

# Dundee UNESCO City of Design



## 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.

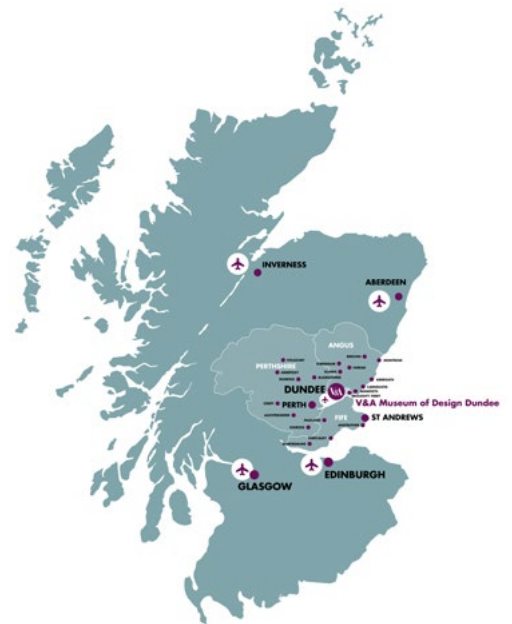
Dundee is the only UK UNESCO City of Design and is also bidding to become the European Capital of Culture for 2023. Discover the city's history with its monuments and landmarks, its maritime heritage, the arrival of jute or the city's new scientific and design excellence.

In 2018 a new V&A Museum of Design will open in Dundee, in a stunning purpose-built riverside museum, which will be an international centre of design for Scotland.

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, good food shops 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

**Ignite Festival**, various venues across Dundee

**Dundee Design Festival**, various venues across Dundee

### JUNE

**WestFest**, Magdalen Green

**Almost Blue**, various venues across Dundee

### JULY

**Broughty Ferry Gala Week**, various venues, Broughty Ferry

### AUGUST

**Alba Ale Fest**, Royal Tay Yacht Club, Broughty Ferry

**Blue Skies Festival**, Baxter Park

### SEPTEMBER

**Dundee Flower & Food Festival**, Camperdown Country Park

### OCTOBER

**Dundee Literary Festival**, various venues across Dundee

**Oktoberfest**, Discovery Quay

### NOVEMBER

**NEoN Digital Arts Festival**, various venues

**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



**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 2



**1**  
**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.  
T: 01382 309060  
E: [events@dundeheritage.co.uk](mailto:events@dundeheritage.co.uk)  
[www.rrsdiscovery.com](http://www.rrsdiscovery.com)



**2**  
**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@dundeheritage.co.uk](mailto:events@dundeheritage.co.uk)  
[www.verdantworks.com](http://www.verdantworks.com)



**3**  
**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](mailto:mail@frigateunicorn.org)  
[www.frigateunicorn.org](http://www.frigateunicorn.org)



**4**  
**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  
E: [manager@dmoft.co.uk](mailto:manager@dmoft.co.uk)  
[www.dmoft.co.uk](http://www.dmoft.co.uk)



**5**  
**Broughty Ferry Beach and Town** - guarded by historic Broughty Castle in the former fishing village of Broughty Ferry, the award-winning beach at the mouth of the River Tay, is the perfect place to relax. You might even spot seabirds, seals and the occasional porpoise or dolphin. After your visit to the beach, eat out in a fine selection of cafés, bars and restaurants in the town and browse charming boutique shops.  
[www.broughtyferry.co.uk](http://www.broughtyferry.co.uk)

## Day 3



**1**  
**Broughty Castle Museum** - discover the history of Broughty Ferry in this 15th century coastal fort, which once faced many sieges and now houses a museum telling the absorbing story of the town. Enjoy spectacular views over the Tay Estuary, where you might spot dolphins. Refreshments and a gift shop are on-site  
T: 01382 307200  
E: [broughty@leisureandculturedundee.com](mailto:broughty@leisureandculturedundee.com)  
[www.leisureandculturedundee.com](http://www.leisureandculturedundee.com)



**2**  
**Dundee Botanic Garden** - visit this beautiful garden and walk amidst collections 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](mailto:botanicgardens@dundee.ac.uk)  
[www.dundee.ac.uk/botanic](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/botanic)



**4**  
**Camperdown Country Park and Wildlife Centre** - Dundee's largest public park offers a range of activities including a wonderful wildlife centre, where you'll find European brown bears, ring-tailed lemurs and more, an 18-hole championship golf course, a pirate-themed adventure playground and woodland trails. The park hosts key events including Dundee Flower & Food Festival.  
T: 01382 431811  
E: [info@camperdownwildlifecentre.com](mailto:info@camperdownwildlifecentre.com)  
[www.camperdownwildlifecentre.com](http://www.camperdownwildlifecentre.com)



**5**  
**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](mailto:mills.observatory@leisureandculturedundee.com)  
[www.leisureandculturedundee.com/mills-home](http://www.leisureandculturedundee.com/mills-home)



**6**  
**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, its historic global and local industrial connections.  
[www.dundee.com](http://www.dundee.com)

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

## LIVE MUSIC IN DUNDEE

the perfect side dish  
with an evening meal

**Clarks on Lindsay Street** | 80 North Lindsay Street, DD1 1PS | [www.clarksonlindsaystreet.com](http://www.clarksonlindsaystreet.com)

Now a destination bar with an outstanding blend of contemporary interior and old-fashioned pub values.

**Mayfly** | 142 Perth Road, DD1 4JW

Low-key live music in the bar area with a subterranean private hire bar playing old-school vinyl. Has its own science and design inspired cocktail list.

**Duke's Corner** | 13 Brown Street, DD1 5EG | [www.dukescorner.co.uk](http://www.dukescorner.co.uk)

Burger and craft beer specialists from the Fuller Thomson stable, with eclectic music each weekend.

**Fisherman's Tavern** | 12-16 Fort Street, Broughty Ferry, DD5 2AD | [www.fishermanstavern-broughtyferry.co.uk](http://www.fishermanstavern-broughtyferry.co.uk)

Famous for its folk sessions.

**The Fort Hotel** | 48-60 Fort Street, Broughty Ferry, DD5 2AB | [www.fort-hotel.com](http://www.fort-hotel.com)

Music is an important part of The Fort's offering, alongside a varied Italian menu.

**Café Bar** | Dundee Contemporary Arts, 152 Nethergate, DD1 4DY | [www.jutecafebar.co.uk](http://www.jutecafebar.co.uk)

Live DJs at the weekend.

**The West House** | 2 West Port, DD1 5EP | [www.bar.thewesthouse.co.uk](http://www.bar.thewesthouse.co.uk)

Specialist DJ nights plus speciality pizzas.

For more food and drinks ideas go to [www.food.list.co.uk/guides/dundee-larder](http://www.food.list.co.uk/guides/dundee-larder)