example, 2pm on a Wednesday is very different from 7am on a Monday so the changes we have made in how Flybe goes about its business reflect that."

Kinnear points to the new Amadeus technology platform, on schedule to be implemented by the end of the 2018/19 financial year, that will help "revolutionise" travel for business and leisure passengers, including those in Glasgow. "It will enable easier access to international destinations using a simple, digital process," he explains.

"We're generating about 80% of our business online and Amadeus' advanced technology means we can offer customers a highly personalised, interactive digital offering before, during and after travel, all connected to Flybe's mobile app."

With over 30 years' experience in aviation, Kinnear aligns his role at Flybe to a "Minister without Portfolio" given his broad-ranging responsibilities covering all commercial activities

plus network and scheduling, sales, marketing, e-commerce and customer care.

"I'd done as much as I could at Air Seychelles and Flybe ticked all the boxes for me as an ambitious airline with aspirations to grow," he says.

"The only downside to being back in the UK is the weather!

"While there is scope to extend our geographical reach with the new Amadeus platform I also see huge demand for Flybe around big events and inbound conference charters," continues Kinnear, pointing to the recent European Championships in Glasgow as an example of a major sporting occasion that might attract business.

"Glasgow has a booming conference business so there are opportunities for us to explore that too."

In the 2017/18 financial year, Glasgow won 500 new international and UK conferences through to 2022 worth £143 million.

Kinnear, who describes himself as a "workaholic" and doesn't have much time for holidays, sees a bright future for Flybe with Glasgow Airport very much part of the airline's long-term growth strategy.

"Glasgow's a fantastic city that works in partnership with its airport – and that's an approach that benefits airlines like Flybe."

flybe.com



M8 ADVERTISING TOWER NEAR GLASGOW AIRPORT TO BE SCOTLAND'S TALLEST

WORK IS under way on a new advertising tower – set to be the biggest in Scotland – near Glasgow Airport.

The imposing M8 Tower will stand 40 metres high and be seen by 1.6 million motorists passing Glasgow Airport every week.

As well as being the tallest ad tower in Scotland, the steel structure will include one of the largest digital ad screens in Europe.

The M8 tower is being built on land owned by Glasgow Airport by ad agency Wildstone, with completion expected by the end of 2018.

Paula Oliver, managing director of Wildstone Capital (Airports), said: "Modern in design but keeping with tradition, the tower features the famous Paisley pattern with a solid steel finish and one of the largest LED advertising screens used to date."

Francois Bourienne, chief commercial officer at AGS Airports, which owns Glasgow Airport, said: "It incorporates a truly iconic design which recognises the importance of Paisley to the region.

"This brings a wonderful sense of place to the M8 corridor which Glasgow Airport is proud to be associated with."



GET ON YOUR BIKE

GLASGOW AIRPORT'S new £280,000 cycle route was officially opened by Derek Mackay, the MSP for Renfrewshire North and West, on the same day that it received a Cycle Friendly Employer Award from Cycling Scotland.

The route was developed in partnership between Glasgow Airport and Renfrewshire Council, with funding support from the Scottish Government through Sustrans Scotland's Community Links grant programme.

It includes a new and improved 2.5km route through the airport campus, linking Inchinnan Road with Barnsford Road, and provides connectivity support to City Deal proposals for the Glasgow Airport Investment Area including walking and cycling routes.

A key element of the project, which also includes new signage, was the surfacing of a 1.5km section of the cycling route through the Paisley Moss nature reserve that runs adjacent to the airport's runway.

This section has been upgraded from a muddy path to a cycling-standard bound surface providing fantastic views of the airfield that users can enjoy all year round.

The Cycling Scotland award acknowledges an employer's commitment to encourage and facilitate healthy and sustainable access to work, ensuring appropriate safe access routes, cycle parking, changing facilities and promotion.

Glasgow Airport is one of the largest employers in the Renfrewshire area.

From left: Glasgow Airport's Kirsty Nimmo, Brendan Forrester from Sustrans, airport managing director Mark Johnston, Derek Mackay MSP, Caroline Hammond from Cycling Scotland and the airport's Dwayne Bolton saddle up

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Francois Bourienne of Glasgow Airport and Mr Ruijun Jia, vice-president of Shanghai Airport Authority, sign the Memorandum of Understanding

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INITIATIVE TO GROW VISITOR NUMBERS BETWEEN CHINA AND SCOTLAND

FLIGHTS BETWEEN the west of Scotland and China are a step closer after Glasgow Airport and Shanghai Airport Authority signed an agreement that will see them work together to petition China's main airlines to establish a direct air link in the future between Glasgow and Shanghai.

Glasgow Airport and Shanghai Airport Authority, which operates Pudong and Hongqiao airports, have formed the Shanghai Airport Authority and Glasgow Airport Alliance to jointly develop a strategy to increase the number of passengers travelling between China and Scotland.

The partnership will see the airports work together to share expertise and best practice in all aspects of airport business and exchange ideas to help promote tourism opportunities between the two cities.

During many months of discussions, Glasgow representatives shared their vision for expansion into China and the potential appeal of the airport as the gateway to Scotland for tourists from the Shanghai area and beyond.

Francois Bourienne, chief commercial officer at AGS Airports, which owns Glasgow Airport, signed the Memorandum of Understanding in Shanghai and said it marked a significant milestone in the relationship between the cities of Glasgow and Shanghai.

"This provides us with a unique opportunity to work alongside and share ideas with our new colleagues from Shanghai Airport Authority, which is responsible for operating the Chinese mega-city's two main airports, handling in excess of 100 million passengers combined annually," he said.

"The alliance will ensure both partners not only learn from one another, but work together to enhance the growing business and tourism links between Scotland and China.

"As well as being the country's leading long-haul airport, Glasgow is a popular gateway to Scotland for hundreds of thousands of visitors from Asia each year. This partnership will seek to build on this.

"Through the exchange of ideas and continued collaboration, this strong partnership could bring the very real prospect of introducing a direct air link between the west of Scotland and China's biggest city closer than it has ever been before."

Mr Ruijun Jia, vice-president of Shanghai Airport Authority, said: "Shanghai Airport Authority is delighted to enter into this long-term partnership with the airport of Scotland's largest city – Glasgow Airport.

"Our aim is to work collaboratively with the management of Glasgow Airport to exchange best practices in airport operations and to jointly implement initiatives to grow visitor numbers between Glasgow, Scotland and Shanghai."

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce's chief executive Stuart Patrick added: "China is at the top of our international trade priority list, with Shanghai one of its most strategically important cities. There are enormous opportunities in China which has gone through three decades of change and where the Scottish Chambers of Commerce has been active in developing connections."

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The room will also benefit passengers with a wide range of physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis who often need extra equipment and space to allow them to use toilet facilities safely and comfortably.

Located in the airport's main check-in hall to ensure it is accessible to both departing and arriving passengers, the spacious facility's key features include a height-adjustable sink and hydraulic bed, an electronic hoist, shower, non-slip floor and privacy screens.

With more than 9.9 million passengers travelling through in 2017, Glasgow becomes the largest airport in Scotland to house such a facility and one of 14 across the UK.

Representatives from the Scottish charity Promoting A More Inclusive Society (PAMIS), which supports people with profound and multiple learning



Five-year-old Layla helped open the new 'Changing Places' facility at Glasgow Airport

disabilities in Scotland, helped open the new facility along with Cara Devaney and her five-year-old daughter Layla, who was born with a rare brain disorder and has cerebral palsy.

Mark Johnston, Glasgow Airport's managing director, said: "Many people with complex healthcare needs who require this type of facility are restricted from being able to travel because their personal care needs cannot be accommodated in a standard accessible toilet.

"Thanks to the support of organisations such as PAMIS and Changing Places we have introduced a first-class facility that will now make it easier for carers and people who have severe disabilities to travel through the airport."

RSNO TUNES UP AT GLASGOW AIRPORT



MEMBERS OF Scotland's national orchestra, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO), got in tune at Glasgow Airport recently when they dropped in to entertain passengers.

The performance coincided with the arrival of athletes ahead of the inaugural European Championships, jointly hosted by Glasgow and Berlin.

Pieces performed included Sir Malcolm Arnold's Four Scottish Dances, Greig's In the Hall on the Mountain King, Johann Strauss' celebratory Radetzky March, and Galop from Rossini's William Tell Overture, famously used as the theme tune for The Lone Ranger.

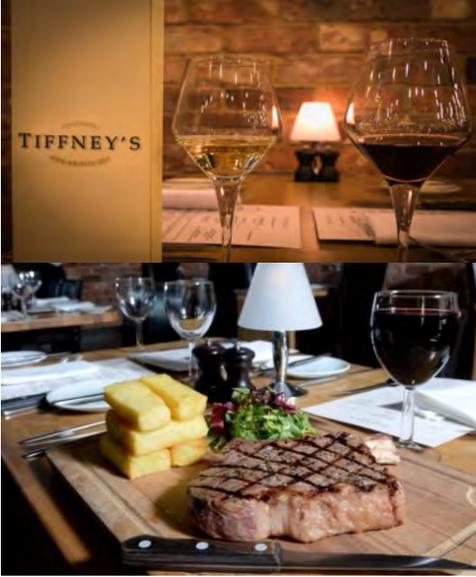
The RSNO's Varèse Sarabande 40th Anniversary Concert will take place at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on November 17.

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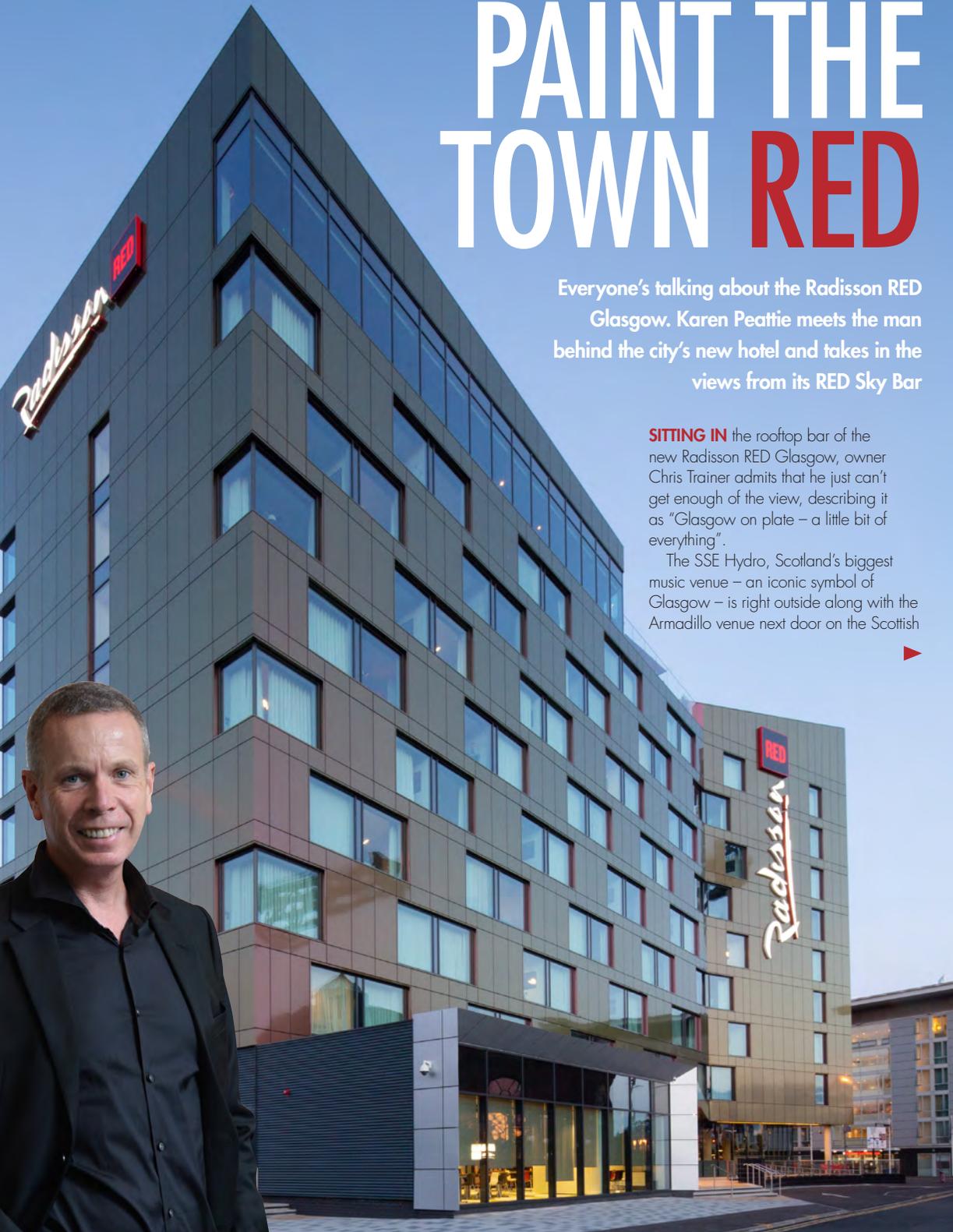
Everyone's talking about the Radisson RED Glasgow. Karen Peattie meets the man behind the city's new hotel and takes in the views from its RED Sky Bar

SITTING IN the rooftop bar of the new Radisson RED Glasgow, owner Chris Trainer admits that he just can't get enough of the view, describing it as "Glasgow on plate – a little bit of everything".

The SSE Hydro, Scotland's biggest music venue – an iconic symbol of Glasgow – is right outside along with the Armadillo venue next door on the Scottish



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'GLASGOW'S HOTEL MARKET IS VERY BUOYANT JUST NOW AND THE RADISSON RED OFFERS SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT'

Event Campus (SEC), the Finnieston Crane and, of course, the River Clyde. Glance over to the right and there's the elegant buildings of Park Circus and the University of Glasgow.

Trainer's vision for the £30 million hotel, the first new-build Radisson RED in Europe, goes back to 2007 when he bought the site. "The Hydro hadn't yet been approved but we knew this was a fantastic location," he says.

"Of course, no-one was planning for the financial crash that ensued but we were prepared to sit on it until the time was right and when Glasgow won the 2014 Commonwealth Games we knew that the Hydro would follow."

The quietly-spoken entrepreneur, chairman of the Glasgow-based Forrest Group, says that interest in the hotel, which opened less than six months ago, has exceeded expectations.

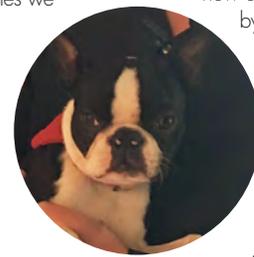
"When there's a big event on at the Hydro or SEC we're full," he says.

"Glasgow's hotel market is very buoyant just now and the Radisson RED offers something completely different," he continues. "It's a new brand so people want to check it out."

Its location in the west end is also perfect. Just a short walk from The SSE Hydro, a few minutes from the bars and restaurants of trendy Finnieston and within walking distance of the city centre too, the hotel provides an ideal base from which to explore the city.

Reluctantly leaving the RED Sky Bar and a dramatic skyline that takes on

different aspects depending on the time of day, we go for a tour of the hotel, meeting Baxter the hotel dog along the way. Rooms – 174 of them – are uncluttered, bright and spacious, each with a great view and bold wallpaper designed by legendary Glasgow comic artist Frank Quitely.



Works by illustrator Adrian B McMurchie, another local artist, also feature throughout the hotel along with a collection of original paintings by musician Chris Rea.

On the ground floor there's the OUIBar + KTCHN – the hotel's food, drink and social hub serving food, wine and chilled craft beers. Open all day and offering food on the go, this is the place for casual meetings, cocktails or, in the adjacent snug bar, a game of pool. A 24-hour deli counter means guests never go hungry.

The hotel can also accommodate a range of events in three studios equipped with modern tech and super-fast WiFi.

From keyless entry to self check-in and check-out, technology features heavily throughout the Radisson RED Glasgow. Using the RED app, guests can do

everything from request extra pillows to arrange transport to Glasgow Airport.

"We want guests to relax and have fun with us," says Trainer. "If you're going to a concert at the Hydro we're happy for you to kick off your shoes and have a party in your room beforehand."

"It's a different experience, not stuffy or dark and definitely no beige – it's very social although you'll find a quiet spot if that's what you're looking for."

"The crowd also changes and we're seeing all demographics – families, groups of friends, business people, couples and, as a pet-friendly hotel, dogs. The ebb and flow throughout the day is fascinating and the vibe changes too – and we encourage all guests to have their selfie taken in front of our digital wall."

The early success of the Radisson RED Glasgow reaffirms Trainer's desire to build more hotels and he recently sold his Forrest Media outdoor advertising business to focus on other areas of the Forrest Group, including the hotels division.

It takes vision and ambition to create a success story like this and Chris Trainer is certainly paving the way for Glasgow to paint the town red.

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WHAT A SPORT

Glasgow rose to the occasion as co-host of the 2018 European Championships – here are some of the highlights from venues around the city



GLASGOW OPENED its doors to some of the world's sporting elite as the 2018 European Championships came to town this summer.

In the same way that the city welcomed the Commonwealth Games in 2014, Glasgow rose to the challenge as co-host with Berlin of the inaugural multi-sport 2018 European Championships.

More than 4,500 athletes from 52 nations competed in the event which saw Glasgow host six sports – aquatics, cycling, golf, gymnastics, rowing and



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Golf took place at Gleneagles in Perthshire while the open water swimming events were held at Loch Lomond



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triathlon. Berlin hosted the athletics. After 11 days of sensational sporting action, Russia topped the overall medal table, closely followed by Great Britain and Italy in third.

As well as boosting tourism in Scotland, coverage of the sporting action was broadcast to a TV audience of around 1.03 billion.

Venues included the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome at the Emirates Arena (track cycling), Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park (open water swimming), The SSE Hydro (gymnastics), Strathclyde Country Park (rowing and triathlon) and Tollcross International Swimming Centre (swimming).

Glasgow city centre and metropolitan areas provided the backdrop for the exciting – and often eventful – road race cycling.

As part of the event, Glasgow's Festival 2018 included an arts and culture programme at locations including George Square and Merchant City while Go Live! at The Green provided a family-friendly series of events with entertainment and the best of Scottish food and drink.

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A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS



Scotland's favourite weather presenter's sunny disposition has won him legions of fans. Sean Batty tells Karen Peattie about his obsession with all things meteorological and his intrepid fundraising challenges

'I LOVED WATCHING PLANES AND MY GRANDAD WOULD TAKE ME TO WATCH THEM TAKE OFF AND LAND AT GLASGOW AIRPORT DURING MY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS'

HE COULD be forecasting rain, hail or snow but Sean Batty, Scotland's favourite weather presenter, always manages to reassure STV viewers that better conditions are on the way.

The Paisley-born weatherman's sunny disposition made even the "Beast from the East" – when strong winds and drifting snow in March created some of the most challenging and cold weather experienced in the UK for many years – seem quite tame.

"These were quite unprecedented weather conditions and caused huge chaos and disruption to people across the country," says Batty. "But when you look at the fantastic summer we've had in Scotland it's hard to believe it was just six months ago."

Indeed, the affable STV presenter has been delighted to be the bearer of much better weather news since that cold snap, reporting on temperatures peaking in the high 30s across Scotland along with cloudless blue skies and warm summer evenings. And in July, he reported on a lunar eclipse.

"This year's weather has been a weatherman's dream," he says. "The one thing about being a weather presenter in Scotland is that it's rarely boring. It's great being able to tell the nation that we're in for a long, hot, dry spell but it's the more extreme weather conditions that excite me – which is what the public doesn't want to hear."

His passion for all things meteorological started at the age of seven when he was given a BBC weather kit for his birthday. "I was obsessed with the weather," he recalls. "I also had a teacher who was really into the environment and inspired me but my family encouraged me too."

"My grandad and I built a Stevenson Screen – a shelter for meteorological instruments – in the garden and when I was 15, I reported on the weather for the Paisley Daily Express. I was well and truly hooked."

Batty, who studied meteorology at

the University of Reading, joined the Met Office as a weather observer at the Middle Wallop army airbase in Hampshire. He later joined the ITV Weather team preparing TV weather graphics and maps.

Next up was a three-year stint with the BBC, initially based at BBC Television Centre in London as a broadcast assistant. Batty was then appointed to the role of regional broadcaster and provided cover for the nations and regions, presenting in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

"At the BBC I got to work with some of my weather idols – Michael Fish, who trained me for TV, Helen Young, Penny Tranter, Rob McElwee and, in Scotland, Heather Reid who was known as 'Heather the Weather'. At ITV I met Siân Lloyd and still keep in touch with her."

Batty joined STV in 2007 and recently marked 11 years with the broadcaster during which time he has picked up fans of all ages and currently has 146,000 followers on Twitter.

"I like to be open with people and quite personal, and quirky too because people want a little insight into your life," he says. "It wasn't like that

when I started my career but social media has completely changed that.

"One of the great things about STV is that they've given me an opportunity to put my own stamp on our weather bulletins – that's been exciting for me, and I've got some big plans for the coming months."

Meanwhile, Batty's obsession with the weather has reached new levels since he started learning to fly earlier this year. "My mum had a fear of flying and that rubbed off on me although bizarrely I loved watching planes and my grandad would take me to watch them take off and land at Glasgow Airport during my school holidays, and sometimes mum would take me on Sunday mornings, where we would get a roll and sausage from the van and she would read the papers" he recalls.

"So learning to fly has come from my fear of flying – now I'm spending time among the clouds rather than always looking up at them," he goes on. "Being in the cockpit and controlling the plane is exhilarating and I'm thoroughly enjoying it."

Learning to fly with Leading Edge Flight Training at Glasgow Airport, Batty is clocking



INTERVIEW: Sean Batty

up his required hours in a Tomahawk two-seater light aircraft and will soon be ready for his first solo flight.

"It's an amazing feeling being up there and sometimes we come in behind the Emirates flight," he says. "When the weather's good and we're flying over Loch Lomond it's absolutely stunning." Batty is hoping to get his private pilot's licence in early 2019.

Meanwhile, he has been in Shetland to raise funds for the STV Children's Appeal. Sean Batty's Tunnock's Tea Party saw the intrepid weather presenter enjoy a cuppa with Shetland locals at tea parties and other fun events to raise funds for children affected by poverty in Scotland.

Loganair provided complimentary flights to and from Sumburgh Airport while iconic Scottish bakery Tunnock's – producer of the world-famous Caramel Wafer – donated 1,000 biscuits for Sean's Shetland tea parties.

He is also encouraging communities across Scotland to join in with the Big Scottish Breakfast, the annual STV Children's Appeal fundraising event which takes place on October 5.

Batty is no stranger when it comes to fundraising challenges – particularly on two wheels! He has cycled from Glasgow to Edinburgh with his mum and dad's dog Jock to raise funds for the Appeal, participated in the annual Pedal for Scotland Glasgow-Edinburgh



cycle three times, completed a coast-to-coast challenge from Tarbert to Dunbar, cycled the Northern Isles and also from Stornoway to Lochboisdale in the Outer Hebrides.

When he's not flying, fundraising or keeping STV viewers up to date with the weather forecast, Batty likes spending time with his own dog, a Cavapoo called Harris who is named after the island in the Outer Hebrides.

He also likes eating out. "I absolutely love Mother India's Café, which serves a huge range of tapas-style Indian cuisine," he says. "It also has a fantastic

view of the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

"The Bothy is right up there on my list of places to eat in Glasgow too," Batty continues. "It's a hidden gem down a small lane off Byres Road in the west end. I recently took some American friends there straight from Glasgow Airport for their first taste of haggis."

Batty is also a fan of the city's Riverside Museum. "You can see how people used to get around Scotland," he says. "There's a cobbled street inside which will make you feel like you've been transported back in time.

"While you're there you should visit The Tall Ship and take one of the power boat trips down the Clyde. This will let you see the city from a different angle as you pass under the new and old bridges, and get to see the shipyards that are still in operation as well as some of the buildings long since abandoned."

Meanwhile, a recent holiday on the sunny Greek island of Kos was a novelty for Batty as he usually prefers to visit countries with colder climates such as Iceland and Norway.

The Scottish weather will always be unpredictable but you can guarantee a warm and friendly approach to presenting the forecast from Sean Batty.

Catch him on STV News at Six, via the STV website stv.tv/weather or on Twitter [@SeanBattySTV](https://twitter.com/SeanBattySTV)



Left: Sean Batty during the Coast to Coast challenge and, **right,** in Shetland

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READY FOR TAKE-OFF

For Jenny Kellett, a Senior First Officer with easyJet based at Glasgow Airport, no two days are the same – and that's what she loves most about her job

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A PILOT?

My dad was a pilot in the RAF so I was always interested in aviation. I joined the University Air Squadron when I was a student at the age of 18 and made my mind up quite early that I wanted to fly.

WHAT DID YOU STUDY AT UNIVERSITY?

I studied criminology at the University of Surrey because I initially had aspirations to be a lawyer. I got a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree.

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN TRAINING TO BE A PILOT?

In my case I was accepted as a trainee pilot by the CTC Aviation Group (now L3 Airline Academy), and trained for around a year-and-a-half. I got my commercial pilot's licence in May 2013. Part of my course involved spending eight months on my foundation flying training at the CTC training centre in Hamilton, New Zealand.

You go through all sorts of training, in various sizes/types of aircraft but also the simulator. It's exciting but it's very hard work – you need to be committed and disciplined.

WHAT HAS YOUR CAREER PATH BEEN?

I was lucky enough to be accepted by easyJet and worked with the airline in Belfast for six months before getting the chance to come to Glasgow Airport where I've been for three-and-a-half years now.

WHAT'S A TYPICAL DAY LIKE IN THE LIFE OF A PILOT?

There are two shifts so if you're on the early shift you arrive at the airport at 6am. You and the Captain decide what your aircraft's fuel requirements are and one of you carries out an external check of the aircraft while the other does the internal checks. Safety checks before and after every flight are routine but very important. The three cabin crew conduct their own checks in the cabin. Sometimes you're on standby so there can be quite a lot of hanging about.

WHAT ROUTES TO DO FLY ON?

Each team usually does four flights a day and sometimes it can be six although that's quite rare. We have four aircraft based at Glasgow Airport. I might find myself flying to Jersey, Belfast, Malaga or Gatwick – no two days are the same and there's usually just a 30-minute turnaround between flights.

I'M SURE IT'S VERY MUCH A TEAM EFFORT?

Yes, it has to be. We all have our specific duties and everyone just gets on with what they have to do. We're a friendly airline and it's great about being based in Glasgow because we're a small team – that enables you to build up a strong rapport with your colleagues.

IS BEING A PILOT A GLAMOROUS JOB?

Some people think it is but I wouldn't describe flying as glamorous. What I love about the job is the fact that every day is different – you have a different crew and passengers and that makes it interesting.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

The weather – because you can never be sure what it's going to throw at you. Your training kicks in when you're faced with unpredictable weather conditions. Turbulence can be scary and uncomfortable for some passengers but it's actually very routine for us although when you cross the jet stream that can be a little more challenging for us. Fog can be a problem at Glasgow Airport, particularly at certain times of the year.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY FAMOUS PEOPLE ON ANY OF YOUR FLIGHTS?

Not that I'm aware of although I'm sure there have been some – we're pretty down to earth at easyJet and treat everyone the same.

WHAT ARE THE BEST BITS – SUM UP WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

For me, it's doing my job to the best of my ability and being part of a team. It's nice to meet passengers too.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO ANY YOUNG PERSON WITH ASPIRATIONS TO BE A PILOT?

I'd say follow your dreams. Don't think "I could never be a pilot" – you can. Training doesn't take as long as people think.

THERE ARE MORE MALE THAN FEMALE PILOTS – DOES THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU?

At easyJet, we have our Amy Johnson Initiative to encourage more women to enter the profession. Our target is that 20% of new pilots should be female by 2020. There is a view that being a pilot is traditionally a man's job but that is no longer the case. Having said that, I don't feel special because I'm a female pilot. I'm a pilot doing a job I love but I think easyJet's quest to encourage more women to become pilots should be applauded.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT GLASGOW?

Glasgow's an amazing city. I live in the West End and it's such a pleasant place. I love the Botanic Gardens and Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery, and areas like Finnieston have a great vibe.

HOW DO YOU RELAX?

I love skiing, mountain-biking and going to the gym. Glasgow's got great skiing just a couple of hours' drive away in the winter and it's also close to excellent biking trails.



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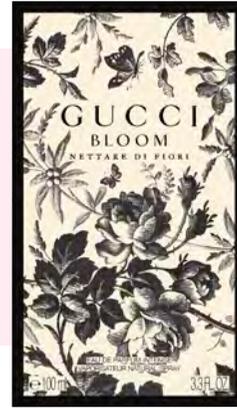


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RADISSON RED GLASGOW

IT'S THE funky new Glasgow hotel that everyone's talking about and when we were sitting in the fantastic RED Sky Bar looking out at The SSE Hydro and the Finnieston Crane we understood why.

The Radisson RED Glasgow opened its doors in the city's west end to great acclaim just a few months ago. Located in the heart of Glasgow's music and arts scene – just a short walk from The SSE Hydro – the hotel provides an ideal base from which to explore the city.

It is the first new-build Radisson RED to open in Europe so it really is different to any other hotel you've ever been in. Modern, fun, mischievous and definitely pushing the boundaries of hospitality, you'll experience keyless check-in, super-fast WiFi and friendly staff.

If you're lucky like me you might meet Baxter the Boston terrier, the hotel's dog, who is usually patrolling the reception area or snoozing, depending on how busy his day has been.

As hordes of guests checked in ahead of a big concert at the Hydro, it was Baxter they were excited about – not the performance later that night by Britney Spears.

Rooms are uncluttered, bright and spacious, each with a great view and bold wallpaper designed by legendary Glasgow comic artist Frank Quitely. They also have smart technology so you can connect all your appliances.

Works by illustrator Adrian B McMurchie, another local artist, also feature throughout the hotel and here's something I didn't know – musician Chris Rea is an artist too and the Radisson RED is home to some of his stunning original creations.

We had some fun taking selfies in front of the digital wall then hung out in the OUIBar + KTCHN where the food is casual and features local, seasonal produce. Its laid-back vibe is the perfect backdrop for cocktails, coffee and chat. There's also a snug bar with a pool table.

But it's the rooftop bar that's the big draw. It gets busy at certain times but don't worry, they operate a waiting list and will text you. And it's worth the wait – that distinctive skyline really does sum up everything that's great about Glasgow.

It's definitely time to paint the town red.

Karen Peattie

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ON THE TRAIL OF GLASGOW'S MURALS

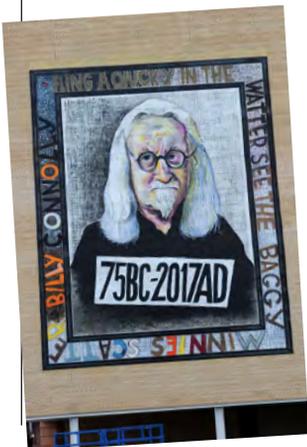
UNEXPECTED SPLASHES of colour on buildings, vacant shop units, and on hoardings around vacant land first appeared 10 years ago – and today Glasgow's City Centre Mural Trail is a popular tourist attraction.

The Trail was established by Glasgow City Council to highlight the growing number of murals that the city had commissioned and also improve the city centre environment.

While the project has its origins in the economic downturn of a decade ago, when the murals were viewed as temporary works, the pieces have become local landmarks with the latest work – by Smug on George Street showing St Enoch and the infant St Mungo, the patron saint of Glasgow – attracting praise on social media and in the press.

The striking murals include St Mungo with a robin, above, also by Smug, and comedian Billy Connolly, left, by playwright and artist John Byrne, and the Trail is also a great way of seeing the city centre.

Find out more about this interesting Trail – and access a map – at glasgow.gov.uk/citycentremurals



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EATING OUT?



BILSON ELEVEN

I LIVED in Dennistoun, just a short distance from Glasgow city centre, for 10 years – a very long time ago, I would add – when its dining-out scene was somewhat limited.

This vibrant district of Glasgow's east end, however, has changed beyond recognition and it's home to some lovely cafés and eateries, including the excellent Coia's that is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

But if you're looking for a slightly different experience then the place everyone's talking about is Bilson Eleven, a small but perfectly formed fine-dining restaurant in a 19th-century townhouse in Annfield Place.

My interest had been piqued for a while as several friends kept telling me "you must go". And so we found ourselves sitting in Bilson Eleven – named after the owners' children Billy and Sonny – on a warm Wednesday evening, completely unprepared for what was to come.

Chef Nick Rietz and his wife, Liz, have restored the building in a way that is sympathetic with its history and the area, and it is a rare pleasure to sit upstairs in the cosy bar perusing the tasting menu with a drink and a snack before going downstairs to the main restaurant.

The menu teases with its basic descriptions of the dishes – "Chicken and Bacon" and "Scallop", for example. Instead, you find out when they arrive, the servers providing a lengthy, almost theatrical, description of every plate of food brought to your table.

I wasn't disappointed. Indeed, I was impressed by the competency of the cooking here, dishes created with the type of flair that comes from a kitchen where the chefs are passionate, ambitious and bold, and not afraid to experiment.

Chef Rietz combines classic flavours and techniques, using Scottish ingredients in season but also occasionally throwing in unexpected and unusual spice combinations to create simple, tasty dishes that are made with love and care.

Bilson Eleven offers a very different dining experience to what you might expect but that's the beauty of it – it's good to be different.

Karen Peattie

Bilson Eleven, 10 Annfield Place, Dennistoun, Glasgow G31 2XQ. Book at 0141 554 6259. bilsoneleven.co.uk. The restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday from 5pm-9pm.

TRNSMT FESTIVAL TO RETURN IN 2019

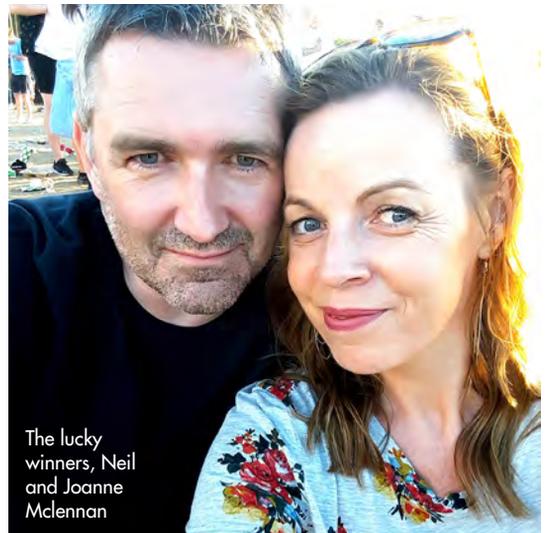


AS THE sun set on summer music extravaganza TRNSMT the organisers have confirmed that the festival will return to Glasgow Green over the weekend of July 12-14, 2019.

This year, bands including American icons The Killers, *above*, Queen + Adam Lambert, Arctic Monkeys, Liam Gallagher, Gerry Cinnamon and the Stereophonics rocked the city over an incredible five days of music, great food and the best audiences in the world.

High Flyer ran a competition to give away tickets with Neil and Joanne McLennan from Dunblane, *below*, the lucky winners who got to see The Killers close the festival.

Keep checking the website for news about TRNSMT 2019 at trnsmtfest.com.



The lucky winners, Neil and Joanne McLennan

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NEW GUIDE TO SCOTTISH SCREEN LOCATIONS CELEBRATES TV PIONEER

AS SCOTLAND marks the 130th anniversary of the birth of the “pioneer of television”, the national tourism organisation has launched a guide aimed at set-jetting TV fans.

TV Set in Scotland, produced by VisitScotland, contains details of more than 60 television programmes, which have either been filmed in Scotland or have Scottish links.

The book is dedicated to inventor and engineer John Logie Baird who was born in Helensburgh in 1888. It delves into the animations, documentaries, dramas, sitcoms and soap operas which have been filmed in, or inspired by, Scotland over the past 80 years.

It also has a selection of film highlights and contains special sections on Outlander, Doctor Who and famous Scottish small-screen characters, including Scrooge McDuck from DuckTales and Scotty from Star Trek.

Highlights include Glasgow-based Taggart, the UK’s longest-running TV crime drama. Filming took place across the city and featured many familiar landmarks, including the Armadillo at the SEC.

Also featured is Shetland, starring Douglas Henshall as Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez. Taking its title from its archipelago setting, the crime drama is based on the books by Ann Cleeves, with filming taking place in locations around the Isles, including Shetland’s capital, Lerwick.

Other locations are Inveraray Castle in Argyll, which featured in Downton Abbey, the historical period drama television series created by Julian Fellowes, and the villages of Plockton and Kyle of Lochalsh which had a starring role



in Hamish Macbeth, the series that revolves around a police constable – played by Robert Carlyle – and his dog, Jock, set in the fictional Lochdubh.

TV Set in Scotland aims to capitalise on the growing trend of “set-jetting”. Research shows that one in five visitors to Scotland have been inspired to visit the country after seeing locations on the big and small screen.

For more on TV and film productions shot in Scotland and to download TV Set in Scotland go to visitscotland.com/film.

GLASGOW ATTRACTS MORE VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS

VISITS AND spending by international tourists in Glasgow rose to the highest level on record in 2017.

The Travel Trends 2017 data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed the number of international visitors travelling to Scotland’s largest city increased by nearly one-fifth (19%) to 787,000, while expenditure increased by more than one-third (36%) to £319 million.

Events such as Celtic Connections, the city’s internationally-recognised film and comedy festivals, and the World Pipe Band Championships helped



generate nearly £34m for Glasgow’s economy.

Other activity included the launch of the Next Stop Glasgow destination

marketing campaign which involved working with Delta Air Lines on a campaign to promote its direct flight from New York’s JFK airport and collaborating with key international tour operators to foster stronger business relationships with suppliers from across the city’s tourism industry.

As part of the partnership with Delta, a giant digital billboard was installed in New York’s Times Square, promoting Glasgow to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who converge on one of the world’s most famous advertising hotspots every day.



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Scottish track star Laura Muir gets ready for the big event

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (MARCH 1-3, 2019)

EUROPE'S ATHLETICS elite will head to Glasgow in March for the European Athletics Indoor Championships. Taking place at the Emirates Arena, the three-day event will host over 600 athletes including Olympic, World and European medallists from around 50 countries.

glasgow2019athletics.com



WHAT'S ON

WHYTE & MACKAY GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL (MARCH 14-31, 2019)

THE WHYTE & Mackay Glasgow International Comedy Festival returns from March 14-31, 2019 for its 17th year. Europe's biggest comedy festival brings together household names, rising stars, theatre, kids' shows, films, free events and workshops – all delivering laughs across the city. Acts confirmed include Craig Hill in C'Mon the Lads! at Óran Mór (March 15-16) and Julian Clary in Born to Mince at the King's Theatre (March 23). The full programme will be announced in January but follow on Twitter @glasgowcomedy and register on the website to be the first to hear about the cracking line-up. glasgowcomedyfestival.com



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GLASGOW: What's on

GLASGOW FILM FESTIVAL

(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 3, 2019)

GLASGOW FILM Festival, based at the city's home of film – Glasgow Film Theatre – has grown in significance in recent years, and is now one of the top three film festivals in the UK. The 15th edition, Glasgow Film Festival 2019, offers everything from new local and international film from all genres to spectacular pop-up cinema and mainstream crowd-pleasers. There is also groundbreaking art-house experimentation and the return of well-loved classics alongside rare cult gems. Guest appearances from filmmakers also form part of the packed programme along with interactive workshops and discussion panels. Glasgow Film Festival offers something for everyone so stay up to date on Twitter @glasgowfilmfest and keep checking the website for news of events.

glasgowfilm.org/festival



CELTIC CONNECTIONS (JANUARY

17-FEBRUARY 3, 2019)

GLASGOW'S ANNUAL folk, roots and world music festival celebrates Celtic music and its connections to cultures across the globe. Musicians from around the world will descend on Glasgow and bring the city to life for 18 days of concerts, ceilidhs, talks, art exhibitions, workshops, and free events. Renowned for its strong spirit of camaraderie, Celtic Connections also features the late-night Festival Club – home of legendary collaborations and spontaneous sessions. Acts confirmed for 2019 include John Oates, one half of the best-selling duo Hall & Oates but also an accomplished solo artist along with acclaimed singer-songwriter Judy Collins who has inspired audiences with her sublime vocals.

celticconnections.com



RESONATE TOTAL GAMING (OCTOBER 19-21)

SCOTLAND'S NUMBER one gaming festival, Resonate Total Gaming, is back for the third year in Glasgow over the weekend of October 19-21. Taking place at SEC Glasgow, this exciting event is sure to attract gamers from across Scotland with three feature-packed halls, an eSports arena with gaming tournaments, BAFTA workshops and YouTube celebrities including Syndicate. Resonate is the ultimate gaming experience.

resonatetotalgaming.com

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