

99 THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN DUNDEE

Crowdsourced City Guide 2017: Recommended by the people who live here and love it.



For independent clothing and accessories check out [The Cartocon Store](#), [Manifesto](#), [Hard Grind](#) (for cuts too), [Arkive](#), [M Boutique](#), [MC Boutique](#) and [fashion designer Hayley Scanlan's boutique shop](#).

Places to stroll and sights to see

[72](#) The top of the Law, our extinct volcanic plug, is the best for panoramic views over Dundee, Perthshire, Angus and Fife. [73](#) Head along Riverside at sunset and admire the Tay Rail Bridge, visit the [74](#) Riverside Nature Park, head to [75](#) 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. [76](#) Walk or cycle over the bridge to Fife, enjoy Slessor Gardens Discovery Walk and take in Sharing Not Hoarding, an experimental public art project. Visit Dundee Urban Orchard and stroll along the waterfront, also the site of the forthcoming V&A Dundee. If you appreciate a good statue, check out Dundee's [77](#) [a](#) Penguins, [77](#) [b](#) Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx, [77](#) [c](#) Oor Wullie, [77](#) [d](#) Bash Street, and the [77](#) [e](#) the Lemmings!

Parks

Dundee has many great parks, including: [78](#) Camperdown Park and Wildlife Centre; [79](#) Dudhope with popular skatepark; [80](#) Balgay with great views and Mills

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 (DCA) has everything under one roof - galleries, a two-screen cinema, print studio, restaurant, and Jute Cafe Bar. Verdant Works takes you back to Dundee's jute textile past. Hannah Maclure Centre is an exhibition and cinema space within Abertay University. University of Dundee hosts four galleries, 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 [GENERATOR](#)projects.

Bites, drinks and sounds

Cafes

Folk Café and its sister cafe [The Parlour](#) offer healthy and imaginative daytime bites. [Flame Tree Cafe](#) caters all. Watch the world go by in [Henry's Coffee House](#) at City Square. Stop by [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](#). [Gallery 48](#) with exhibitions too, and [Más](#) for Mexican tapas. [The Bach](#) for a hint of New Zealand, and [The Boozy Cow](#) where all profits go to local charities, and [The West House](#) featuring print presses, pizza and pasta. For fine dining, check out [Castlehill](#), [The Tayberry](#) and [The Newport](#) with next door [Tatha Gallery](#).

Bars

[George Orwell](#), [The Speedwell](#) and [The Phoenix](#). For something different, [The Wine Press](#), a wine bar with wine vending on tap. [Mayfly](#) and its [Door Below](#). [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](#). Also try Dundonian pilsner by [71 Brewing](#), and did someone mention [Draffens?](#) Shh...

Behind the scenes

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

Creative workspaces include

[Fleet Collective](#), [Wasps Studios](#), [Dundee Ceramics Workshop](#), [DCA Print Studio](#), [The Circle](#), [District 10](#), [Vision Building](#) includes Comics Creative Space, Dundee MakerSpace, NEoN Digital Arts, Biome Collective, Creative Dundee and more. [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; Sep - THIS Festival, and Flower and Food Festival; Oct - Dundee Literary Festival, Discovery Film Festival and Dundee Science 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. [Pretty Fly Studios](#) for locally designed gifts. [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. [Continental Food Store](#), up the Hilltown, 'an Alladdin's cave of food goodness'. Step back in time at [JA Braithwaite's](#), the best place to buy quality ground coffee.



CREATIVE DUNDEE

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 third 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:

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