

Travel trade packages 2025

at Riverside Museum



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Riverside Museum

Riverside highlights tour

Guided


Ideal for clients on a tight time schedule.


Transport your clients back in time with this fascinating insight into Glasgow's remarkable history as witnessed through a variety of modes of transport. This tour highlights the gems your visitors won't want to miss, be it the huge South African steam locomotive or the 'Wall of Cars' or even the horse-drawn tram.

Glasgow has a proud history of producing ships, trains and contributing to engineering projects worldwide – see how some of those who worked these trades got around during Glasgow's manufacturing heyday.

See the trams the workers would have taken and see the fire engines called out for emergencies on this highlights tour of Riverside Museum.

 1 hour

 from 2 to 50 pax

 £24 per person (minimum charge 15 pax / £360)

 English

Add exclusive early access to this package for a one-off supplement from £120; price will vary depending on group size.

The award-winning Riverside Museum sits on the banks of the River Clyde in Glasgow. Housed in a purpose-built, modern structure designed by acclaimed architect Dame Zaha Hadid, the museum celebrates the history of transport and travel.

The 3,000-strong collection reflects the important part Glasgow has played worldwide through its contributions to heavy industries like shipbuilding, train manufacturing and engineering. Visitors can explore the interactive exhibits, travel down a Victorian cobbled street, see a wide range of artefacts, from trains and trams to rare vintage cars, classic motorcycles, 18th-century boats hewn from tree trunks to a diverse collection of model ships.





Riverside specialist curator tour

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Ideal for special interest groups; educational groups; individuals seeking depth of understanding in specific sphere of interest.

Let our curators bring insight to a tour specifically tailored to your group's specific field of interest. With the curator clients gain access to the exhibits normally cordoned off – they can clamber aboard the tram! In small groups the curators have the time to address questions in detail and share their depth of knowledge with your clients.

Peppered with stories of Glasgow's remarkable history, guests can more fully explore their preferred area of interest such as:

Shipbuilding, ship models and maritime subjects – our collections and displays cover two centuries of maritime life on the River Clyde. Discover fascinating stories about shipbuilding, shipping and the making of the river.

Trains, trams and Glasgow Subway – come experience 150 years of Glasgow transport with a tour of the trams, locomotives and subway carriages that carried millions of people across the city and across the county.


Disability transport and technology – transport and technology has played a part in breaking down barriers that disable some members of society. Discover some of these objects: a hearing device used in cinemas, a Batricar mobility scooter, one of the first accessible cabs and others.

Glasgow's people – explore our replica old street, visiting some of the shops to discover how people in Glasgow once lived and worked. Discover our community-curated displays and hear about our ongoing work to bring new and diverse voices and stories into the museum.

Design – you'll be surprised by the variety of the objects on display in the museum. Exciting and innovative design spans the displays of transport items with often unexpected links. Find out how a Paco Rabanne mini dress worn by Audrey Hepburn, Bridget Riley's *Arrest III* painting, and a Zebra, fit alongside our exhibits of the Mini car, ship models and locomotives.

Horse-drawn vehicles – in the 19th century all road transport was horse-drawn. Wealthier people had their own private carriages, the equivalent of private cars, while others could travel on omnibuses, the forerunners of motor buses. Later in the century people travelled on horse-drawn trams. Glasgow's streets would have been filled with horses and the associated sounds and smells of hooves, wheels, and manure.

 1 hour

 from 1 to 15 pax

 £45 per person (minimum charge 12 pax / £540)

 English

Add exclusive early access to this package to enhance the VIP experience for a one-off supplement of £120.

Riverside hidden gems tour


Guided


Ideal for groups or individuals wanting a truly unique experience that they can relate to friends on their return!

Exclusive access to objects not usually accessible is the draw for your clients on this tour. Our expert guide will be able to show a minimum of three objects and help guests explore their significance within the context of Glasgow's history. This exclusive access to trains, trams and fire engines from the past makes the 'hidden gems' tour a fabulous take home story for your clients.

Please note: some objects might not be easily accessible for anyone with mobility needs. Please discuss needs with our team at time of booking.

 1 hour

 from 1 to 15 pax

 £45 per person (minimum charge 12 pax / £540)

 English

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Exclusive early access




Self guided / exclusive

Ideal for early risers; clients wanting to beat the crowds and those tight on time who want to fill their days.

Profit from empty exhibition spaces and unhindered views by using this exclusive early access for your groups. There is a warm welcome with an introduction to Riverside Museum and its collections before clients are invited to peruse the exhibits for themselves.

They'll have the cobbled street, trams and vintage cars to themselves with no one to photobomb their holiday snapshots!

A wonderful way to experience this fabulous museum.

-  9 – 10am daily
-  from 50 to 250 + pax
-  £1,450

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Spirit of the Clyde

Guided at Riverside Museum and Clydeside Distillery

Ideal for history and whisky lovers; clients seeking a tour with a twist; groups and individuals with an interest in the River Clyde and its past.





Collaborating with our neighbours at Clydeside Distillery, your clients will go on a journey of the history of our dockside setting – an area rich in comings and goings, where people started new lives and whisky was sent out to the world.

Start with a curated tour of Riverside Museum where your guide will take you through the history of the docks which played a significant role in the history of Glasgow and the UK. Learn more about the goods that were traded and the opportunities to come to Glasgow to live and work, or start a new life beyond the UK.

We'll then journey (2-minute drive / 10-minute walk) to the 5-star Clydeside Distillery, where a whisky cocktail awaits! Guests will explore the distillery's dockside story in their own time, discover fascinating tales about the birth of the whisky industry, featuring live footage and animation bringing history to life.

Next, a Clydeside expert will show clients around the Distillery, introduce the lively craftsmen as they handcraft whisky before it's barrelled and matured – using traditional methods and time-honoured skills with a spectacular view over the Clyde.

To round off the tour guests will sample the Distillery's new-make spirit, followed by two single malt whiskies.

-  2.5 hours
-  from 2 to 50 pax
-  £51 per person (minimum charge 15 pax / £765)
-  English





Travel through time at Riverside

Guided / exclusive

Ideal for clients seeking a participative, entertaining night out in a unique setting.

This is an evening with a difference for your clients as they participate in an entertaining game as they are seated for dinner amongst a remarkable collection of vintage motorbikes.

The scene is set – you find yourself transported back in time to the roaring and vibrant 1920s, where the sale of alcohol is punishable by law. An underground movement in Scotland 'ALE' (Alternative Liquid Exporters) has been successfully delivering alcohol around the old public houses, making it possible for people to enjoy a tippie or two in their favourite boozy establishment (under the cover of darkness, of course).

However, disaster has struck! The cops have finally caught on to the pattern of distribution and all the supply chains ALE was using have been cut off. Your favourite place in town is now down to its very last bottle of wine!


Nothing will stand in your way to win it and savour the last great taste. Your clients will compete against fellow dinner guests to win the Last Bottle.

An evening of a different kind, in a different time, something for your clients to remember!

 3 hours (6 – 9pm)

 from 20 to 60 pax

 from £150 per person (based on 20 pax)

 English



Catering options at Riverside Museum

The cafe at Riverside is situated in a bright and airy space, with large windows that offer views of the River Clyde and the Tall Ship. It serves a range of hot and cold drinks, including coffee, tea, and soft drinks. The menu includes sandwiches, soups, salads, and a variety of hot dishes, such as burgers, fish and chips, and vegetarian options. There is also a selection of cakes and pastries available for those with a sweet tooth.

Please contact us for a list of our lunch and afternoon tea options.

Added value at Riverside:

- 10% discount for customers booked by the travel trade in the gift shop.
- Free cloakroom (normally £2 per item)





Notes for the travel trade

All travel trade packages are bookable on request basis and are subject to availability. Contact our events team for availability, special requirements and tailored offers.

All prices given are inclusive of VAT.

For all guided tours there will be a maximum of 20 pax per guide. For groups over 20 pax there will be multiple guides taking your clients around the galleries. Guided tours are conducted in English, language guides (French, German, Spanish) might be available on request.

Terms and conditions of booking will be provided to you at proposal stage by the team.

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