

# East of Scotland — Culture & Design



**V&A Museum of Design Dundee**

**Hospitalfield, Arbroath**

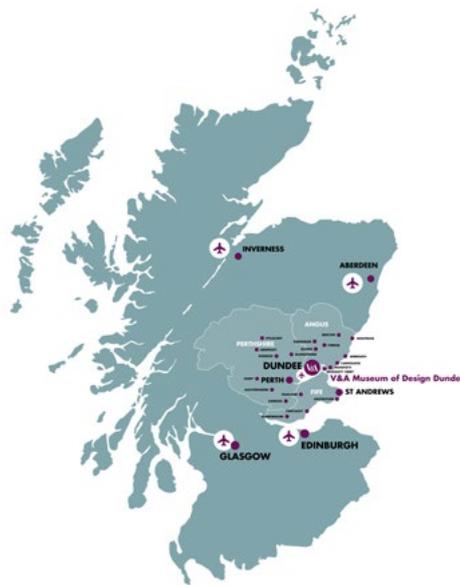
**Perth Festival of The Arts**

**Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther**

## Inspirational Culture & Design Ideas

From beautiful beaches to buzzing culture, tranquil glens to a tantalising food scene, East of Scotland is designed to enrich the senses. Whether it's an inspiring visit to the V&A Museum of Design Dundee, opening in 2018, which will be an international centre of design for Scotland, a visit to Pittenweem Arts Festival, capturing the magic of the scenery through the towering forest landscapes and flowing rivers of Perthshire that have inspired writers such as Robert Burns and Beatrix Potter or soaking up a sense of the past at Glamis Castle, every corner of this region is designed to be explored. Culture & Design runs in the region's cities, with Perth in the running to become the UK City of Culture in 2021, and Dundee recognised as the only UK UNESCO City of Design and bidding for the European Capital of Culture 2023.

The East of Scotland's vibrant culture, friendly welcome and sheer range of things to see and do makes this one place where you'll wish you'd stayed a little bit longer to discover even more. Designed for you to love.



### Travel distance to and from the V&A Museum of Design Dundee

Towns	Miles	Kilometres
Carnoustie	13.5	21.7
Forfar	14	22.5
Kirriemuir	19	30.6
Arbroath	17	27.3
Montrose	30	48.3
Brechin	27	43.5
Glamis	12	19.3
St Andrews	16	25.75
Dunfermline	40	64.4
Kirkcaldy	30	48.3
Falkland	23	37
Anstruther	25	40.2
Perth	22	35.4
Pitlochry	51	82.1
Crieff	41	66
Blairgowrie	20	32.2
Dunkeld	39	62.8
Aberfeldy	56	90.1

*Based on direct routes (car based) on Google Maps*

## Culture & Design Events

### JANUARY

**Winter Words Festival, Pitlochry**  
[www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com/winter-words-festival](http://www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com/winter-words-festival)

### MARCH

**StAnza Scotland's International Poetry Festival, St Andrews**  
[www.stanzapoetry.org](http://www.stanzapoetry.org)

### MAY

**Dundee Design Festival**  
[www.dundeedesignfestival.com](http://www.dundeedesignfestival.com)

### Perth Festival of Arts

[www.perthfestival.co.uk](http://www.perthfestival.co.uk)

### JULY

**Glamis Prom, Glamis Castle**  
[www.glamisprom.com](http://www.glamisprom.com)

### AUGUST

**Pittenweem Arts Festival**  
[www.pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk)

### East Neuk Festival

[www.eastneukfestival.com](http://www.eastneukfestival.com)

### OCTOBER

**The Enchanted Forest, near Pitlochry**  
[www.enchantedforest.org.uk](http://www.enchantedforest.org.uk)

### St Andrews Voices, St Andrews

[www.standrewsvoices.com](http://www.standrewsvoices.com)

### Dundee Literary Festival

[www.literarydundee.co.uk/festival](http://www.literarydundee.co.uk/festival)

### NOVEMBER

**NEoN Digital Arts Festival**  
[www.northeastofnorth.com](http://www.northeastofnorth.com)

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## Day 1



**1**  
**Drummond Gardens** - one of the finest formal gardens in Europe and largest of its type in Scotland. The castle's gardens were originally laid out in 1630 by John Drummond, 2nd Earl of Perth. One of the most interesting features is the multi-faceted sundial designed by John Mylne, Master Mason to Charles I. It is advisable to pre-book your visit.  
T: 01764 681433  
[www.drummondcastlegardens.co.uk/group-visits](http://www.drummondcastlegardens.co.uk/group-visits)



**2**  
**Perth Museum & Art Gallery** - one of the oldest museums in the UK. Permanent displays explore the artistic, social and natural history of Perthshire. From portraits and photographs to meteorites and Miss Ballantyne's salmon! View a range of changing exhibitions including portraits by John Everett Millais. Advance booking required.  
T: 01738 632488  
E: [museum@culturepk.org.uk](mailto:museum@culturepk.org.uk)  
[www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/perth-museum-and-art-gallery](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/perth-museum-and-art-gallery)



**3**  
**Fergusson Gallery** - The Fergusson Gallery celebrates the life and work of the great pioneer of modern art, Scottish Colourist J.D. Fergusson (1874-1961) and dance inspired by his wife Margaret Morris, who was recognised for her pioneering work in modern dance. Advance booking required.  
T: 01738 783425  
E: [fergussonreception@culturepk.org.uk](mailto:fergussonreception@culturepk.org.uk)  
[www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/the-fergusson-gallery](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/the-fergusson-gallery)



**4**  
**Perth Theatre** - following a 3 year restoration, Perth Theatre's historic B-listed, Edwardian auditorium will reopen in late 2017. It has played a crucial role in Scotland's artistic development for more than a century. Groups are welcome to enjoy a year-round programme of classic and popular drama, comedy, new writing, unique Perth productions and touring shows.  
T: 01738 477732  
E: [mruff@horsecross.co.uk](mailto:mruff@horsecross.co.uk)  
[www.horsecross.co.uk/perth-theatre](http://www.horsecross.co.uk/perth-theatre)



**5**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre** - the Festival Gallery displays the work of leading Scottish artists in a range of media from traditional to contemporary styles with 200 artworks on display at any one time. In February the annual Winter Words Festival features an inspiring mix of star authors, talks, events, workshops and film. Space for coach drop off and pick up.  
T: 01796 484626  
E: [giles.conisbee@pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com](mailto:giles.conisbee@pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com)  
[www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com](http://www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com)

## Day 2



**1**  
**V&A Museum of Design Dundee - Opening 2018** - an international centre of design for Scotland - the first ever design museum to be built in the UK outside London. Renowned architect Kengo Kuma's first British building. The galleries will be the first dedicated home to the story of Scotland's outstanding design heritage and will showcase world-class touring exhibitions.  
T: 01382 305665  
E: [info@vandadundee.org](mailto:info@vandadundee.org)  
[www.vandadundee.org](http://www.vandadundee.org)



**2**  
**The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum** - this award-winning attraction is housed within a magnificent Victorian, Gothic-revival style building where art, history and regular exhibitions offer a fascinating insight into Dundee, spanning 400 million years. The museum also contains an extensive retail area and a café with an outdoor terrace.  
T: 01382 307200  
E: [themcmanus@leisureandculturedundee.com](mailto:themcmanus@leisureandculturedundee.com)  
[www.mcmanus.co.uk](http://www.mcmanus.co.uk)



**3**  
**Dundee Repertory Theatre** - home of Scotland's only full-time ensemble company and Scottish Dance Theatre, nationally-renowned Dundee Rep hosts an exciting year round programme of drama, dance, music and comedy. Enjoy a performance at one of Dundee's cultural gems, where you can savour delicious meals in the award-winning brasserie.  
T: 01382 223530  
E: [info@dundeereptheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@dundeereptheatre.co.uk)  
[www.dundeerep.co.uk](http://www.dundeerep.co.uk)



**4**  
**Dundee Contemporary Arts** - a world-class centre for the development and exhibition of contemporary art and culture. The Jute Café Bar is also a favourite destination for stylish dining. DCA welcomes group visits but please book in advance and contact DCA to discuss requirements and featured exhibitions.  
T: 01382 909900  
E: [dca@dca.org.uk](mailto:dca@dca.org.uk)  
[www.dca.org.uk](http://www.dca.org.uk)



**5**  
**Dundee Science Centre** - enjoy a culture of curiosity, confidence and engagement with science. Dundee Science Centre is a unique 4-star attraction, open all year-round with over 60 hands-on exhibits depicting the senses and live science shows. Advance group booking required, with daytime or exclusive evening group visiting options and coach parking on site.  
T: 01382 228800  
E: [staff@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk](mailto:staff@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk)  
[www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk](http://www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk)

## Day 3



**1**  
**Signal Tower Museum** - housed within the original shore station for the Bell Rock Lighthouse, designed by Robert Stevenson, the museum tells the story of the lighthouse and of the local maritime industries. The Bell Rock Lighthouse is Britain's oldest surviving rock lighthouse. Coach parking nearby, advance booking advised.  
T: 01241 435320  
E: [ArbroathMuseum@angusalive.scot](mailto:ArbroathMuseum@angusalive.scot)  
[www.angusalive.scot/signaltower](http://www.angusalive.scot/signaltower)



**2**  
**Hospitalfield House** - overlooking the North Sea, was the house of artist and collector Patrick Allan-Fraser. Its arts collection, archive of papers and letters tells a very particular story of an artist who became a philanthropist and who left an extraordinary legacy for the support of the arts in Scotland. Advance booking advised.  
T: 01241 656124  
E: [info@hospitalfield.org.uk](mailto:info@hospitalfield.org.uk)  
[www.hospitalfield.org.uk](http://www.hospitalfield.org.uk)



**3**  
**JM Barrie's Birthplace** - JM Barrie was the author, playwright and creator of the much loved *Peter Pan*. The exhibition rooms explore Barrie's life, the inspirations of his childhood and adult life, his route to success, literary and stage works, and his enduring connection with Kirriemuir. See the wash house, where Barrie rehearsed and performed his childhood plays.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: [traveltrade@nts.org.uk](mailto:traveltrade@nts.org.uk)  
[www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade](http://www.nts.org.uk/Traveltrade)



**4**  
**Meffan Museum & Art Gallery** - a diverse programme of art exhibitions brings the work of local, national and internationally-renowned artists to Forfar. Examine a collection of enigmatic sculptured stones, in the Pictish Stones Display, and explore The Forfar Story, by wandering through a recreation of an old cobbled street.  
T: 01307 476482  
E: [ForfarMuseum@angusalive.scot](mailto:ForfarMuseum@angusalive.scot)  
[www.angusalive.scot/meffan](http://www.angusalive.scot/meffan)



**5**  
**Glamis Castle** - Glamis Castle is a living, breathing monument to Scottish heritage, hospitality and enjoyment for all. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.  
T: 01307 840393  
E: [enquiries@glamis-castle.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@glamis-castle.co.uk)  
[www.glamis-castle.co.uk](http://www.glamis-castle.co.uk)

## Day 4



**1**  
**Griesda Hill Pottery** - a 4-star visitor attraction, where pottery work can be seen in progress. The 'Wemyss Ware' name has had a long and distinguished history and is probably the most highly collectable and sought-after Scottish pottery, collected by many, including Queen Elizabeth and Elton John. Advance group booking required.  
T: 01334 828273  
E: [info@wemyssware.co.uk](mailto:info@wemyssware.co.uk)  
[www.wemyss-ware.co.uk](http://www.wemyss-ware.co.uk)



**2**  
**Kellie Castle & Gardens** - see magnificent plaster ceilings, painted panelling and fine furniture designed by Sir Robert Lorimer. As well as a long-concealed mural by the celebrated arts & crafts pioneer, Phoebe Anna Traquair. The Arts & Crafts garden is packed with beautiful borders of old-fashioned roses and herbaceous plants.  
T: 0131 458 0204  
E: [traveltrade@nts.org.uk](mailto:traveltrade@nts.org.uk)  
[www.nts.org.uk/traveltrade](http://www.nts.org.uk/traveltrade)



**3**  
**Scottish Fisheries Museum** - this collection cared for by the Scottish Fisheries Museum is a Recognised Collection of National Significance that tells the story of how, through a constant process of innovation, the Scottish fisheries became such an important part of the lives of so many Scots. Advance group booking required. Coach parking available.  
T: 01333 310628  
E: [enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org](mailto:enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org)  
[www.scotfishmuseum.org](http://www.scotfishmuseum.org)



**4**  
**Kirkcaldy Galleries** - includes a museum, art galleries, local and family history room, café and gift shop. Home to an outstanding collection of Scottish art from the 18th century to present day including renowned artists William McTaggart, SJ Peplow and Jack Vettriano. Advance group booking required.  
T: 01592 583206  
E: [kirkcaldy.galleries@onfife.com](mailto:kirkcaldy.galleries@onfife.com)  
[www.onfife.com/venues/kirkcaldy-galleries](http://www.onfife.com/venues/kirkcaldy-galleries)



**5**  
**Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries** - Explore the remarkable royal history and industrial heritage of Dunfermline, one of Scotland's ancient capitals, as it is brought to life in this spectacular new museum and gallery. A striking new build links superbly with the world's first Carnegie Library, providing experiences for everyone to enjoy including a mezzanine café with stunning views over the Heritage Quarter.  
T: 01383 602365  
E: [dclg@onfife.com](mailto:dclg@onfife.com)  
[www.onfife.com/dclg](http://www.onfife.com/dclg)

Please note some attractions have seasonal opening hours. Please check opening times with the attraction.

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