



22 Dundee Sheriff Courthouse
6 West Bell Street
Designed by George Angus, 1833; completed by William Scott, 1863; extension by Nicoll Russell Studios, 1996
 Occupying a prominent position in Bell Street with views up North Lindsay Street, this imposing, Grade A listed, building was extensively renovated in 1996 and officially re-opened by the Princess Royal in 1997. The Justice of the Peace Court is next door.



23 University of Abertay - The Bernard King Library
Bell Street
Norr Consultants Ltd, 1998
 Voted best new building in Scotland in the 1998 Scottish Design Awards, the building has a stone rectangular "spine" and a curved glass front, mimicking an open book. The Library is named after Abertay's first vice-chancellor, following the award of its university title.



24 The High School of Dundee
Euclid Crescent
George Angus, 1834
 The High School of Dundee, founded in 1239, amalgamated the existing Grammar School and the Academy into one. With its Doric-columned portico, this is one of the finest early 19th century classical buildings in Scotland. Today the School is independent and co-educational.



25 The Royal Exchange
Panmure Street
David Bryce, 1855
 In 1850, the Baltic Merchants decided to build the Exchange on marshland, a north of the old city walls. It was modelled on Dutch cloth halls. The waterlogged ground meant the foundations kept slipping until Bryce's crown steeple was removed. Parts of the Exchange tilt at an angle as steep as Pisa.



26 The McManus
Albert Square
Sir George Gilbert Scott, 1865; Page\ Park Architects, 2010
 Dundee constructed the largest memorial to Prince Albert, outside of London, as a working men's free reading room. The architect claimed to have invented a new modern Scottish style. It was also built on marshland, north of the old city walls, a challenge for the original architect and for Page\ Park's recent refurbishment.



27 The Courier Building
22 Meadowside
Niven and Wigglesworth, 1902
 Headquartered in Dundee with a London base in the world-famous Fleet Street, DC Thomson's, family-run, publishing company is one of the UK's leading media organisations. The Meadowside building was originally a 5-storey (with later attic) palazzo-style, office block on a large gusset site with a later 10-storey and penthouse addition in similar but pared down style. The boggy ground resulted in the first use in Scotland of Hennebique reinforced concrete piles, each supporting a load of 300 tons.



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Dundee Architectural Trail

A 45 minute stroll around the city



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Buildings form the city and their use gives each city its distinctive character. Whether they are historic or contemporary, public or private, every structure has its own tale to tell.

This self-guided tour, created in partnership with The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, allows you to experience Dundee's fascinating history through its buildings in a 45-minute walk. Dundee is the UK's first UNESCO City of Design and is in the midst of the kind of transformation that only happens once in a lifetime – a £1 billion award-winning regeneration of the Dundee Waterfront. The V&A Museum of Design Dundee is due to open in 2018 when a new railway station by Nicoll Russell Studios will welcome visitors.

There has never been a better time to celebrate the buildings that highlight some of the fascinating riches of Dundee's past, present and future.

1 V&A Museum of Design Dundee
Riverside
Kengo Kuma & Associates, due to open 2018
Responding to the global competition to design the new Dundee V&A, Japanese architects Kengo Kuma & Associates submitted the winning design. Kuma's first building in the UK, which he describes as a new "living room for the city", will be an international centre of design for Scotland – the first design museum in the UK outwith London.



2 Malmaison
44 Whitehall Crescent
Robert Hunter, 1897
Malmaison has refurbished this impressive grand hotel in a sympathetic manner. Original features of this beautiful building include the wrought-iron staircase and grand, domed ceiling, both carefully restored.



3 Caird Hall and City Chambers
City Square
James Thomson, 1923
Built with the philanthropic donations of Sir James Caird, who amassed a fortune through the Dundee jute trade, the whole area of the Vault and the Greenmarket, including Dundee's 18th century Town House, was demolished for the grand new buildings. The First World War halted construction. The impressive building, with its ten Doric columns facing City Square opened in 1923.



4 Theatre Royal
7 to 21 Castle Street
Samuel Bell, 1809
All that remains of the grand Theatre Royal is a façade with an engraved bust of Shakespeare set into a roundel. Looking above the existing shops, the extent of the former theatre becomes apparent.



5 St Paul's Cathedral
High Street
Sir George Gilbert Scott, 1853
Designed for Dundee's Episcopalian congregation, the Cathedral, with its splendidly atmospheric interior, sits on old Castle Hill. The Church house beside, built for Dr Willison in 1768, has two storeys of medieval underbuilding.



6 Customs House
Dock Street
John Taylor and James Leslie, 1843
From the mid-18th century until 1803, Pierson Lodgings, latterly known as Old Custom House, operated as the Customs House for Dundee. This new Customs House, built for the Port Authority in 1842-3, was the second largest in Scotland.



7 Optical Express
96 High Street
William Spence, 1876
This triangular, neo-classical, building with a curved entrance pediment and giant Corinthian order, topped with a statue of Britannia, is the landmark at the east end of the High Street. It was built for the nine incorporated trades, which bought the 'flesh shambles' to build its Trades Hall here.



8 Gardyne's Land
71 High Street
Restoration Simpson & Brown Architects, 2005
The oldest part of this complex of five historic buildings is an award-winning backpackers' hostel. Gardyne's Land, which somehow survived the 1871 Improvement Act which removed much of the city's historic fabric, includes the only complete 16th century Merchants House left in the city.



9 The Old Steeple/St Mary's Tower
Nethergate
Restored by Sir George Gilbert Scott, 1870
Part of the City Churches (Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's) and The Steeple Church), St Mary's Tower dates from the 1480s. With 48 altars and chapels, St Mary's was the largest parish church in Scotland. The story has it that the original crown spire was demolished by an occupying English army in 1547.



10 Overgate Centre
Ian Burke, Hugh Martin & Partners, 1963, remodelled 2000
Facing the Alliance Trust building is the only single-sided shopping mall in Europe. The curved glass frontage to High Street looks on to Dundee's City Churches. The original modern shopping centre was substantially rebuilt after extensive demolition.



11 Alliance Trust
8 West Marketgait
RMJM Architects, 2009
The roots of the Alliance Trust lie in Dundonian investment in the American West during the mid-19th century. The glazed new HQ of the Trust forms an impressive part of the West Marketgait.



12 St Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral
150 Nethergate
George Mathewson, 1836
This site was once occupied by the medieval Red Friars (Trinitarians), who had their own harbour. Part of the 17th century Town's Hospital was used in the cathedral's construction. The building followed the Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1829. As you pass by, look for the long row of original business chambers and apartments erected in 1793. The unusual, double-storey, front results from the fall of the site towards the shoreline.



13 Dundee Contemporary Arts
152 Nethergate
Richard Murphy Architects, 1999
This pioneering joint venture between Dundee City Council and Dundee University was the largest modern art space outside London when it opened. The design incorporated existing railway work sheds, which themselves had reused much older buildings (as can be seen on the west elevation). In the forecourt are the remains of the former town wall, once attached to the Netherbow Port.



14 The Queens Hotel
160 Nethergate
Young and Meldrum, 1878
With guests including Frank Sinatra and Winston Churchill, this splendid Victorian hotel was spectacularly located on the information that the Caledonian Railway intended building its new terminus immediately below. The architects, who funded the venture, thought it could be Dundee's equivalent of Edinburgh's North British. The information was wrong and they went bankrupt.



15 The Caird
172 Nethergate
Architect unknown, 1840
Once the residence of William Brown, owner of J and W Brown, flax spinners, the house became the Caird Rest in 1911, gifted by Sir James Caird of Ashton Works as a place of rest and recreation for the aged. It is now a popular restaurant.



16 The Morgan Tower
135 Nethergate
Samuel Bell, 1793
Opposite the hotel, the building was refitted as apartments for Daniel Morgan with Bell's trademark 'Venetian' window in 1793. The building, like many of its era, was originally harled. It now houses a pharmacy.



17 Bonar Hall
Park Place
Gillespie, Kidd & Coia, 1977
Sir Herbert Bonar, a member of the jute manufacturing family, provided the funding. He was keen that his Hall should benefit local people as well as the University. His wish has been fulfilled, with the Hall hosting community events, including the annual Dundee Literary Festival.



18 Dundee Repertory Theatre
Tay Square
Nicoll Russell Studios, 1982
With its superb 450-seater auditorium, the 'Rep' has one of the best stages in Scotland in terms of its relationship with an audience. This inspired contemporary design, gutsy and with structural elements and raw materials exposed, was promoted in the late 1970s but only finished after a public appeal when funds ran out. It won an RIBA Architecture Award in 1986.



19 The Wellcome Trust Building & Discovery Centre
Old Hawkhill
BMJ Architects, 1997 & 2014
The modern, light-filled, £13m Wellcome Trust Building at the University of Dundee provides 250 life scientists and support workers with the ideal conditions to investigate the fundamental causes of disease. The Discovery Centre adds further to the concentration of science research and teaching in this area. The façade of the building features perforated panels on the key scales of Life Sciences, Molecular, Cellular, Tissue and Organellar.



20 Dundee House
50 North Lindsay Street
Reiach and Hall Architects, 2011
Dundee House is a daring new civic building which retains a connection with a grand past. It was created from the Victorian West Ward Calendar (a factory for flattening and polishing jute) as Dundee City Council's new centre of civic administration.



21 Dundee Central Mosque
6 Miln Street
Lucas Dow Design Studio, 1995
The first purpose-built mosque in north-east Scotland, roughly trapezoid, in smooth cream stone with a rounded copper roof and corner towers with minarets. The domed Mihrab projects on the south elevation.



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