



Enjoy
48 Hours
in **Dundee**

www.dundee.com

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 (excluding Saturday) to London City.

www.dundee.com/visit

There is so much on offer - V&A Dundee opened in 2018 - It is the first ever dedicated design museum in Scotland and the only other V&A Museum anywhere in the world outside London. Among a host of other things 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, HMS Unicorn.

Visit the award winning textile heritage centre, Verdant Works including the 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 West End, where the Dundee Repertory Theatre offers a wide range of genres and Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA) 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 a host of well known high street names - truly a shopper's paradise.

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If you seek a more energetic city break you can try out cable wakeboarding at Wild Shore Dundee, play one of the many golf courses nearby or enjoy a visit to Dundee Ice Arena. 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 book one of the many fascinating tours on offer.

www.dundee.com/activities/38/activities

TOURS

[www.dundee.com/activity/
tours-trails-dundee](http://www.dundee.com/activity/tours-trails-dundee)
www.ddtours.co.uk

www.dundeewaterfrontwalks.scot
<https://openclosedundee.co.uk>
www.dundeemaritime.co.uk
www.dundeewomenstrail.org.uk
www.dundeeheritagewalk.com



**You'll find one trip to Dundee is never enough, but where should you start?
Here are some suggestions for an experience
in Scotland's new capital of cool!**

Day 1

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

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.

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

The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum is home to one of Scotland's most impressive collections of fine and decorative art. This historic building still oozes with Victorian splendour following its refurbishment to create a museum for the 21st century.

www.mcmanus.co.uk

HMS Unicorn - City Quay

HMS 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

JOURNEY PLANNER

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

[https://www.dundee.com/
discover/active-travel](https://www.dundee.com/discover/active-travel)



Dundee Eats

Dundee's unique "coast meets countryside" location means that around 70% of Scotland's fresh produce comes from within a 30-mile radius of Dundee - something we are really proud of. The city's centuries-old trading links and the thriving international student population and Dundonians love of good food has also led to a cosmopolitan choice of places to eat. For insider tips on eating, drinking and food generally in the city, checkout the DundeeEats guide www.dundee.com/dundeeEats

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. www.leisureandculturedundee.com/welcome-mills-observatory-0

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! www.dundee.com/dundeeEats

V&A DUNDEE

Allow yourself to be wowed by V&A Dundee

The international centre for design, located in the heart of Dundee's revitalised Waterfront, hosts world-class design exhibitions, celebrates Scotland's illustrious design heritage and promotes contemporary talent. Enjoy delicious food in the restaurant with a birds eye view of RRS Discovery, or just soak up the atmosphere over a coffee - V&A is a must see for everyone who visits Dundee. www.vam.ac.uk/dundee

RRS Discovery and Discovery Point

This five star visitor attraction is located adjacent to V&A Dundee at the Waterfront and is home to 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 and see the voyages come to life through film and artefacts. Take home a souvenir from the gift shop or enjoy a bite to eat in the café.

www.rrsdiscovery.co.uk



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 19th 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.verdantworks.co.uk

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

Dundee Museum of Transport

Opened in April 2014 at Market Mews. Hear about local transport pioneers and innovators as well as viewing vehicles from local and national collections including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Learn about Dundee's tram network, railway and marine history from a team of enthusiastic guides.

www.dmoft.co.uk

Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA)

Stroll along the Perth Road heading towards the DCA you will 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 area. Everything you could want for an enjoyable afternoon.

In the heart of Dundee's Perth Road is the 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

Pre-Theatre Dinner/Drinks

There are several delightful eateries in and around Downtown Dundee - Vandal & Co, Rancho Pancho, or head along the West End - Gallery48, The Gidi Grill, Kilted Kangaroo,

The Tailend, West House, Oshibori and Jute café bar at DCA are all just a few minutes walk from the Rep Theatre. The Encore bar and brasserie within the Rep is also an ideal venue for pre theatre food. If cocktails are what you fancy then savour a delicious cocktail at Draffens, The Blue Room, Toms or Malbar.

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

Day 3

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 trip to the top of Dundee Law. With its incredible history and geology. The Law's 174 metre peak is the city's highest point and its most distinctive landmark. The Law is easily accessed on foot or by car, offering a breathtaking view of the city and surrounding countryside. At the top of The Law is a war memorial to the fallen in both world wars which is lit on significant days.

www.dundee.com/activity/dundee-law

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

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.broughtyferry.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 Forgan's or try some of the best of Scotland's larder at Collinsons or Tayberry Restaurant. Or stroll a bit further along the Esplanade and be rewarded with a sumptuous lunch at The Glass Pavilion - Urban Beach 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.

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:

<https://dundeesailingclub.org.uk>

<https://outdoorexplora.org.uk>

www.taymara.org

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.

<https://visochhis.com>



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.

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 the Underground in South Tay Street, Fat Sams in South Ward Road for a boogie or take a few minutes walk to Club Tropicana and Venga for some 80's & 90's sounds.

WHAT'S ON...

V&A DUNDEE - Open on New Year's Day

FARMER'S MARKET - every 3rd Saturday of the month

NEW YEAR'S DAY DOOK - Jan 1st

DUNDEE SCIENCE FESTIVAL - February

DJCAD DEGREE SHOW - May

DUNDEE DESIGN MONTH - May

WESTFEST - June

BROUGHTY FERRY GALA WEEK - June/July

DOORS OPEN DAYS - September

DISCOVERY FILM FESTIVAL - October/November

DUNDEE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL - November

DUNDEE JAZZ FESTIVAL - November

NEON - DUNDEE DIGITAL ARTS FESTIVAL - November

CHRISTMAS IN DUNDEE - December

SATURDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES - Throughout the year

SLESSOR GARDENS GIGS & EVENTS - Throughout the year

For more information visit What's On:
www.dundee.com/whats-on

"The coolest little city in the UK"
-GQ Magazine

Dundee has been named "the Scottish renaissance city" in top 12 places UK city breaks to take in 2022 by **Conde Nast Traveller**