



THE 42ND
ALL SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN IRISH DANCING

THURSDAY 1st – SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2026
GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL

Grade competitions offered in all age groups
– Beginner Primary and intermediate

GlasgowLife™

Venue & General Information



Glasgow Royal Concert Hall 2 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3NY

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The Championship Committee is delighted to announce that the 42nd All Scotland Championships will take place in the fabulous Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in October.

Once again we are offering Preliminary Championships which will run in conjunction with the Open Championships (Under 10 Championships upwards). All Championships will also have 2 solo results (U6 has 3 Solo results). Please read carefully the rules of eligibility for Preliminary Championships which mirror the Scottish Regional Council's guidelines.

We will once again offer grade solo competitions and two hand competitions. All grade competitions will take place on the Saturday, 3rd October.

A schedule of anticipated days for each age group is included in the syllabus, however these cannot be confirmed until all entries have been received and a final timetable is published in early September.

New changes for 2026

There have been some major changes to the days the older age groups dance so as to allow them to dance in the main auditorium. This means that all age groups, from U10 upwards will complete their first two rounds on the main stage. It is hoped that recalls will be maintained at 50%, if time and entries allow. However, these may need to be paired back to All Ireland ratios if entries are particularly large or if participants do not co-operate with stage stewards' instructions. All championships will be judged by rotating panels of three with each panel consisting of one Irish, one North American and one English. Age groups will therefore be judged by 9 adjudicators. In addition there will be a separate adjudicator for Solo Results in all Competitions over 9.

Please note that programmes and results will be available at an additional cost at the event. Numbers will be published in the programmes. A complementary programme will be provided to schools with 10 or more entries.

Only enquiries from registered TCRGs will be answered. Unfortunately, we are not able to answer any queries from dancers or parents.

We do look forward to wishing everyone a Hale and Hearty welcome to Scotland in October and to the 42nd Anniversary Championships.

James McPutcheon SDCRG

Date:

Thursday 1st– Sunday 4th October 2026

Feis Secretary:

Mrs Noreen McCutcheon
42 Wellwood Street, Muirkirk, Ayrshire, KA18 3QX
Telephone: +44 (0) 7799 690378 (**Strictly - Teachers Only**)
Electronic Entries to: **Allscotland@aol.com**

Fees:

Solo Championships (U6-U9)	£85.00
Solo Championships (U10 Upwards)	£95.00
Ceili Championship (per dancer)	£15.00
Grade Dances	£5.00
2 Hand Competitions (per Team)	£15.00
Family Maximum	£200.00
Daily Door Fee	£15.00

Moltóirí:

Brendan J Lynch, **ADCRG** New Jersey, USA
Breda O'Brien, **SDCRG**, Massachusetts, USA
David Moore, **ADCRG**, Drogheda, Ireland
Hilary Joyce-Owens, **ADCRG**, Buckinghamshire, England
James Keegan, **ADCRG**, Manchester, England
Kerry C Nutley, **ADCRG**, Berkshire, England
Mary Ann Schade-Lynch, **ADCRG**, New Jersey, USA
Matthew Ferry, **ADCRG**, Derry, Ireland
Rachael Corr, **ADCRG**, Carryduff, Ireland
Shane Cummins, **ADCRG**, Roscrea, Ireland
Owen Joe McAuley, **ADCRG**, Swords, Ireland

Ceoltóirí:

Paul O'Donnell – Ireland, Liam O'Sullivan - England,
Gerry Conlon, Kevin Murphy, Martin Daly
& William Patterson – Scotland

Official entry form and fees must reach the Feis Secretary by

Monday, 17th August 2026

payable to "All Scotland Championships"

Due to a later than normal closing date and to allow for scheduling there
will be no secondary extension date.

AGE TO BE TAKEN AS AT 1st JANUARY 2026

Solo Championships @ £85

Mixed U6:	Reel, Single Jig,	No recall (Light Jig Solo)
Mixed U7:	Reel, Single Jig,	Light or Heavy Jig on Recall
Mixed U8:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Hornpipe on Recall (Step About)
Girls U9:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Traditional Set on Recall
Boys U9:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Traditional Set on Recall

Solo Championships @ £95

Girls U10:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U11:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U12:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U13:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U14:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U15:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U16:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U17:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U18:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U19:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U20:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U22:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies O22:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,,	Any Set Dance on Recall

Boys U10:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U11:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U12:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U13:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U14:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U15:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U16:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U17:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U18:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U19:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U20:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men O20:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall

Ceili Championships @ £15

U10:	One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
U12:	One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
U15:	One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
U18:	One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
O18:	One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)

(Competitions may be split if sufficient Mixed Teams)

Grades & 2 Hand Competitions

From the first faltering steps in Beginner competitions, all dancers rise through the grades to compete at elite events on world class stages all over the globe. Glasgow Royal Concert Hall is considered one of the finest international venues to compete in.

To recognize how these Championships have grown and to keep the roots of dance flourishing, we have decided to reintroduce this year, a full schedule of grade competitions. These grade competitions are open to all dancers worldwide, subject to the rules of the Scottish Regional Council. Dancers may compete in both graded competitions and solo championships.

Competitions in Bun (Beginner), Tus (Primary) and Mean (Intermediate) grades are offered. Special trophies for the reel competition will be awarded to dancers placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. All grade competitions will take place on the Saturday.

Solo Graded Competitions

Bun= Beginner, Tus = Primary, Mean= Intermediate

Age Group	Trophy Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
Under 7	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>
Under 8	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>
Under 9	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>
Under 10	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>
Under 11	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>
Under 12	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>
Over 12	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>	<i>Bun, Tus, Mean</i>

Tempos for Solo Competitions

	Bun (Beginner)	Tus (Primary)	Open
Reel	124	116	113
Single Jig	124	124	124
Light Jig	116	116	116
Slip Jig	124	120	113
Heavy Jig	96	76	73
Hornpipe	144	118	113

2 Hand Competitions (£15 per team)

Each team will be required to dance 64 bars in reel tempo.

Special Crystal Commemorative Awards will be presented to winners

Age Groups

U10, U12, U15 and Senior

RULES

- All rules of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (including those pertaining to Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne) are applicable to this feis unless stipulated that an agreed local rule applies.
- The Feis Committee may modify or cancel any arrangements detailed in this syllabus as is deemed necessary to ensure compliance and subject to the approval of the Scottish Regional Council or An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- Entries will only be accepted directly **from teachers** registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- All entries must be made on the official entry form, either by paper copy or electronically. If sending entries electronically, these should be sent to **allscotland@aol.com** Entries will only be accepted **from teachers** en-bloc. Entries from parents and/or dancers **will not** be accepted. Payment must be by bank transfer. **Only one payment per school will be accepted.** Subsequent payments from a school will incur a £10 administration fee.
 - Bank Details:
 - Bank: **Virgin Money, Kilmarnock**
 - Name of Account: **All Scotland Championships**
 - Sort Code: **82-62-00**
 - Account No: **60112790**
 - IBAN: **GB60CLYD82620060112790**
 - BIC: **CLYDGB21200**
 - When paying by Bank Transfer, the School Name & Location **MUST** be entered into the reference field, otherwise entry will be rejected. It was almost impossible to reconcile payments last year! **Please ensure this requirement is adhered to.**
 - Ensure that any amounts paid by Bank Transfer **also include any Bank Fees.** The full value of entries must be received into the Bank Account or entries will be rejected.
- There is a slight possibility that competitions may need to be capped. At the time of syllabus release, the numbers per individual competition have been **capped at 120.** Places will be allocated on a strict order of receipt of both entry form and fees.
- Refund of entries will **not** be permitted after 17th August 2026, regardless of reason.
- The dancer's FULL FIRST NAME and SURNAME must be entered in BLOCK CAPITALS. Each school must provide their personal Email address. This information will be held on file until 28 days post event when the information will be destroyed. This information will not be passed onto any outside third parties.
- Adjudicators' decisions are final, subject to the rules of the syllabus and general rules of CLRG..
- Adjudicators **MUST NOT** be approached by any teacher, parent or competitor whilst the adjudicators are employed to carry out their duties at the competition. Only those officiating at the competition may approach the adjudicators on matters relating to the competition.
- Complaints can only be accepted if in writing and accompanied with a £30 fee to the Feis Secretary and must be submitted prior to the announcement of any result. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
- Competitors must be present when their competition is called and fully obey all instructions and directions from Feis Stewards and Officials, or they may lose their right to compete.
- The organizers reserve the right to start any competition up to **30 minutes prior** to the scheduled times. Competitions will not be held open.
- All first place championship trophies are perpetual trophies and must be returned in good condition at the request of the Feis Committee.
- The normal rotation of dances for the U6 – U9 competitions will be Reel then either Single Jig or Light or Heavy Jig. In the older age groups, the hard shoe round will be danced first.
- Total entries and if relevant any event restrictions that may still be in place at the time of the Championships will determine how many competitors will perform on a stage at any one time. From U10 upwards this is normally three in Heavy Rounds and 2 in Light Rounds

- Competitors in U10 - Senior age categories will normally be expected to dance a maximum of 48 bars in Reels and Jigs and 40 bars in the Slip Jig and Hornpipe. U6 – U9 will dance 8 bars less. The Committee reserve the right to reduce by 8 bars performances in the Hard and Soft Shoe rounds if time does not permit full dances.

- Toe blocks or any other footwork danced “en-point” whether stationary or moving is not permitted for those dancers **up to and including the Under 11 age group**.

**For clarification purposes, this means that if the full weight is put on the foot, that is en point, which is not allowed in any movement.*

- All competitors must be in full costume and appropriate **black** dance footwear when receiving awards, otherwise such awards may be forfeited.
- Changing facilities will be provided and must be used. **NO CHANGING IN THE HALLS WILL BE ALLOWED**. Competitors are requested to arrive at the venue with make-up and hair completed.
- Attendees must comply with the Make Up Rules 4.5 per CLRG Rule Book – 4.5.2 Make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. For the purposes of this rule, the term “make-up” includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit it is intended.
- **THE DRESS CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN COIMISIÚN RULING WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.** i.e. for the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed. Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps.
- Warm up areas will be provided. Any dancer causing damage to any floor surface outwith this area will be liable for all costs associated for any repairs required.
- All electronic mobile devices including electronic games **must** be placed on silent mode in the competition arenas.
- The photography and videoing policy of An Coimisiún will be strictly observed, full details of which will be published in the official programme.
 - “Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer’s image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition”.
 - The organizers hope to appoint an official photographer for the All Scotland Championships 2026 who will take photographs of competitors, competitions and presentations. Such photographs may be subsequently used for marketing and promotional purposes of the event.
 - The organisers may also appoint other personnel during the course of the Championships for special promotional projects and reserves the right to appoint suitably accredited photo-journalists to take photographs on a case-by-case basis. Should any dancer or dancer’s parent or guardian wish to be excluded from any of these photographs, then the Chairman or Secretary of the the Championships should be informed prior to the event commencing.
 - Other than the photographs taken by the official photographer, authorized agents of the organizers or accredited photo journalists, all photographs of competitors, competitions and presentations may only be taken for personal use. They may not be redistributed, sold, lent or passed on to third parties. They may also not be used for commercial purposes or used in any publication or website without the express written permission of the organisers and the parents or guardians dancers included therein.
- **Coaching is strictly prohibited whilst dancers are on stage, during any competition.** Failure to comply with this could result in disqualification of the dancer.
- Only competitors dancing in the Championship will be allowed back-stage at any time.
- The consumption of alcohol in the three competition halls is strictly prohibited and will be enforced. Alcohol may only be consumed in designated areas. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the venue.

- The organizers retain the right to refuse admission to anyone in breach of any rule or where they believe there is a risk to any individual.
- The Feis Committee are not responsible for property lost or damaged during the event. All personal property is the sole responsibility of the owner.
- The contents of this syllabus may not be copied or shared onto any anonymous Social Media platforms.

Grade Competitions

- Graded competitions are available to all competitors from ALL REGIONS.
- Dancers in Bun (Beginner) and Tus (Primary) competitions up to and including the Under 12 age group, may only wear class costumes, skirt and blouse or appropriate civilian clothing. Low cut tops or short tight skirts are not permitted. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification from the competition.
- Bun (Beginner) competitors are only permitted to dance steps equivalent to the basic Reel, Single Jig, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig and Hornpipe. Any competitor performing steps of a harder degree of difficulty may be disqualified from the competition.
- Bun (Beginner): A dancer winning 1st in BUN (BEGINNER) grade, when there are 6 or more competitors in that competition, must dance that dance in TUS (PRIMARY) grade or above, for at least 12 months.
- Tus (Primary): A dancer winning 1st in TUS (PRIMARY) grade, when there are 6 or more competitors in that competition, must dance that dance in MEAN (Intermediate) grade or above, for at least 12 months.
- Mean (Intermediate): A dancer winning 1st in Mean (INTERMEDIATE) grade, when there are 6 or more competitors in that competition, must dance that dance in MEAN (Intermediate) grade or above, for at least 12 months.

Preliminary Competitions

Preliminary competitions are included in all Open Championships from Under 10 upwards, provided there are 2 or more eligible competitors. Results will be taken from the first 2 rounds.

In accordance with Scottish Regional Council rules, to be considered as eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship, the following rules apply:

- Cannot have been placed in a top three position in an open Championship with up to 20 competitors within the last 12 months
- Cannot have been placed in a top 5 position in an open Championship with more than 20 competitors within the last 12 months
- A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate and must have included one light and one heavy dance.
- Competitors who qualify for and compete in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the previous 12 months cannot compete in a preliminary championship, except where the dancer auto-qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.
- The relevant notation must be made on the entry form to indicate that a dancer is entitled to also be entered into the preliminary championship,
 - The first age group for a Preliminary Championship is Under 10.
 - Where a Preliminary Championship is held separate from an Open Championship, three rounds should be offered, namely, Reel or Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance.
 - Where a Preliminary Championship is combined with an Open Championship, then the result should be taken from eligible dancers' ranking after the first two rounds.
 - Where there are separate Preliminary and Open Championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
 - Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships, they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter. For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any two-year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts afresh. Where there are less than 6 in a Preliminary Championship that win will not normally be considered for grading purposes. However, where a dancer wins three Preliminary Championships regardless of the number of competitors in each competition, that dancer must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
 - Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.

IMPORTANT All competitors will be asked to confirm and sign for their eligibility to compete in a Preliminary Championships when collecting their entry number and dancer pack. This list will then be used to announce the Preliminary Championship result. No changes to this list will be allowed after the commencement of the relevant Championship. Any subsequent enquiries will be forwarded to the competitor's region for further deliberation and action where required.

Initial Days Only Schedule for the All Scotland Championships 2026

Organizers retain the right to change this schedule subject to final receipt of entries and publication of final Timetable

Thursday, 1st October 2026

U14 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U15 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U18 Men & Ladies Solo Championships
U19 Men & Ladies Championships
U22 Ladies Championship
Rince Ceilúrtha - Déardaoin

Friday, 2nd October 2026

U10 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U16 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U 17 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U20 Men & Ladies Solo Championships
Rince Ceilúrtha – D é hAoine

Saturday, 3rd October 2026

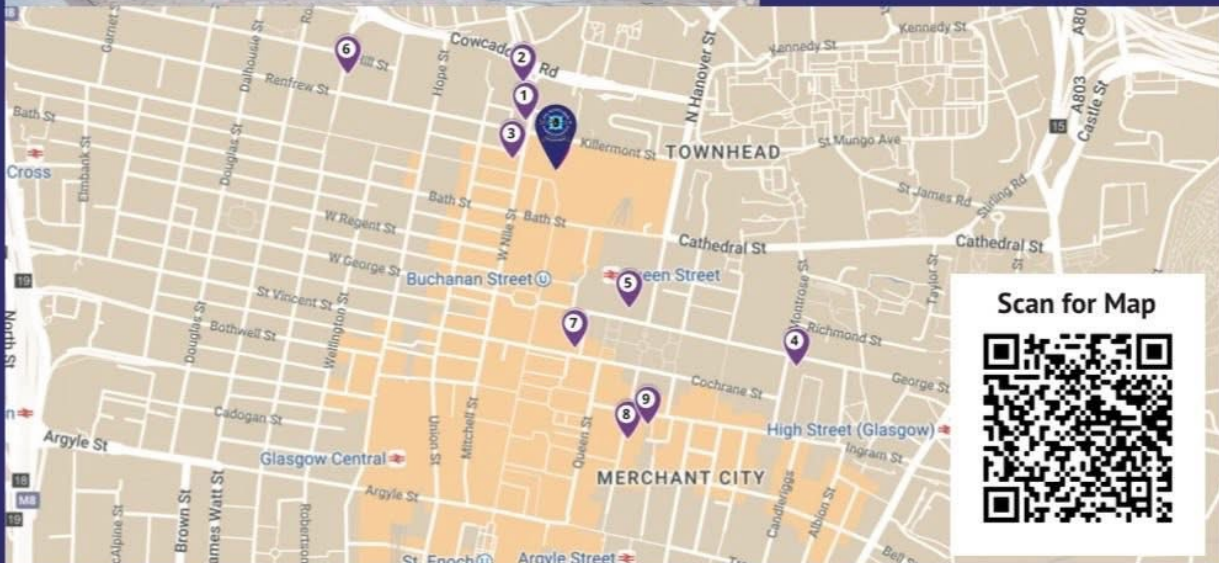
U 6 Mixed Solo Championship
U7 Mixed Solo Championship
U 8 Mixed Solo Championship
U 9 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
All Grade Competitions – Bun, Tus @ Mean
○ U7, U8, U9,U10, U11, U12 & O12
All 2-Hand Competitions
○ U10, U12, U15 & Senior
All 8 Hand Ceili Competitions
○ U10, U12, U15, U18 & Senior
Rince Ceilúrtha – Dé Sathairn

Sunday, 4th October 2026

U11Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U12 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
U13 Boys & Girls Solo Championships
Senior Men & Ladies Solo Championships
Rince Ceilúrtha – Domhnach

All Scotland Irish Dancing Championships

Hotels near Glasgow Royal Concert Hall



1. Holiday Inn Theatreland – 4 Star - 0345 218 2071

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/glasgow/glwgc/hotel/detail>
0.2 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

2. Express by Holiday Inn Theatreland – 3 Star - 0345 218 2073

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/glasgow/glwth/hotel/detail>
0.2 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

3. Premier Inn Buchanan Galleries – Budget - 0333 321 9268

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/strathclyde/glasgow/glasgow-city-centre-buchanan-galleries.html>
0.1 Mile / 2 Minutes' walk

4. Premier Inn George Square – Budget - 0333 777 7294

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/strathclyde/glasgow/glasgow-city-centre-george-square.html>
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk

5. Millennium Hotel – 4 Star - 0141 332 6711

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/glasgow/millennium-hotel-glasgow/?cid=gplaces-millennium-hotel-glasgow>
0.2 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

6. DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central – 4 Star - 0141 332 3311

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/glagwdi-doubletree-glasgow-central/>
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk

7. Native Glasgow – 4 Star Apartments - 0141 288 7730

<https://nativeplaces.com/property/native-glasgow/>
0.3 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

8. Ibis Styles George Square – 0141 428 3400

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/9684/index.en.shtml>
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk

9. Mercure Hotel Glasgow – 3 Star - 0141 441 1022

<https://www.mercureglasgow.co.uk/>
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk