

# 99 THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN DUNDEE

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## Places to stroll and see

**72** The top of the Law, our extinct volcanic plug, is the best for panoramic views over Dundee, Perthshire, Angus and Fife. Take the **73** Open/Close street art trail in the doorways of the city centre and Stobswell. Head along **74** Riverside at sunset and admire the Tay Rail Bridge, visit the **75** Riverside Nature Park, head to **76** 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. **77** 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 V&A Dundee. If you appreciate a good statue, check out **78 a** Dundee's Penguins, **78 b** Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx, **78 c** Oor Wullie, visit **78 d** Bash Street and **78 e** the Lemmings!

## Take it in...

**01** The McManus Art Gallery and Museum has a stunning exterior and is the place to explore Dundee's impressive global impact. **02** Dundee Contemporary Arts has everything under one roof – galleries, shop, a two-screen cinema, print studio, restaurant and Jute Cafe Bar. **03** Dundee Rep Theatre and Scottish Dance Theatre produce and show world class performances. **04** Verdant Works takes you back to Dundee's jute textile past. Step onboard **05** RRS Discovery to explore the famous polar expedition ship. Then visit nearby **06** HM Frigate Unicorn. **07** Dundee Museum of Transport. **08** Gardyne Theatre, **09** Whitehall Theatre and **10** Caird Hall offer a range of music, theatre and comedy. Visit **11** Dundee Science Centre for hands-on learning, and **12** Dundee Central Library's varied programme and resources. For visual art exhibitions often featuring local artists, check out **13** GENERATORprojects and **14** Cooper Gallery.

## Bites, drinks and sounds

### Cafes

**15** The Parlour offers healthy and imaginative daytime bites. **16** Flame Tree Cafe. Stop by **17** The Auld Tram for takeaway drinks and sandwiches. **18** Pacamara. **19** Taypark House, with Gin Bar and garden. **20** Tea And Cake. **21** Avery & Co. **22** Jessie's Kitchen in nearby Broughty Ferry and Newport-based **23** KitschnBake. **24** Butterfly Cafe is perfect for families with kids and you can find **25** Henry's in City Square.

### Parks

Dundee has many great parks, including: **79** Camperdown Park and Wildlife Centre; **80** Dudhope with popular skatepark; **81** The Factory skatepark is great too; **82** Balgay with great views and Mills Observatory; **83** Baxter Park with a grand pavilion; the city centre calm found in **84** The Howff cemetery; and **85** Magdalen Green with bandstand is a great space on a sunny day. **86** Kinshaldy Beach at Tentsmuir is stunning and has to be one of the UK's best. It's on route to St Andrews. **87** The Sidlaw Hills behind Auchterhouse are brilliant for endless walking. **88** Get a day pass on the Number 73 bus and spend your day visiting a trio of great sandy beaches in Carnoustie, Monifieth and Broughty Ferry – have a pint in the Fisherman's, an ice-cream in Visocchi's, explore Barnhill Rock Gardens, Broughty Ferry Castle and take a Pirate Boat to see the dolphins in the Tay Estuary. Arr. Back in Dundee, if you'd like to discover more about the city, or would like to hear about Dundee's dark past – check out DD Tours. If you're looking for dog friendly places to eat and drink, check out the website, Sit & Stay Dundee.

### Restaurants

Visit **26** The D'Arcy Thompson, **27** Agacan for Turkish, **28** Tahini for Lebanese, **29** Manchurian for Dim Sum, Tapas at **30** Sol Y Sombra, **31** Gallery 48 with exhibitions too, and **32** Más for Mexican tapas. **33** The Bach for a hint of New Zealand and **34** The Boozy Cow. For fine dining, check out this trio: **35 a** Castlehill, **35 b** Tayberry and **35 c** The Newport, complete with exhibitions at the adjoining Tatha Gallery. Also worth a visit, **36** Cafe Montmartre. **37** Dil'Se. **38** The West House.

### Bars

**39** The King of Islington. **40** George Orwell. **41** The Wine Press. **42** Mayfly. **43** Bird & Bear. **44** Jam Jar has a range of cocktails, including Dundee themed ones. **45** The Art Bar is a West End institution, across from the art school with live music and laid back atmosphere. For beer, **46** Duke's Corner has a whole wall of crafts on tap. Visit Scottish craft brewer Innis & Gunn's The Beer Kitchen, **48** Brewdog, **49** The **47** Speedwell and **50** Phoenix. Did someone mention Draffens and the Tiki Lounge at Underworld Cafe? Shh....

### Live music

**51** Clark's on Lindsay Street. **52** Conroy's Basement. **53** The Reading Rooms is an underground club renowned for its ability to cross musical genres. **54** Beat Generator Live has gigs by new talent and touring bands. Then, if you're peckish, **55** Clark's 24 Hour Bakery for a peh or a Helicopter.

## Behind the scenes

**89** 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 **90** Wasps Studios, **91** Dundee Ceramics Workshop, **92** DCA Print Studio, **93** The Circle, **94** Dundee Comics Creative Space and **95** Dundee MakerSpace. **96** University of Dundee, **97** Abertay University and **98** Dundee & Angus College all have leading art/design courses and each have Degree Shows running in May. **99** V&A Museum of Design, Dundee opening in September 2018 – designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, his first building in the UK.

Some of the many festivals to check out include: May – Dundee Design Month, Degree Shows; June – Dundee West Fest; Aug – Dundee Flower and Food Festival; Sep – Dundee Pride; Oct – Festival of the Future, Discovery Film Festival and Dundee Science Festival; Nov – NEOn Digital Arts Festival, Dundee Jazz Festival, Christmas Light Nights.



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## Indie spots and shops

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

**56** Groucho's has rare and vintage finds of the vinyl variety and visit optical boutique **57** Spex Pistols for frames/lenses and brilliant interior/banter. **58** DCA Shop for unique gifts and designs. **59** Fluph for wool and yarn, workshops and classes. **60** Fraser's Fruit and Veg. While in Broughty Ferry you can check out **61 a** Clementines, **61 b** Assai and **61 c** Pretty Fly Studios. And down-town you can go to **62 a** Cheesery, **62 b** HeartSpace Wholefoods, **62 c** JA Braithwaite's and **62 d** Hard Grind. **63** Cartoon. **64** Manifesto. **65** Arkive. **66** Fashion designer Hayley Scanlan's boutique shop. **67** Ahoy Comics. **68** This Way Up. Visit **69** 71 Brewing and try the Dundonian Pilsner. **70** Global Grocers. **71** La Freak.



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