

99 THINGS
TO SEE
AND DO
IN DUNDEE

Crowdsourced
City Guide 2016:
Recommended
by the people
who live here
and love it.

For fashion

The Cartocon Store, Manifesto Hard Grind (for cuts too), Arkive, M Boutique, MC Boutique and Carnaby's.

Places to stroll
and sights to see

70 The top of the Law, our extinct volcanic plug, is the best for panoramic views over Dundee, Perthshire, Angus and Fife. *'The Law offers a great walk and a beautiful overview of the city. From there you can map out places of interest and decide what areas you want to explore'*. Head along **71** Riverside at sunset and admire the Tay Rail Bridge, visit the **72** Riverside Nature Park, head to Maggie's Centre to admire world renowned architect, Frank Gehry's impressive building, from the outside only. Cycle the Green Circular, 27 mile route around the city. Stroll along the waterfront, currently being transformed and watch it change daily - also the site of the forthcoming V&A Dundee. If you appreciate a good statue, check out **75** Dundee's Penguins, whose outfits change regularly. **76** Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx stand at City Square whilst **77** Oor Wullie sits on his bucket just up the road. Then visit **78** Bash Street, another city-must for comic book fans. If you're a fan of the **79** Lemmings, they look out to the Tay, a stone's throw from the former game site of **80** DMA Design, where the world famous game was created.

Take it in...

The McManus Art Gallery and Museum has a stunning exterior and is the place to explore Dundee's impressive global impact. Dundee Contemporary Arts has everything under one roof - galleries, a two-screen cinema, print studio, restaurant, bar and cafe. Verdant Works takes you back to Dundee's jute textile past, with recently refurbished cathedral-like High Mill. Hannah Maclure Centre is an exhibition and cinema space within Abertay University. University of Dundee hosts four galleries at Exhibitions at DJCAD, a museum collection, and LifeSpace, a science art research gallery. Step onboard RRS Discovery to explore the famous polar expedition ship. Then visit nearby HM Frigate Unicorn. Dundee Rep Theatre and Scottish Dance Theatre produce and show world class performances. Gardyne Theatre and Caird Hall both offer a range of music, theatre and comedy. Visit Dundee Science Centre for hands-on learning. For visual art exhibitions often featuring local artists, check out GENERATORprojects.

Bites, drinks and sounds

Cafes

Folk Café and its sister cafe The Parlour offer healthy and imaginative daytime bites. Flame Tree Cafe caters all dietary requirements. Watch the world

Parks

Dundee has many great parks, including: **81** Camperdown Park and Wildlife Centre; **82** Balgay with great views and Mills Observatory; **83** Dudhope with popular skatepark; **84** Baxter Park with a grand pavilion; **85** Magdalen Green with bandstand is a great space on a sunny day; and the Botanic Gardens are too. **87** Kinshaldy Beach at Tentsmuir is stunning and has to be one of the UK's best, it's on route to St Andrews. **88** The Sidlaw Hills behind Auchterhouse are brilliant for endless walking. Get a day pass on the Number 73 bus and spend your day visiting a trio of great sandy beaches in **89** Carnoustie, Monifieth and Broughty Ferry - have a pint in the Fisherman's, an ice-cream Visocchi's, go dolphin watching, explore the Barnhill Rock Gardens and Broughty Ferry Castle.

go by in Henry's Coffee House at City Square. Stop by **17** The Auld Tram for takeaway drinks and sandwiches. Pacamara has an intercontinental brunch menu. Taypark House is set in stunning grounds, with Gin Bar and garden. Tea And Cake, The Palais, Avery & Co, Jessie's Kitchen in nearby Broughty Ferry and Newport based KitshnBake all do good homemade food and cake, lots of cake.

Restaurants

Visit The D'Arcy Thompson. The Italian Grill in City Square. The tiny Agacan for Turkish. Tahini for Lebanese. Manchurian for Dim Sum. Tapas at Sol Y Sombra. Kobee for teppanyaki. The Meat House for... meat! For fine dining, check out Castlehill, The Tayberry and The Newport.

Bars

Traditional pubs include Drouthy's, **37** George Orwell, The Speedwell and The Phoenix. For something different, The Wine Press, a wine bar with wine vending on tap. The West House features a print press themed interior. Jam Jar has a range of cocktails, including Dundee themed ones. The Art Bar is a West End institution, across from the art school with live music and laid back atmosphere. For beer, Duke's Corner have a whole wall of crafts on tap. Visit Scottish craft brewer's Innis & Gunn's The Beer Kitchen and Brewdog.

Behind the scenes

Here are a few of the organisations and festivals which keep the city creative all year round as the UK's only UNESCO City of Design.

Creative workspaces include

Fleet Collective, Wasps Studios, Tin Roof, **94** District 10, Unit 5 at Vision includes Dundee MakerSpace, V&A Dundee run events and activities in the run up to the doors opening in 2018. University of Dundee, Abertay University and Dundee & Angus College all have leading art/design courses and each have Degree Shows running in May.

Some of the many creative festivals to check out include: May - Dundee Design Festival, Degree Shows and Ignite Dundee; June - Dundee West Fest; Aug - Dare Protoplay; Sep - Flower and Food Festival; Oct - Dundee Literary Festival; Nov - NEoN Digital Arts Festival.

Live music

Clark's on Lindsay Street for good live sessions throughout the week. Formerly a library, The Reading Rooms is an underground club renowned for its ability to cross musical genres and keep things going late, since 2002. BeatGenerator Live has gigs by new talent and touring bands. Then, if you're peckish head to Clark's 24 Hour Bakery for a peh or a Helicopter.

Indie spots and shops

Make sure you visit Downtown Dundee (around Exchange Street/Dock Street), Nethergate/Perth Road/Westport, Union Street and Broughty Ferry.

Groucho's has rare and vintage finds of the vinyl variety and Assai has new vinyl and kit. DCA Shop stocks contemporary design and craft from near and far. Visit optical boutique, Spex Pistols for frames/lenses and brilliant interior/banter. Lovely Things, for all your interior design needs. Fluph for wool and yarn, workshops and classes. Fraser's Fruit and Veg and Clementines, both are local greengrocers stocking the best produce. Cheese galore at The Cheesery. HeartSpace Wholefoods with organic produce. Visit Gallery 48 to enjoy and buy work by local artists, over some tapas and wine. Step back in time at **62** JA Braithwaite's, the best place to buy quality ground coffee.



Creative Dundee connects and amplifies the city's creativity, to enable creative talent to base, grow and sustain their practice in and around Dundee. Visit us online for news, events and access to lots of other resources.

This is the second crowdsourced guide Creative Dundee has produced in collaboration with people who live here and love it, so huge thanks goes to everyone who took part. We hope you enjoy your time in Dundee and if you find this guide useful please do share your experiences:

This guide was produced by
with support from

IGNITE
DUNDEE





99 THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN DUNDEE

Crowdsourced City Guide 2016