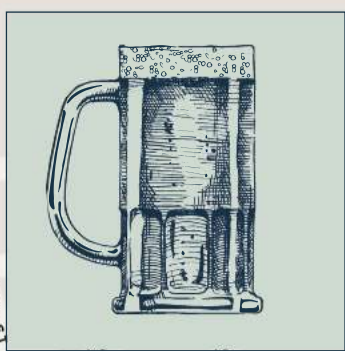




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1 DEACON BRODIE'S TAVERN

435 LAWNMARKET EDINBURGH EH1 2NT
TEL: 0131 225 6531

Named after **William Brodie** – by day a **respected cabinet maker**, by night a gambler and a rascal. **From 1786, Brodie began to commit robberies to pay for his debts by making wax impressions of his wealthy friends' keys** when working in their homes, only to return later. As he's no longer a patron, feel free to bring all your friends along, prosperous or not.

2 GREYFRIARS BOBBY'S BAR

30-34 CANDLEMAKER ROW EDINBURGH EH1 2QE
TEL: 0131 225 8328

The bar takes its name from a scruffy terrier owned by a **local policeman** called **John Gray**. When Gray died and was buried in the Greyfriars Kirkyard next door, Bobby kept watch, sleeping on his master's grave until his own death. It's the ideal place for a **'hair of the dog'**, should you ever feel you need one.



3 THE LAST DROP

74-78 GRASSMARKET EDINBURGH EH1 2JR
TEL: 0131 225 4851

The Last Drop's present-day building is **20th century**, but the stone used in its construction comes from a much older site. This could explain the **ghost** – a small girl, dressed in medieval clothing. She is **often spotted in the cellar and the bar area**. Sadly she's still not old enough to drink.

4 THE HAYMARKET

11-14A WEST MAITLAND STREET. EDINBURGH EH12 5DS
TEL: 0131 228 2537

The pub stands on the eastern end of **Edinburgh's former haymarket**. Opposite is the city's first railway station and the chimney stack of a **long-gone whisky distillery**.

The clock outside is a memorial to the **Heart of Midlothian football team of 1914**. They were the first British team to join up en masse to fight in the **First World War**.

5 THE KENILWORTH

152-154 ROSE STREET EDINBURGH EH2 3JD
TEL: 0131 226 1773

In **1776**, when a challenge went out to architects to **"Let us boldly enlarge Edinburgh to the utmost"**, the competition was won by **23-year-old James Craig** – and the original Kenilworth was built. The stained glass windows, carved mahogany and etched mirrors are all original. Very tastefully done, we think. As is the beer served.

6 ROSE STREET BREWERY

55-57 ROSE STREET EDINBURGH EH2 3JD
TEL: 0131 220 1227

The area has a long and interesting history. **Thistle Street and Rose Street** were built originally for the **artisans of the New Town**, although in an inferior style and of rougher workmanship than the main streets. But **by the mid 1800s**, **Rose Street** had established itself as a **drinking oasis** and this reputation is proudly upheld today.

7 THE CONAN DOYLE

71-73 YORK PLACE EDINBURGH EH1 3JD
TEL: 0131 557 9539

Located close to **The Conan Doyle** is **Picardy Place**, where the pub's namesake, the **great author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**, was **born on 22nd May 1859**. A life-size bronze statue of his fictional detective, **Sherlock Holmes**, stands opposite his birthplace. Holmes stands in permanent meditation over the death of his creator.

8 THE MITRE BAR

131-133 HIGH STREET EDINBURGH EH1 1SG
TEL: 0131 652 3902

The Mitre is named after a bishop's headgear and it's said the **ghost of John Spottiswood**, once bishop of St Andrews, **haunts the building**. Legend has it that the bishop's throne is **buried under the bar area**, directly beneath a thick slab of concrete. The haunting continues to the present day. And before you ask, yes they do serve spirits.

SEEK OUT OUR PUBS IN GLASGOW

Glasgow has left its thumbprint on history in many ways, but most profoundly in the world of industry. At the end of the 19th century, Glasgow was known as the “Second City of the Empire”. It was a powerhouse of heavy industry supplying ships, locomotives and heavy industrial products across the globe, and, interestingly enough, Glasgow Green boasts the stone on which James Watt is said to have sat, pondering his revolutionary inventions which ultimately led to the Industrial Revolution.

If you're looking to ponder any world altering ideas, but would prefer a comfy chair, we have a couple of suggestions:



CURLERS REST

256-260 BYRES RD. HILLHEAD. GLASGOW. G12 8SH
TEL: 0141 341 0737

King Charles II came riding one cold winters day towards Glasgow along a lonely highway and came across the Curlers Rest, however he found the establishment shuttered and barred. The Landlord was quickly summoned and given the right by royal charter to be open day and night Sundays included in perpetuity.



THE DRUM & MONKEY

91 ST VINCENT STREET. GLASGOW. G2 5TF
TEL: 0141 221 6636

Built in 1924, this building's general style could be compared to classical American architecture of the time. Unsurprisingly perhaps, the building had a former purpose. In fact, it used to be a bank, the fine classical interior of which was converted several years ago. These days, all are welcome – bank managers included.

A CASK ALE JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

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Our cask ales reflect the variety and the vibrancy of the brewer's art. Here you'll find the beers that you know and love, and just as many that are new to you. Each season we choose a selection of cask ales from the country's finest big-name brewers and from the best of the new generation of microbreweries.

There are always far too many beers to put them all on tap at once, so our cask masters vary their selection from week to week. That means the choice in every Nicholson's pub is different – and that each pub's choice is likely to differ on every visit.



FOOD AT EVERY TURN

A good journey needs a beginning and an end – or maybe a well-earned stop or two along the way. That's Nicholson's, at the heart of city hospitality since 1873.



You'll find Scottish history and culture in our menu. These are the dishes that filled a nation: Cullen Skink Soup, Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, Balmoral Chicken and Cranachan. We even top our nachos with Haggis too!

We also proudly serve other classic dishes, including Fish & Chips battered in our own Nicholson's Pale Ale as well as a selection of burgers, pies and sandwiches.

As you can imagine, anything Scottish goes extraordinarily well with a wee dram of whisky.



BRIMMING WITH HERITAGE

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A great pub is like a warm embrace – cheerful, inviting, dependable. Nicholson's has stood this test of time. Our pubs have welcomed guests through the days of empire and through two world wars. And still the smile at the door is as warm as it was on the day the first bartender pulled the first pint.

This is British hospitality at its best – and just as William Nicholson envisaged it. In the polished wood, gleaming brass, decorative tiles, etched glass and wrought ironwork of a Nicholson's pub, you see the collective heart of a nation. This is where Britons have come to celebrate and to commiserate, to discuss the news and hear the gossip, to escape the daily grind and laugh with the crowd.

They come still – for fine cask ales from local breweries and for classic pub food cooked fresh on the day. They come too for the heritage, the architecture and the mood of casual elegance that William Nicholson established. Every single one of our pubs are unique, yet they all feel like home. When you've found your favourite, you'll still want to explore them all.



Our founder, William Nicholson, was a successful businessman, a campaigning politician, a sporting hero and a generous public servant.

William's first love was cricket. He was a superb gentleman amateur, knocking up runs and taking catches in at least 148 first-class games. Later, he joined the family distilling business of J&W Nicholson, and rose to become its chairman. From here, William launched a career in politics – he was twice MP for Petersfield – and gave time as a Justice of the Peace and as High Sheriff of Hampshire.

In 1873, William and his brother, set up Nicholson's, a small chain of upmarket taverns and gin palaces. They were popular outlets for his own London-distilled gin brands.

GROUP BOOKINGS FOR ANY OCCASION

What better way to spend those missed occasions than in the backdrop of our historical pub? From corporate events, or after work socials, to that special family occasion, we've got you covered.

We also offer a variety of menus, crafted by our chefs, which can be tailored to suit your specific requirements and dietary needs.

CELEBRATIONS

With a fantastic range of drinks as well as delicious buffet packages, we're have a range of ideal places to host a fantastic get together, no matter what the size!

CORPORATE

We have fully equipped meeting spaces available at most of our pubs that's perfect for any type of occasion.

AFTER WORK SOCIAL

Unwind after a long day or get away from the hustle and bustle with a pint of our tipple of choice in any of pubs.

