

Dundee UNESCO City of Design



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Ideas to inspire and design your visit

Explore the cultural and historic gems of this compact, easily accessible and superbly situated city. Located on the Tay Estuary, Dundee is known as Scotland's sunniest city.

Dundee is the only UK UNESCO City of Design and on 15 September 2018 V&A Dundee will open in a stunning purpose-built riverside museum, which will be an international centre of design for Scotland. Discover the city's history with its monuments and landmarks, its maritime heritage, the arrival of jute and the city's new scientific and design excellence.

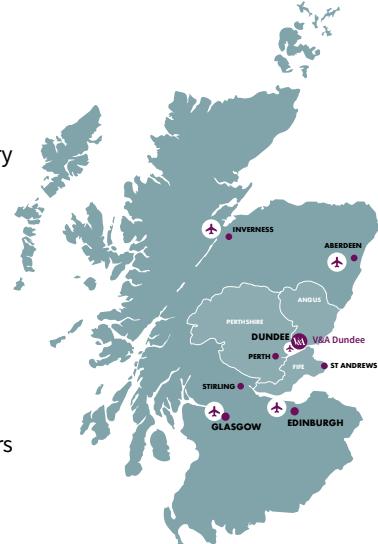
There are some incredible places to visit in Dundee that will both fascinate and entertain. Don't miss the exciting exhibits of the McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum, learn about Captain Robert Falcon Scott's pioneering polar Antarctic

exploration aboard the RRS Discovery, see the working of a Victorian jute mill at Verdant Works - Scotland's Jute Museum, or expand your mind at the Dundee Science Centre.

Dundee's food and drink scene offers contemporary restaurants alongside cool coffee houses, craft beers and spirits, food shops with mouthwatering menus and of course Dundee Cake.

Just outside the city centre lies the pretty seaside suburb of Broughty Ferry. With its pretty beach waterfront, it's a lovely place for a stroll along the sand, some boutique shopping and a visit to Broughty Castle Museum. As darkness falls, head back into town and see the stars and other wonders of the universe at Mills Observatory in Balgay Park.

Dundee, designed for you to love.



Events

MARCH

Women in Science Festival, various venues across Dundee

MAY

Dundee Design Month, various venues across Dundee

JUNE

WestFest, Magdalene Green

Almost Blue, various venues across Dundee

JULY

City Streets Festival, Dundee

Broughty Ferry Gala Week, various venues, Broughty Ferry

AUGUST

Alba Ale Fest, Royal Tay Yacht Club, Broughty Ferry

Blue Skies Festival, Baxter Park

SEPTEMBER

V&A Dundee Opening Event

Dundee Flower & Food Festival, Camperdown Country Park

OCTOBER

Okttoberfest, Discovery Quay

NOVEMBER

NEoN Digital Arts Festival, various venues across Dundee

Dundee Jazz Festival, Gardyne Theatre

Dundee Mountain Film Festival, University of Dundee

Dundee Science Festival, Dundee Science Centre

Christmas Light Night, various venues across Dundee

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Day 1 - Culture & Design



V&A Dundee - Opening 15 September 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.

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www.vandadundee.org



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
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www.dundeerep.co.uk



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
www.dca.org.uk



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 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
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www.dundesciencecentre.org.uk



Slessor Gardens – Discovery Walk is a series of plaques, set into the walkway, that honour the pioneering spirit of those whose scientific and social achievements have helped make Dundee and the wider world a better place. There are also nine themed gardens to enjoy which are reflective of the geography and setting of Dundee, with its historic global and local industrial connections.

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Day 2 - History & Heritage



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.

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E: themcmanus@leisureandculturedundee.com
www.mcmanus.co.uk



Verdant Works – Gain a fascinating insight into Dundee's social history and hear the rattle and the roar of the original restored machinery, as you are transported back over 100 years to an era when jute was Dundee's key industry. Guided group tours must be booked in advance. Coach parking, café, gift shop, driver and organiser free entry.

T: 01382 309060
E: events@dundeeheritage.co.uk
www.verdantworks.com



RRS Discovery & Discovery Point – an open all year, 5-star rated attraction. A trip to Discovery Point is an adventure in its own right as audio visual shows and displays of the actual artefacts of the crew transport you to Antarctica. Climb aboard Captain Scott's ship RRS Discovery and uncover a fascinating tale of a heroic voyage of exploration.

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www.rrsdiscovery.com



HM Frigate Unicorn – nearly 200 years old, the Frigate Unicorn is one of the six oldest ships in the world and Scotland's only example of a wooden warship. Built for the Royal Navy and launched in 1824, the Frigate Unicorn boasts four atmospheric decks for you to explore.

T: 01382 200900
E: mail@frigateunicorn.org
www.frigateunicorn.org



Dundee Museum of Transport – learn about local transport pioneers, Dundee's tram network, railway, roads and marine history. Exhibitions include cars, commercial vehicles and buses from local and national collections. See the much-loved magical car Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the museum's re-creation of Dundee's first flying machine. Advance group booking required.

T: 01382 455196
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www.dmft.co.uk

Day 3 - Explore more



Fox Lake – an urban wakeboarding park at Dundee's City Quay, offering mini-adventures in the heart of the city. Wakeboarding is one of the most progressive and fastest growing extreme watersports. Suitable for age 6+ and all levels of experience.

T: 01382 214484
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www.foxlakedundee.co.uk



Pirate Boat Trips – take in the sights of the Tay estuary, including a different viewpoint of the stunning V&A Dundee, the Larick Beacon and City Quay, from this 7 seater rib. You may also spot a dolphin or two! Suitable for children 7+ years with an accompanying adult, one adult to one child.

T: 07931 231054
E: Info@pirateboatsltd.com
www.pirateboatsltd.com



DD Tours – explore Dundee's history, heritage and culture with a series of two walking tours with local guides. Discover Dundee, which explores the achievements, inventions and people and Dark Dundee, unearthing the dark and grisly past. Choose from over a dozen tours including cemeteries, ancient buildings and the odd ship! Groups welcome.

T: 07446 625682
E: admin@darkdundee.co.uk
www.darkdundee.co.uk/



Dundee Botanic Garden – walk amidst a collection of plants, trees and shrubs from Scotland, the Mediterranean, America and Australasia. There are also tropical and temperate glasshouses and water and herb gardens to explore. Located in 9.5 hectares overlooking the River Tay, this is the perfect place to unwind. There's also a popular café and gift shop with plant nursery.

T: 01382 381190
E: botanicgardens@dundee.ac.uk
www.dundee.ac.uk/botanic



Mills Observatory (evening visits) – at Britain's first purpose built observatory see fascinating space exploration and astronomical displays, planetarium shows and a fully computerised telescope that can detect 30,000 objects in the sky.

T: 01382 435967
E: mills.observatory@leisureandculturedundee.com
www.leisureandculturedundee.com/mills-home

Day 4 - Food and Drink



Delicious Dundee – discover a flourishing food and drink scene. Contemporary restaurants and enterprising bistros sit alongside cool coffee houses, tasteful cafés, craft beer bars and good food shops. Foodies can also enjoy a taste of our area's abundant local produce at Dundee Farmers' Market, City Square every third Saturday of the month. Whilst Dundee's annual Flower and Food Festival is a showcase event not to be missed.

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Verdant Spirits Distillery – opening in summer 2018 for tours and courses in the gin school. The first distillery in Dundee in 200 years where "one of the top 10 Scottish Gins to look out for" by *The Scotsman* and the Scottish Gin of the Year (2017) is produced. Advance booking required. Coach parking on site or a short walk from the city centre.

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www.verdantspirits.co.uk



Clark's Bakery – see Dundee Cake, the famous traditional Scottish fruit cake which originated in nineteenth-century Scotland and was originally made as a mass-produced cake by Dundee's Keiller's marmalade company, being made first hand at this third generation family bakery. Open for tours daily. Advance booking required. Parking available or short walk from city centre.

T: 01382 641048
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www.clarksbakery.co.uk



Innis & Gunn Brew School – meet the Grain Father who'll coach you through the basics behind a great brew, teaching you all you need to know. You'll also get a five litre mini keg of your own beer to take away. Breakfast and lunch included. All guests must be aged 18 or over. Groups from two to 12 people welcome from 10.30am - 4pm.

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www.innisandgunn.com/bars/dundee/brew-school



71 Brewing – Dundee's first new brewery in over 50 years and close to the city centre. Tour the brewhouse and learn some of the secrets behind the ever-expanding range of world class beers. Even better, you can find out for yourself with a tasting in the brewery taproom. Maximum number in group: 12 for tours, 25 for taproom. Advance booking for tours only. Free on site parking.

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

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