

Glasgow's Iconic Buildings:



RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

100 Pointhouse Road



SUMMARY:

The Riverside Museum was built specially to house Glasgow's Museum of Transport. Before the museum was built the Museum of Transport exhibits were all located at Kelvin Hall opposite Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. It was designed by Zaha Hadid and built between 2007-2011. The building has a zig-zag metal roof and a 36 metre-high glass front looking out onto the River Clyde. It is built like a zig-zagging tunnel, with an opening at both ends.

The museum is on the site of an old shipyard at Glasgow Harbour, close to where the River Kelvin meets the River Clyde. This means Glasgow's Tall Ship, the Glenlee, and other visiting boats can berth next to the museum.

With more than 3,000 objects on display, from skateboards to locomotives, paintings to prams, velocipedes to voitures, visitors can walk down a re-created 1900s street, drive a locomotive and tackle a tenement fire.

The building has won many awards for its design, including being the first Scottish museum to win the European Museum of the Year Award in 2013.

THINK ABOUT:

- How does the building relate to the River Clyde?
- Look at old maps of the area around the building. How has it changed?
- What kind of materials are used to make the building? Are they materials that are used on other buildings in Glasgow?
- What impression of Glasgow does the museum give to visitors?
- Some of the museums in Glasgow are over 100 years old - do you think this building will still be standing in 100 years time?
- How important are the collections in the museum?
- Think about how people move around the building. Is it easy to find your way around the exhibits?

FIND OUT MORE:

Glasgow Museums website, Riverside Museum, <http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/riverside/about/pages/default.aspx>

Zaha Hadid Architects website, <http://www.zaha-hadid.com/>

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The Telegraph, Zaha Hadid's 35 Most Spectacular buildings, <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/galleries/zaha-hadid-unfinished-buildings/>

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