

99 THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN DUNDEE

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Places to stroll and see

76 The top of the Law, our extinct volcanic plug, is the best for panoramic views over Dundee, Perthshire, Angus and Fife, and take a stroll along **77** Dighty Burn. Wander along **78** Riverside at sunset and admire the Tay Rail Bridge, visit the **79** Riverside Nature Park and **80** Dundee Botanic Gardens, then head to **81** 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. **82** Tayview Community Garden and **83** Ninewells Community Garden are also perfect for a visit. If you like street art or appreciate a good statue, take the **84** **a** Open/Close street art trail in the doorways of the city centre and Stobswell, **84** **b** Oor Wullie, **84** **c** Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx, **84** **d** Dundee's Penguins, get a takeaway drink or sandwich at **84** **e** The Auld Tram, then **84** **f** Bash Street, and **84** **g** the Lemmings! **85** 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. Then, walk or cycle over the bridge to Fife and discover Kinshaldy Beach at Tentsmuir which is stunning and has to be one of the UK's best, it's on route to St Andrews. **86** 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. Arrr. Don't miss the Outdoor Explore Kayaking and the Sidlaw Hills behind Auchterhouse are brilliant for endless

Take it in...

87 The McManus Art Gallery and Museum has a stunning exterior and is the place to explore Dundee's impressive global impact. **88** Dundee Contemporary Arts has everything under one roof – galleries, shop, a two-screen cinema, print studio, restaurant and Jute Cafe Bar. **89** Dundee Rep Theatre and Scottish Dance Theatre produce and show world class performances. **90** Verdant Works takes you back to Dundee's jute textile past. Step onboard **91** RRS Discovery to explore the famous polar expedition ship. Then visit nearby **92** HM Frigate Unicorn, and while you're there get active with Foxlake. **93** Dundee Museum of Transport tells the stories of local transport pioneers and innovators. **94** Gardyne Theatre, **95** Whitehall Theatre and **96** Caird Hall offer a range of music, theatre and comedy. Visit **97** Dundee Science Centre for hands-on learning, and **98** Dundee Central Library's varied programme and resources. **99** University of Dundee has a few exhibitions available in spaces: **100** **a** Cooper Gallery **100** **b** D'Arcy Thompson Zoology Museum and **100** **c** the exhibitions in the Tower Foyer & Lamb Galleries. For visual art exhibitions often featuring local artists, check out **101** GENERATORprojects and the window-based **102** Nomas* Projects. Then, explore Scotland's first Design Museum, **103** V&A Dundee!

Cafes

104 The Parlour. **105** Flame Tree Cafe. **106** Pacamara. **107** Taypark House, with Gin Bar and garden. **108** Tonic **109** Madigan's Food Emporium. **110** Sorbus. **111** Simpson's Cafe. **112** The 100% vegan Marwicks. **113** Blend Coffee Lounge.

walking. Go to Arbroath and check out Hospitalfield's programme dedicated to contemporary art. 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.

Parks

Dundee has many great parks, including: **114** Camperdown Park and Wildlife Centre; **115** Dudhope with popular skatepark; **116** Balgay with great views and Mills Observatory; **117** Baxter Park with a grand pavilion and **118** Magdalen Green with bandstand is a great space on a sunny day. The city centre calm found in **119** The Howff cemetery.

120 Accessibility of these locations has been reviewed on Euan's Guide - the disabled access review website. Visit: www.euansguide.com

121 Jessie's Kitchen in nearby Broughty Ferry and Newport-based **122** KitschnBake.

Restaurants

Visit **123** The Giddy Goose, **124** Agacan for Turkish, **125** Dil'Se for Indian and Bangladeshi, **126** Más for Mexican tapas, **127** Tahini for Lebanese, and **128** Manchurian for Dim Sum. Tapas at **129** Sol Y Sombra, and **130** Gallery 48 with exhibitions too. **131** The Bach for a hint of New Zealand and **132** Cafe Montmartre for French Cuisine. For fine dining, check out **133** **a** Castlehill, **133** **b** Tayberry and **133** **c** The Newport, complete with exhibitions at the adjoining Tatha Gallery. Also worth a visit, **134** Daisy Tasker, **135** The West House, and **136** Bridgeview Station.

Bars

137 The Wine Press. **138** St Andrews Brewing Co. **139** The King of Islington. **140** Bird & Bear and right next door you can go to Abandon Ship. **141** Wild Rover. **142** Dynamo. For beer, **143** Brewdog, **144** Duke's Corner has a whole wall of crafts on tap. Scottish craft brewer **145** Innis & Gunn's The Beer Kitchen, and **146** The Phoenix. **147** The Art Bar is a West End institution, across from the art school with live music and laid back atmosphere. Go up Perth Road for **148** George Orwell and **149** The Speedwell. Did someone mention Draffens and the Tiki Lounge at Underworld Cafe? Shh....

Behind the scenes

Here are a few of the organisations and festivals which keep the city creative as the UK's only **150** UNESCO City of Design. Creative workspaces include: In the West End you can find **151** **a** Wasps Studios, **151** **b** Scrapantics, **151** **c** Dundee Ceramics Workshop, **151** **d** Dundee MakerSpace, **151** **e** Dundee Comics Creative Space in Vision and **152** DCA Print Studio. **153** University of Dundee, **154** Abertay University and **155** Dundee & Angus College all have leading art/design courses and each have Degree Shows running in May. **156** The Circle is a hub for charities, social enterprises, community groups and socially aware businesses in Dundee.

Some of the many festivals to check out include: March – Dundee Women's Festival; May – Dundee Design Month and Dundee Design Festival (biennial), Degree Shows; June – Dundee WestFest; July - Dundee Summer Streets Festival; Sep – Dundee Pride, Dundee Flower and Food Festival; Oct – Festival of the Future, Discovery Film Festival, Dundee Science Festival; Nov – NEOn Digital Arts Festival, Dundee Jazz Festival, Christmas Light Nights.



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Live music

157 Clark's on Lindsay Street. **158** Conroy's Basement. **159** The Reading Rooms is an underground club renowned for its ability to cross musical genres. **160** Beat Generator Live has gigs by new talent and touring bands. Then, if you're peckish, **161** 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.

162 Groucho's has rare and vintage finds of the vinyl variety, and **163** DCA Shop for unique gifts and designs, then optical boutique, **164** Spex Pistols for frames/lenses and brilliant interior/banter. **165** The Cartoon Store, and fashion designer **166** Hayley Scanlan's boutique shop. **167** This Way Up for previously loved books and new records. **168** Le Freak. **169** Fraser's Fruit and Veg. Visit **170** 71 Brewing and try the Dundonian Pilsner. **171** Fluph for wool and yarn, workshops and classes. **172** Manifesto. **173** Arkive. **174** Dock Street Studios. Downtown you can go to **175** **a** Cheesery, **175** **b** HeartSpace Wholefoods, **175** **c** Hard Grind and **175** **d** JA Braithwaite's. While in Broughty Ferry you can check out **176** **a** Clementines, **176** **b** Assai Records and **176** **c** Pretty Fly Studios.



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