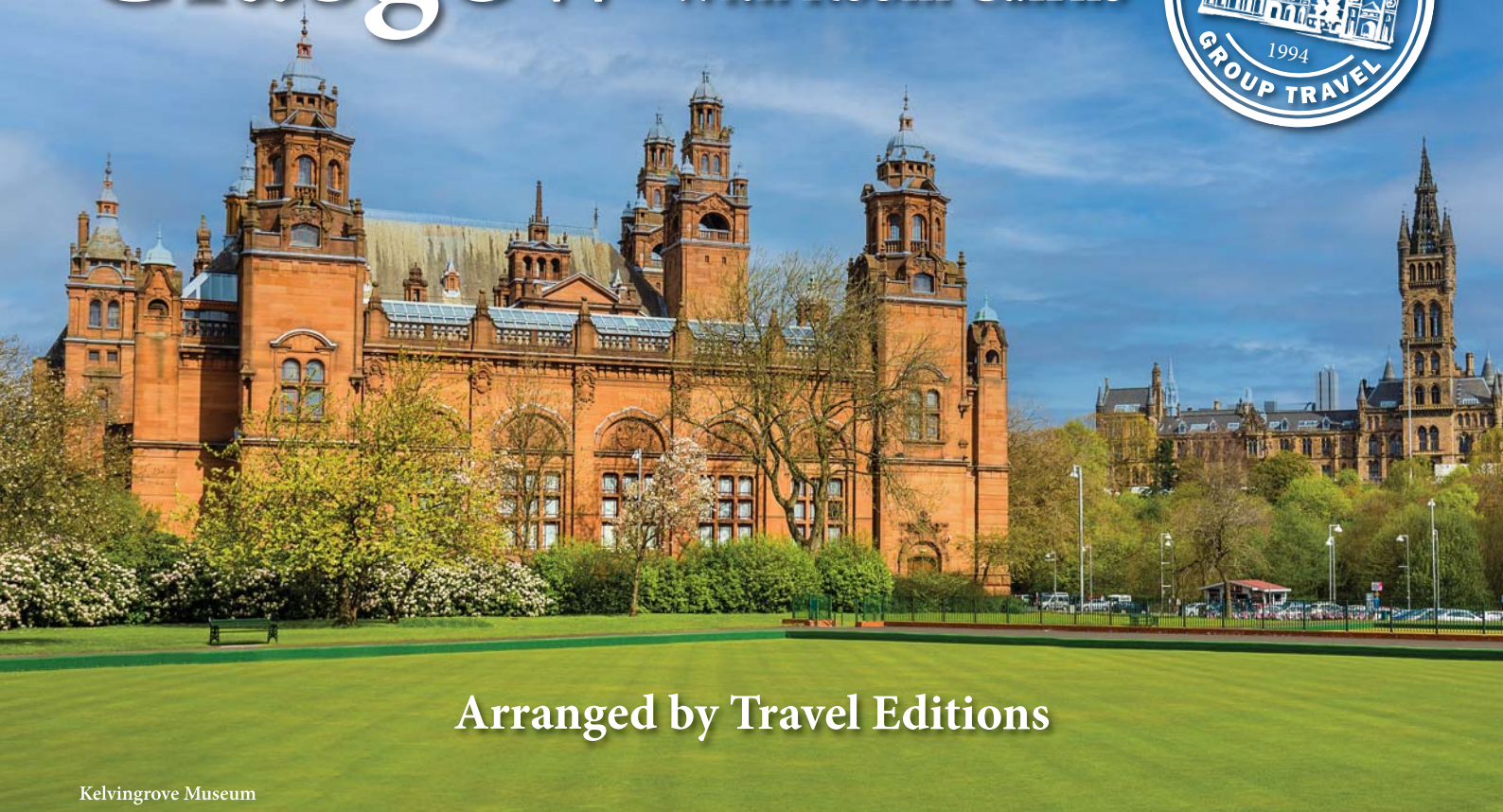


Glasgow With Robin Cairns



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Kelvingrove Museum

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Learn about the creative genius of Charles Rennie Mackintosh with Robin and Karen Cairns whose enthusiasm and knowledge will bring Glasgow's most famous son to life as well as exploring some of Glasgow's artistic and architectural highlights. These include the interior of Hill House and the opportunity to see the innovative "box" that is being used to dry out the house, lunch at the newly-restored original Willow Tea Room, the wonderful Burrell Collection, reopened after a lengthy refurbishment and the innovative sculptures at Jupiter Artland on the outskirts of Edinburgh.



Burrell Collection



Jupiter Artland

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*Based on 25 passengers



Pollok House

Day 1

Meet at Glasgow Central Station, Burrell Collection and Pollok House.

After making your own way to Glasgow to rendezvous mid-day at the Central Station, we head to Pollok Country Park which houses today's two visits within minutes' walk of each other. First of all is the superb Burrell Collection, which houses the eclectic collection acquired by shipping magnate Sir William Burrell, donated to the city of Glasgow in the 1940s. Recently reopened after a lengthy

refurbishment, the collection spans many centuries and art forms – from Ming Dynasty ceramics to Impressionist paintings, such as Degas' "The Red Ballet Skirts." Nearby Pollok House, owned by the National Trust for Scotland, is a grand 18th century country house with vast servants' quarters and an impressive collection of Spanish art. Transfer to the Grosvenor Hilton Hotel (or similar) for check in for your three night stay. Welcome dinner and talk from your host and guide, Robin Cairns at the hotel.

Day 2

Hunterian Art Gallery, lunch at the Willow Tea Rooms, Queen's Cross Church and Tenement House Museum.

A packed day in store as we head first to the Hunterian Art Gallery with its eccentric displays which are based on the donation by William Hunter in 1783, whose will stated his varied collections should be donated to the University of Glasgow where he studied. It now also includes the recreation of Mackintosh and Macdonald's first house, which was, unbelievably, demolished. A special treat is next as we visit the Willow Tea Rooms where lunch is provided – the original tea rooms building at 217 Sauciehall Street, recently re-opened after an extensive restoration project. Then to Mackintosh's Queens Cross Church, the only church in the world designed by Mackintosh, commissioned in 1896 and, finally, to the Tenement House Museum, an authentic time capsule of life in



Willow Tea Rooms

early 20th century working class Glasgow. Evening free.

Day 3

Kelvingrove Museum, Scotland Street School, The Mackintosh Club and The Hill House Helensburgh.

If you had any doubt about the debt that Glasgow owes its most famous son, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, they will be dispelled today in a series of fascinating and inspiring visits. First to the Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery for a stroll around the Mackintosh Gallery and a look at works by the Glasgow Boys. A walk by the exterior of his Scotland Street School takes us out of the city to the Mackintosh Club in Helensburgh for a light lunch, introductory talk and visit. The Mackintosh Club Helensburgh is a hidden gem of a building and was his first complete commission dated 1894. Then to Hill House in

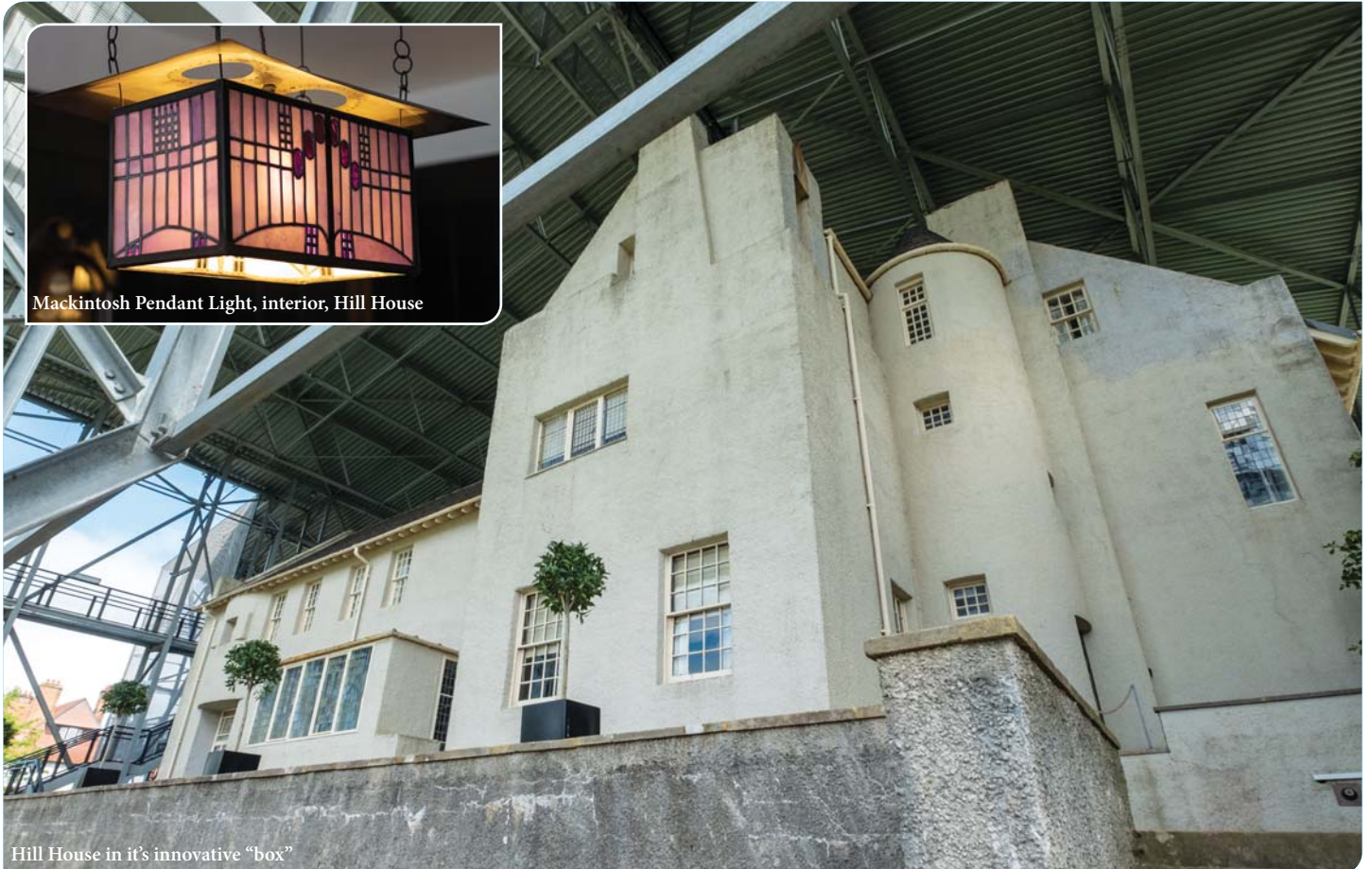


Helensburgh, built by Mackintosh in 1903 for the publisher Walter Blackie. The house is thought of as one of the best examples of his style with modern interiors that incorporate his own furniture designs. The exterior is being housed in an innovative semi-transparent “box” that is being fitted to allow the house to dry out. More than a century of an average

of 193 days of rain per year, has left the exterior of Hill House, which incorporated innovative new designs and materials by Mackintosh, badly damaged by water. The “box” aims to dry out the house to rescue it from further deterioration. The interior will still be visible, but the exterior will be shrouded in a semi-transparent casing. Evening free.



Mackintosh Pendant Light, interior, Hill House



Hill House in its innovative “box”

Day 4

Holmwood House and Jupiter Artland.

Alas, it is time to leave the wonderful, endlessly fascinating and atmospheric city of Glasgow, with one last visit to Holmwood House. Alexander 'Greek' Thomson designed the house for paper magnate James Couper and his wife in 1857-8, and it's widely regarded as this Scottish architect's finest domestic creation. His stunning design legacy impresses at every turn. Thomson's penchant for Grecian styling and symmetry is found throughout Holmwood, where the bold opulent decoration echoes the colours seen in ancient Greek temples. From here we head to the outskirts of Edinburgh and the 120 acres that is the contemporary sculpture park and art gallery that is Jupiter Artland, a finalist in the Art Fund's Museum of the Year 2016. Lunch and time to explore is included here before transferring to Edinburgh Waverley Station where the tour will finish.



Holmwood House

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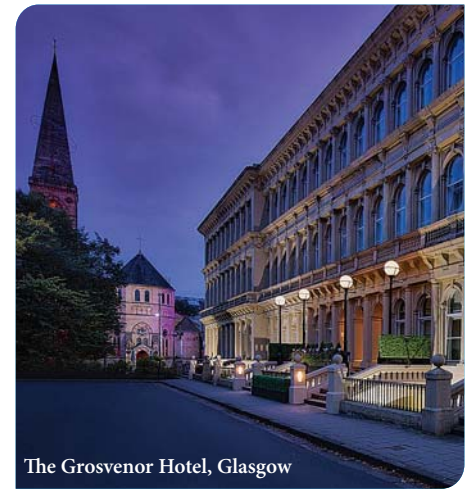
Your expert tour guide

Robin Cairns

Robin is a playwright, speaker, poet and performer whose play about the life of Mackintosh has been performed in recent years. He has led tours of Glasgow for Travel Editions for more than five years. On some days, he will be assisted by his wife, Karen, a long-term student and devotee of Mackintosh, who is an artist and architect who has exhibited a collection of watercolours of Mackintosh's work at Hill House and has worked at several Mackintosh buildings.

Where you stay The Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow (or similar)

Located in the West End area of the city centre, close to the Hunterian Gallery and University, the traditional, four-star Grosvenor offers a high standard of accommodation and service and is well situated for the various sights visited on this tour. Facilities here include bar, restaurant and comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, tea/coffee making facilities, TV and telephone.



The Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow

Included in the price

- Three nights' bed and breakfast at the four-star Grosvenor Hotel Glasgow (or similar), based on shared occupancy of a double room
- First night private evening three-course dinner with wine and talk
- Lunch at the newly-restored, Mackintosh at the Willow – the original Tea Rooms building
- Light lunch at The Mackintosh Club Helensburgh
- Light lunch at Jupiter Artland
- All talks, guided tours, entrance fees and escorted coach transfers as detailed in the itinerary
- Tour manager Robin Cairns throughout

Not included

- Single supplement
- Personal expenses e.g. meals (other than those indicated), drinks, laundry, telephone calls, etc.
- Portage
- Gratuities

