



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*