



# Enjoy 48 Hours in Dundee

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**DUNDEE**   
ONE CITY, MANY DISCOVERIES

Welcome to Dundee, one of Scotland's most dynamic cities, where you are guaranteed a warm Scottish welcome, many places to eat and drink, great attractions and, because of Dundee's proximity to Fife, Angus and Perthshire, some breathtaking scenery. The city benefits from a central geographic location, and has an excellent road, rail and air network with daily flights to London Stansted.

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There is so much on offer - Dundee proudly celebrates its seafaring heritage. RRS Discovery, which was built in the city, is the vessel sailed by Captain Robert Falcon Scott on his first voyage to Antarctica in 1901. Whilst at City Quay you will discover one of the oldest British built wooden frigates still afloat, HM Frigate Unicorn.

Visit the award winning textile heritage centre, Scotland's Jute Museum @ Verdant Works including the newly refurbished High Mill or The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum, home to one of Scotland's most impressive collections of fine and decorative art. Visit Dundee's Museum of Transport and explore the city's cultural quarter, where the Dundee Repertory Theatre offers a wide range of genres and Dundee Contemporary Art housing two cinemas and contemporary art exhibitions. Behind the DCA you will find Dundee Science Centre.

Enjoy discovering Dundee city centre where the Overgate is the jewel in Dundee's retail crown. With its unique curved glass wall it is the only single sided mall in Europe. It is home to department stores and a host of well known high street names - truly a shopper's paradise.

Look out for Dundee's character statues



The pedestrianised High Street leads from the Overgate to Murraygate and to the Wellgate Shopping Centre which is home to a variety of retailers offering fantastic value shopping. Gallagher Retail Park is also within easy walking distance and offers major retail stores and plenty of parking.

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If you seek a more energetic city break you can explore any of the 32 golf courses nearby, the ice arena and the Olympia swimming pool complex with fitness suite. Dundee also boasts two football clubs, an indoor climbing centre, outdoor activity centre with dry ski slope, sailing and kayaking as well as the Green Circular Route for walking and cycling which circumnavigates Dundee. For the less adventurous stroll around the city at your own pace or join a walking tour.

[www.dundee.com/activities/38/activities](http://www.dundee.com/activities/38/activities)

<http://www.dundeewomenstrail.org.uk/>  
<http://www.dundeeheritagewalk.com/>  
<http://www.darkdundee.co.uk/>

You'll find one trip to Dundee is never enough, but where should you start? Here are some suggestions for an experience to remember...

## TIMELINE

### DAY 1

#### ARRIVE

Check-in, relax and spend the next 48 hours discovering a city full of life and energy.

[www.dundee.com/visit](http://www.dundee.com/visit)

#### Journey Planner

For all the latest bus route & service information to help plan your journey use Dundee City Council's route planner.

<http://nxbus.co.uk/dundee/>

#### AFTERNOON

##### Walk to City Square

On arrival at City Square you will see the impressive Caird Hall which is one of the finest concert halls in the country.

<http://www.dundee.com/activity/caird-hall>

##### High Street

If you fancy some retail therapy or just want to relax and unwind, visit one of Dundee's street cafés and watch the hustle and bustle of this vibrant city go by.

##### The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum

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Museum is home to one of Scotland's most impressive collections of fine and decorative art. This historic building oozes with Victorian splendour and was recently refurbished creating a museum for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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

##### HMS Frigate Unicorn - City Quay

HMS Frigate Unicorn is Scotland's only preserved warship. Launched in 1824 as a 46 gun frigate, the Unicorn is now also one of the oldest British-built ships afloat and the last ship left in the world to have survived from the golden age of sail almost completely as she was built.

[www.frigateunicorn.org](http://www.frigateunicorn.org)

#### EVENING

##### Time to Eat

Dundee has an eclectic selection of eateries from fine dining to family-friendly, with something to suit all pockets. The Metro Brasserie at the Apex Hotel, Castlehill Restaurant (Fine Dining), Rama (Thai), Piccolo (Italian), Oshibori (Japanese), Malmaison (Brasserie & Grill) Tailend Fish & Chips, and the unique Project Pizza to name but a few.

[www.dundee.com/activities/36/eat-&-drink](http://www.dundee.com/activities/36/eat-&-drink)

<https://food.list.co.uk/guides/dundee-larder/>

## Mills Observatory

The Mills Observatory, reached by a picturesque stroll up Balgay Hill, is Britain's only full time public observatory and houses powerful telescopes and a permanent astronomy exhibition. Visitors can enjoy breathtaking views of the stars and planets through a very impressive Victorian telescope. The new state of the art telescope makes it possible to hop from one object in the dark skies to another. Check the website for opening hours as they vary depending on the time of year. Booking may also be necessary.

<http://www.leisureandculturedundee.com/mills-home>

## DAY 2

### A Scottish Breakfast

You can't visit Dundee without sampling traditional Scottish fayre. Try some delicious locally made jams and our famous Dundee Marmalade with your tea and toast. Dundee has a wealth of cafés, serving breakfast menus, to choose from. No visit to Dundee is complete without sampling the famous Dundee Cake. Make sure you have space in your suitcase to take one home!

## MORNING

### RRS Discovery and Discovery Point

This five star visitor attraction is the focal point of the city's visitor scene, sitting at the heart of the waterfront and housing the restored RRS Discovery. Climb aboard and discover how the officers and crew survived for two winters trapped in the Antarctic ice. Enjoy the hands-on interactives, see the voyages come to life through films and artefacts

inside the Point, and of course, visit the gift shop or have some refreshments at the café.

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



AND/OR visit

### Scotland's Jute Museum @ Verdant Works

Verdant Works is a tale of two cities - both of them Dundee. Experience what thousands of people who worked in the jute mills during 19<sup>th</sup> century Dundee endured, whilst for the privileged few - the Jute Barons, it was a city of opportunity and wealth. At Verdant Works the rattle and roar of the original, restored machinery will transport you back over 100 years to an era when jute was king and Dundee was its realm. Entry fee includes a chance to view the recently restored High Mill and exhibitions.

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

## AFTERNOON

### **Dundee Science Centre**

Dundee Science Centre is open 363 days a year. It has a permanent exhibition which offers fun and interactivity for all, with science shows daily to add to the excitement and discovery. Temporary exhibitions also run throughout the year.

[www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk/index.php](http://www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk/index.php)

### **Dundee Museum of Transport**

The Museum of Transport is currently in temporary premises at Market Mews and looking forward to relocating to its permanent home in the former Maryfield Tram Depot in Forfar Road. The depot will be restored to its former glory and will showcase all the current exhibits and displays relating to shipbuilding, aviation, rail and road transport, and more.

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

### **The Cultural Quarter and Dundee Contemporary Arts**

Head towards the Cultural Quarter and stroll along the Perth Road to find a selection of the best boutiques, jewellers, galleries, antique dealers and specialist gift shops. You will also discover some of the best cafes and cocktail bars in the cultural quarter. Everything you could want for an enjoyable afternoon.

Also sitting in the heart of Dundee's cultural quarter is DCA, an internationally renowned centre for contemporary arts and culture. It boasts galleries attracting a succession of cutting edge exhibitions, two cinemas, a superior craft and design shop, print studio and cafe/bar. DCA has become one of the UK's most respected and innovative arts centres.

[www.dca.org.uk/](http://www.dca.org.uk/)

## EVENING

### **Pre-theatre dinner**

There are several delightful eateries in and around the Cultural Quarter to tempt you. 172 at the Caird, D'Arcy Thompson, Avery & Co, West House, Oshibori, The Tailend, Laings and Jute Cafe Bar at DCA are all just a few minutes walk from the Rep Theatre. If you'd prefer to dine at the theatre, The Encore bar and brasserie is also an ideal place for pre-theatre meals. If cocktails are what you fancy then you are in luck as Dundee has recently seen a flurry of new cocktail bars opening. Savour a delicious cocktail at Malbar - Malmaison or Boudoir Bar.



[www.dundee.com/activities/36/eat-&-drink](http://www.dundee.com/activities/36/eat-&-drink)

### **Dundee Rep Theatre**

Dundee Rep is a venue boasting the best in the performing arts from Scotland's award winning acting ensemble to stunning dance by Scottish Dance Theatre. It is firmly established as one of the leading theatres in the country, producing and showcasing an eclectic programme of high quality

drama, comedy, music and dance. The theatre is always buzzing with energy. Visit the popular cafe bar before catching a fantastic show.

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

## DAY 3

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### Breakfast

Before you check-out, enjoy breakfast, made with some local produce, browse a Scottish newspaper and catch up on the local news or just enjoy the ambience of your surroundings.

## MORNING STROLL

### Dundee Law

A trip to Dundee is not complete without a visit to the top of Dundee Law. The Law is an extinct volcano. There is much to be seen from the top of the Law with its spectacular views across the Tay estuary to the hills of Fife, north to the Sidlaw hills and on a clear day the beautiful surrounding villages and countryside. It is the highest point of the city and without a doubt the best viewing point.

<https://www.dundee.com/activity/dundee-law>

## AND/OR

### The University of Dundee Botanic Garden

Take a leisurely morning stroll around the University of Dundee Botanic Garden and you will be introduced to some unusual and exotic plants and trees. Located in 9.5 hectares of south facing, gently sloping land near the banks of the River Tay, the University of Dundee Botanic Garden features many species

of indigenous British plants as well as representative collections of important plants from all continents of the world.

[www.dundee.ac.uk/botanic](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/botanic)

## AFTERNOON

### Head for Broughty Ferry

Historically, Broughty Ferry was home to Dundee's Jute Barons. Its proximity to the sea and its slightly undulating landscape afforded most houses an excellent view of the River Tay. Today Broughty Ferry is a seaside town with some excellent shops, restaurants, boutiques, a fantastic beach and an imposing castle.

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

### Lunch

Enjoy lunch at one of the many pubs, cafes or restaurants in Broughty Ferry. There is a wide selection of cuisine available to tempt any taste. Have a drink and bite to eat in the cosy Ship Inn situated in an enviable waterfront location or enjoy some delicious tapas and hospitality in Sol y Sombra. Alternatively treat yourself to a fabulous lunch at Hotel Broughty Ferry or try some of the best of Scotland's larder at Tayberry Restaurant. Or stroll a bit further along the Esplanade and be rewarded with a sumptuous lunch at The Glass Pavilion which has a spectacular view of the River Tay.

### Broughty Castle Museum

Broughty Castle Museum houses fascinating displays on the life and times of Broughty Ferry, its people, the environment and the wildlife that live close by. Situated at the mouth of the Tay, the castle has a magnificent view over the river and is only minutes away from Broughty Ferry Beach and Esplanade.

Castle Green play ground is also close by with many activities on offer. Free admission to Castle Museum - open all year.

<http://www.leisureandculturedundee.com/broughty-castle-home>



### **Explore the outdoors at Broughty Ferry**

Enjoy a Tay River trip and do a spot of dolphin watching. Kayaking and taster sailing sessions are available from:

[www.dundeesailingclub.org.uk](http://www.dundeesailingclub.org.uk)  
[www.outdoorexplora.org.uk](http://www.outdoorexplora.org.uk)  
[www.taymara.org](http://www.taymara.org)  
[www.pirateboatsltd.com/trips.html](http://www.pirateboatsltd.com/trips.html)

Stroll along the beach or the promenade at the sea front and soak up the atmosphere. Broughty Ferry is a great place to spend a peaceful afternoon. Pop in to Visocchi's for a delicious artisan Italian coffee made by champion barista Marco or tempt yourself with the gorgeous array of award winning luxury ice creams on offer.

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

### **IF THERE'S TIME...**

**Prepare for a late afternoon or evening of live music**

To round off your trip with an evening to remember, enjoy a delightful meal in one of the excellent eateries offering delicious cuisine. Download the Dundee App for a comprehensive list of restaurants. Relax after dinner with some excellent live music. Whatever your taste is in music you will be enchanted by the variety of pub venues offering free live music. There's always a great atmosphere.

After that if you still have energy to dance, head for Club Tropicana/Vogue (80s & 90s) or Liquid night club for all the latest music releases.

<http://www.dundee.com/activity/entertainment>

Whenever you visit, Dundee is truly a city with many discoveries. There is a packed events programme offering year round activities including the Dundee Flower and Food Festival, Almost Blue, Dundee Jazz Festival, Dundee Science Festival, Discovery Film Festival, NEEON Festival, Ignite and Christmas Light Night.

[www.dundee.com/whats-on](http://www.dundee.com/whats-on)

### **V&A Dundee: 2018**

Opening on 15th September 2018, V&A Museum of Design Dundee will be the first ever dedicated design museum in Scotland and the only other V&A museum anywhere in the world outside London.

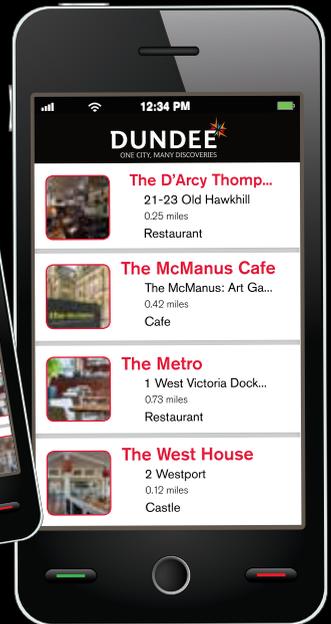
The international centre for design, located in the heart of Dundee's revitalised waterfront will host world-class design exhibitions, celebrate Scotland's illustrious design heritage and promote contemporary talent.

[www.vandadundee.org](http://www.vandadundee.org)



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