



GLASGOW'S HISTORY



Glasgow's history stretches back almost two thousand years.

Originally it was small salmon-fishing village at a crossing point on the River Clyde.



- ◆ *Founded by a Christian missionary (St Mungo), Glasgow became a major religious centre. Cathedral Glasgow dates from the 12th Century.*



- ◆ *Provand's Lordship, the oldest house in Glasgow was built over 500 years ago. The house still welcomes visitors today to view its proud history.*



- ◆ *In 1451 Glasgow became a University City.*



- ◆ *Due to its location on the west of the country, Glasgow was well positioned to send shipping to the West Indies and America. By the 18th century many merchants had acquired great wealth by importing sugar, rum and tobacco.*



- ◆ *With the coming of the Industrial Revolution, aided by technological advances designed by Clydeside inventors such as James Watt, Heavy Industry in the shape of Railway Locomotives and Shipbuilding flourished.*



- ◆ Locomotives were exported throughout the world. "Clyde-Built" became synonymous with quality and reliability.



- ◆ *Glasgow's unique friendliness and hospitality makes the city a favourite destination for visitors from all nations.*