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Known as the Granite City because of the locally quarried stone, Aberdeen, the capital of northeastern Scotland, is one of the most distinctive cities in Great Britain. Surrounded by magnificent scenery, it mixes rich history, beautiful granite architecture and traditional industries with a flurry of leisure and entertainment amenities. It has a vibrant arts scene, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and one of the most buoyant economies in the country. Scotland’s third largest city truly has something to offer to everyone.

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Built at the mouth of two of Scotland's major rivers, the Dee and the Don, with the spectacular Grampian Mountains to the west, and miles of unspoiled and beautiful coastline to the east, Aberdeen is a perfect destination for nature lovers. But travellers who would rather stay in urban surroundings will also have plenty to see – despite its northerly location, Aberdeen features splendid architectural delights, a highly cosmopolitan feel, exciting nightlife and a wide variety of cultural sights and events bound to please all.

Early Aberdeen consisted of two settlements: one in what is today known as Old Aberdeen, and another on St Katherine's Hill near the harbour. Modern Aberdeen began to take shape in the late 18th century on St Katherine's Hill in a development that featured some spectacular engineering projects. Engineering is still a theme in today's Aberdeen, following the discovery of oil in the North Sea in 1969, which has earned Aberdeen its modern nicknames, the "Oil Capital of Europe" or the "Houston of the North." The oil has been highly significant for the development of this thriving city, as it has boosted the local economy, resulting in low unemployment rates and a reputation for being one of the most desirable places in Britain to live and work.

DO & SEE



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Visitors to Aberdeen love to wander through the streets admiring the unique granite edifices and taking in the historical sights like King's College, St. Machar's Cathedral, Marischal College and the Kirk of St. Nicholas Uniting. But there is also plenty in the way of attractions, museums, parks and gardens, and of course, there are numerous fairy tale castles and historic distilleries within easy reach of the city which should not be missed.

Gordon Highlanders Museum



Explore the history of one of the British Army's most celebrated regiments, the Gordon Highlanders Infantry, which was raised in the late 18th century. The museum features the finest of the regiment's treasures, special exhibitions and the chance for children to dress up in a Gordon Highlanders uniform. The museum is surrounded by a beautiful and tranquil park, open to visitors and also hosts a shop and a tea room.

Photo: Rennett Stowe/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: St. Luke's, Viewfield Road, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 10.00-16.30 Tue-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 311 200
Internet: www.gordonhighlanders.com
Email: museum@gordonhighlanders.com

More Info: Closed on Sunday and Monday.

Duthie Park Winter Gardens



Duthir Park is one of the best loved parks in Aberdeen, housing one of the largest covered gardens in Europe. Exotic plants and flowers from both tropical and arid climates can be admired at the Winter Garden, including Britain's largest collection of cacti. Additionally, just outside the covered gardens there is a lovely Japanese garden that commemorates the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Photo: Lawrence Jackson/Shutterstock.com
Address: Polmuir Road, Aberdeen
Opening hours: Daily 08.00 until 1 hour before dusk.
Phone: +44 1224 585 310
Internet: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/environment/parks/duthie-park
Email: wintergardens@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Castle Fraser



Travelers who have time to leave Aberdeen for a day trip should head out to Castle Fraser. A magnificent building dating back to 1575, featuring historic furnishings, paintings and embroidery, the impressive Great Hall, and a library filled with family books, as well as concert space, parks, woodland walks, a tea room and a children’s adventure playroom.

Photo: Ruth Black/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sauchen Inverurie, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 10.00-16.00 Wed-Sun.
Phone: +44 1330 833463
Internet: www.nts.org.uk/castlefraser
Email: castlefraser@nts.org.uk
More Info: Closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Codona’s Amusement Park



Fun for all ages, Codona’s offers a raft of rides and attractions worthy of the best amusement parks. There is also an indoor entertainment centre available, Sunset Boulevard, and a games and entertainment area called Miami Beach. Both are open year-round.

Photo: Bertl123/Shutterstock.com
Address: Beach Boulevard, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 595 910
Internet: www.codonas.com
Email: sales@codonas.com

Aberdeen Maritime Museum



As one of Britain’s busiest harbours with a rich maritime heritage, a visit to the Maritime Museum with its splendid views of the harbour is a must when visiting Aberdeen. Find out what it is like to work on a North Sea oil rig or explore the hundreds of ship models and exhibits about shipbuilding, whaling, life and work at sea, and learn about Aberdeen’s special relationship with the sea.

Photo: Oyoyoy/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Shiprow, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 10.00-17.00 Mon-sat; 12.00-15.00 Sun.
Phone: +44 1224 337 700
Internet: www.aagm.co.uk/venues/aberdeenmaritimemuseum/amm-overview.aspx
Email: info@aagm.co.uk

Aberdeen Science Centre



The Aberdeen Science Centre is an immensely popular science and technology centre with entertaining, interactive and hands-on exhibits and shows that engage children of all ages and lead them to fascinating discoveries about the world around them.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: Constitution St. 179, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 640 340
Internet: www.aberdeensciencecentre.org
Email: info@asc.scot

St. Machar's Cathedral



There is evidence of there being some sort of church or chapel at this location as far back as the 6th century, though the building that stands there today dates back only as far as the XIV century. The cathedral's design is stunning,the highlights being the sandstone spires and painted wood ceiling.

Photo: Gordon Robertson/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: The Chanonry 18, Aberdeen
Opening hours: Daily 09.30-16.30 (April to October) and 10.00-16.00 (November to March)
Phone: +44 1224 485 988
Internet: www.stmachar.com
Email: office@stmachar.com

Brig o'Balgownie



Not far from the picturesque Seaton Park stands Brig o'Balgownie, Scotland's oldest bridge. This simple stone landmark has spanned the width of the River Don since the XIII century and was even referenced by Lord Byron, who briefly studied in the area, in his epic poem Don Juan.

Photo: Gordon Robertson/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Bridge of Don, Old Aberdeen
Internet: www.visitabdn.com/attractions-and-activities/view/brig-o-balgownie

King's College, University of Aberdeen



The King's College building is emblematic of the University of Aberdeen, with its iconic 17th-century tower that features a stone replica of Charlemagne's crown at its top. Founded in the late 15th century, the historic university building is a major draw for tourists, and self-guided tours are available on the website.

Photo: Heartland Arts/Shutterstock.com
Address: University of Aberdeen, King's College, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 272 000
Internet: www.abdn.ac.uk

Aberdeen Art Gallery



Aberdeen Art Gallery has comprehensive collections with works from the 17th-20th centuries. Both Scottish and international artists are represented, including famous impressionists like Monet and Renoir, as well as local painters

like George Jameson, William Dyce, John Philip and Charles Rennie MacKintosh.

Photo: Reading Tom/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Schoolhill 61, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 300 020 0293
Internet: www.aagm.co.uk/Visit/AberdeenArtGallery/aag-overview.aspx
Email: info@aagm.co.uk

Marischal College



Appropriately for the 'Granite City' of Aberdeen, Marischal College, which today houses the city's municipal offices, is the second largest granite building in the world, crowned by the 72-metre-tall Mitchell Tower. At night the side of the building is beautifully decorated with different light patterns.

Photo: Anton Kossmann/Shutterstock.com
Address: Broad St., Aberdeen
Internet: www.abdn.ac.uk/about/campus/marischal-college-394.php

The Kirk of St. Nicholas Uniting



This stunning church and the solemn graveyard that surround it date back to the XII century. Under the church there is an old crypt from the 1400's, which was used during the XVII century as a prison for women who were believed to be witches. Nowadays this membership boasts strong membership of both the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church.

Photo: Ikiwaner/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Union St., Aberdeen
Opening hours: 12.00-16.00 Mon-Fri.
Phone: +44 1224 643 494
Internet: www.kirk-of-st-nicholas.org.uk
Email: mither.kirk@btconnect.com

Glenfiddich Distillery



Glenfiddich, which means 'Valley of the Deer' in Scottish Gaelic, is the world's best-selling and most awarded single-malt whisky, and about halfway between Aberdeen and Inverness lies the distillery, which can be visited and toured, and you can naturally sample and purchase delicious whisky.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Glenfiddich Distillery, Dufftown Banffshire, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1340 820 373
Internet: www.glenfiddich.com
Email: glenfiddichbookings@wgrant.com

Dunnottar Castle



Few places evoke the spirit of the Scottish highlands as poignantly as Dunnottar Castle, a ruined fortress perched atop rugged rocky cliffs overlooking the North Sea, just 3 kilometres away from the town of Stonehaven. The buildings that remain date from the 15th and 16th centuries, and the combination of ruins and setting make for a memorable feeling and experience.

Photo: Bill McKelvie/Shutterstock.com
Address: Dunnottar Castle, Stonehaven, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1569 762 173
Internet: www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk
Email: dunnottarcastle@btconnect.com

Craigievar Castle



Craigievar Castle looks like it was taken straight out of a fairy tale. Completed in 1626, it stands as a fine example of Scottish Baronial architecture, and both interior and exterior are jaw-dropping in their beauty, attention to detail and lavishness.

Photo: Targn Pleiades/Shutterstock.com
Address: Craigievar Castle, Craigievar, Alford
Phone: +44 1339 883 635
Internet: www.nts.org.uk/Property/Craigievar-Castle/
Email: craigievarcastle@nts

DINING



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Given its location by the sea, Aberdeen truly is a dream destination for travellers with a culinary interest and a taste for seafood, with fresh fish, crab and lobster in abundance. However, being a multi-cultural city, there is something to suit everyone's tastes, with offers ranging from traditional Scottish dishes to Italian, French, Greek, Turkish and Chinese, as well as some highly praised Hungarian restaurants.

The Lodge On The Loch



For a truly unique dining experience, head to the Lodge of the Loch. They offer everything from bar suppers, to three-course dinners and a blend of traditional and modern dishes. All food is freshly prepared with local products. The restaurant is located in amazing surroundings, overlooking the splendour and beauty of Cairngorm National Park.

Photo: Anne Burgess/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: The Lodge on the Loch of Aboyne, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1339 886 444
Internet: www.thelodgeontheloch.com
Email: info@thelodgeontheloch.com

Silver Darling



Named after the local term for herring, the Silver Darling offers a wide selection of the best the sea can offer, in a location with wonderful views of the fishing village of Footdea on one side and the harbour and beach on the other. It is absolutely the place to go if you want to take advantage of high quality food, a stunning view and a very kind staff.

Photo: Stanley Howe/geograph.org.uk(image cropped)
Address: Pocra Quay, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 576 229
Internet: www.thesilverdarling.co.uk
Email: reservations@thesilverdarling.co.uk

Goulash



Described as a “wonderful little gem of a restaurant” by locals, this Hungarian eatery offers great value for money with a wide range of Hungarian specialities on the menu which will satisfy vegetarians, children and all the customers´ tastes. It is not the largest of restaurants in the city, so make sure to book a table in advance.

Photo: VICUSCHKA/Shutterstock.com
Address: Adelphi 17, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 210 530
Internet: www.goulashrestaurant.co.uk
Email: booking@goulashrestaurant.co.uk
More Info: Closed on Monday.

The Ashvale



Believed by many to have the very best Fish and Chips in Great Britain, The Ashvale Fish Restaurant is an Aberdeen institution, receiving over 30,000 visitors each week. The speciality of the house is seafood, but the menu is actually quite varied and includes steak and vegetarian options, among many others.

Photo: stocksolutions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Great Western Road 42/48, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 596 981
Internet: www.menu.theashvale.co.uk
Email: rosemary@theashvale.co.uk

Aperitivo



Aperitivo strives to bring a slice of Italian life to Aberdeen, celebrating the spirit of the eponymous 'aperitivo', a chance to catch up with friends and unwind after a long day over a glass of wine and some home-made cooking. This restaurant offers a taste of southern Italy using only the very best local produce.

Photo: andrecastro/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bon Accord St. 15, Aberdeen
Opening hours: Daily 10.00-22.00
Phone: +44 1224 232 707
Internet: www.aperitivoaberdeen.com
Email: aperitivoaberdeen@gmail.com

Yorokobi by CJ



Yorokobi by Chef Jang offers perhaps the best East Asian cuisine in Aberdeen. Very affordable Japanese and Korean specialty dishes feature prominently on an extensive menu composed entirely of high-quality ingredients.

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Address: Huntly St. 51, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 7528 235 094
Internet: www.yorokobibycj.co.uk

Moonfish Cafe



With unbeatable views of the 12th-century Kirk of St Nicholas, in the heart of Aberdeen's Merchant Quarter, Moonfish Cafe features an ever-evolving menu full of creative and innovative British dishes, all made with local and seasonal produce.

Special attention is given to the selection of the restaurant's impressive gin list.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com
Address: Correction Wynd 9, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 644 166
Internet: www.moonfishcafe.co.uk
Email: info@moonfishcafe.co.uk

CAFES



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Aberdeen may be better known for its pubs than its cafes, but the city is host to a wide range of quaint and often unique tea and coffee houses. From beach-front locations to charming courtyards, you can find everything from chocolate coffee houses to special vegan bakeries and bookstore cafes, all perfect places to take a break from sightseeing.

Cafe 52



This café is a central meeting point in the city both for locals and tourists. They serve delicious seasonal food, lighter meals like soups and salads, and also tapas and cocktails. The cafe is small and quaint, but full of style and personality.

Photo: Beth Swanson/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Green 52, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 12.00-00.00 Mon-Sat; 12.00-16.00 Sun.
Phone: +44 1224 590 094
Internet: www.cafe52.net
Email: info@cafe52.co.uk

Books and Beans



Books and Beans, the first independent fair trade coffee shop in Aberdeen, serves light meals and snacks, homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and panini, as well as a range of excellent fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate. The second floor houses a second-hand bookstore and internet cafe.

Photo: Mutita Narkmuang/Shutterstock.com
Address: Belmont St. 22, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 07.45-16.30 Mon-Sat; 09.45-15.45 Sun.
Phone: +44 1224 646 438
Internet: www.booksandbeans.co.uk
Email: sales@booksandbeans.co.uk

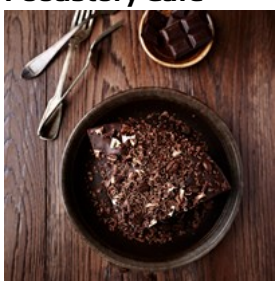
Café Bohème



Both traditional and modern French cuisine with an innovative twist are showcased in this elegant and cosy restaurant and café, including confit de canard and white wine mussels. Visitors would also be wise to try the desserts, such as lemon-raspberry creme brûlée and profiteroles.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Windmill Brae 23, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 12.00-13.45 / 18.00-21.00 Tue-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 210 677
Internet: www.cafebohemerestaurant.co.uk

Foodstory Cafe



Foodstory Cafe believes in bringing people together. They take pride in providing not only a place to eat great, healthy food, but where people can feel like part of a community through art and music. The furniture that fills this cosy space was all donated or built from salvaged parts and is thus completely unique, and helps give the place its one-of-a-kind vibe.

Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com
Address: Thistle St. 13/15, Aberdeen
Internet: www.foodstorycafe.co.uk
Email: hello@foodstorycafe.co.uk
More Info: Vegetarian/Vegan.

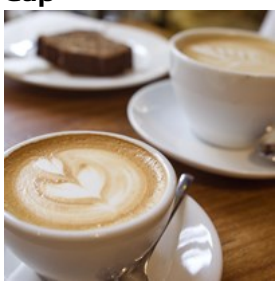
The Coffee House



The Coffee House is a spacious but cosy cafe that hosts all manner of great concerts and events. There is a live acoustic night every Friday, and there are plenty of other concerts and dance performances. Some nights even the audience gets involved with Latin dancing or open mic nights.

Photo: Undrey/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gaelic Lane 1, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 478 621
Internet: www.coffeehouseabz.com
Email: admin@coffeehouseabz.com

Cup



Cup is an elegant tea salon that is as famous for its great selection of artisan teas and high-quality Italian gourmet coffees as it is for its delicious and decadent desserts, among which visitors can find cupcakes, pastries, cakes, muffins and many more.

Photo: Jan Knop/Shutterstock.com
Address: Little Belmont St. 9, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 637 730
Internet: www.cupcafe.co.uk
Email: cupaberdeen@live.com

Contour Cafe



Contour Cafe is a young, independently-run Aberdeen business whose website says it all: "Good coffee. Awesome sandwiches. Nice folk." Their coffee is 100% fair trade Arabica beans from South America, and their sandwiches can be ordered just the way you want them: plain, spicy "or just downright weird".

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Green 47, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 582 151
Internet: www.contourcatering.co.uk
Email: orders@contourcatering.co.uk

The Pavilion Cafe



The Pavilion Cafe boasts one of the best locations in the city, right on the esplanade, overlooking the North Sea. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee topped with a mountain of whipped cream and a fresh

crepe or waffle along with the beautiful view of the sea.

Photo: Iain Cameron/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Esplanade 5/6, Sea Beach, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 591 741
Internet: www.thepavilioncafe.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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With two universities and a large number of people spending time in the city while on leave from the North Sea oil rigs, Aberdeen has a raft of bars and pubs to cater for their needs, making it an ideal party city. With such an abundance of great bars, it comes as no surprise that Aberdeen also offers some great clubs that are bound to give you a memorable experience. But do not ignore the city's numerous cultural events and offerings, with plenty of live music venues and world-class theatres putting on some unique and memorable shows.

Revolution Aberdeen



With nearly a hundred different vodkas as well as cocktails, beer and other spirits on offer, Revolution is the perfect place to prepare for a night out or simply to just enjoy a drink. The music is house-orientated with a jazzy edge that normally gets the crowd moving. The place also offers food, and features a decked terrace overlooking the Union Terrace gardens.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Belmont St. 25, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 645 475
Internet: www.revolution-bars.co.uk
Email: service@revolution-bars.co.uk

Siberia Vodka Bar



One of the hottest hangouts in Aberdeen, Siberia is a spacious and a bright venue, perfectly suited for a relaxing drink – particularly vodka – or just a fun night out. They offer food, and the place also features a heated and covered balcony and pool tables.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com
Address: Belmont St. 9, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 645 328
Internet: www.siberiavodkabar.co.uk
Email: siberia-vb@hotmail.co.uk

The Grill



One of Aberdeen’s oldest and most well-known pubs, the Grill was established as a restaurant in 1870, later converted into a pub, and has been left virtually unchanged since the 1920s. Not a choice for tired shoppers, as it is very much a standing pub because of its long bar counter.

Photo: IanRedding/Shutterstock.com
Address: Union St. 213, Aberdeen
Opening hours: Daily 10.00-00.00.
Phone: +44 1224 573 530
Internet: www.thegrillaberdeen.co.uk
Email: info@thegrillaberdeen.co.uk

Krakatoa



Formerly known as the Moorings Bar, a rock bar with frequent live performances very popular among locals, this establishment has undergone a huge transformation, reinventing itself now as Krakatoa, a colourful and vibrant tiki dive bar with wacky decor and plenty of personality.

Photo: somsak nitimongkolchai/Shutterstock.com
Address: Trinity Quay 2, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 14.00-00.00 Sun-Thur; 14.00-03.00 Fri-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 587 602
Internet: www.krakatoa.bar
Email: volcanictiki@krakatoa.bar

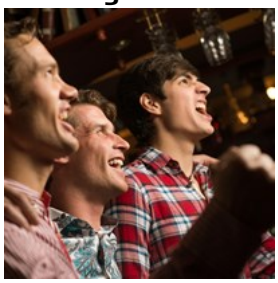
Soul Bar



Soul is without a doubt one of the most unique bars in Aberdeen, located as it is in a beautiful old church. It still retains many of the original features, like the stained-glass windows, ornate decor, and even the old pulpit, from where the DJ spins his tracks.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com
Address: Union St. 333, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 11.00-00.00 Sun-Thur; 11.00-02.00 Fri-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 211 150
Internet: www.pbdevco.com/soul.html
Email: soul@pbdevco.com

The Stag



The Stag is a traditional pub right in the heart of Aberdeen, a favourite meeting place and centre of nightlife in the city. It boasts a great selection of lagers, ales, fine wines and whiskies and offers hearty servings of homemade cooking prepared with local ingredients. The large TV screen sports events, thus gathering large crowds on game days.

Photo: Khakimullin Aleksandr/Shutterstock.com
Address: Crown St. 6, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 11.00-00.00 Sun-Thur; 11.00-01.00 Fri-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 592 929
Internet: www.thestag.co.uk
Email: info@thestag.co.uk

His Majesty's Theatre



Aberdeen is a culturally vibrant city, and His Majesty's Theatre is one of the major proponents. Seating over 1,400, the breathtaking auditorium regularly hosts performances of award-winning plays and musicals, as well as musical and other acts. Check the website to find out what's happening during your stay.

Photo: aerogondo2/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 09.30-18.00 Mon-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 641 122
Internet: www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/venues/his-majestys-theatre
Email: tickets@aberdeenperformingarts.com
More Info: The theatre is also open on Sundays during December for Panto.

Breakneck Comedy Club



For a bit of a different night out, check out the Breakneck Comedy Club. They host weekly comedy shows where both local and international comedians perform. The club also promotes young and new comics, inviting them to try out their material.

Photo: Namphon2U/Shutterstock.com
Address: King St. 22/24, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 20.00-23.00 Thur-Sun.
Phone: +44 7702 305 532
Internet: www.breakneckcomedy.co.uk
Email: breakneckcomedy@live.co.uk

The Lemon Tree



The Lemon Tree is one of the three foremost cultural performance venues in Aberdeen, together with His Majesty's Theatre and the Music Hall. It specialises in alternative entertainment and experimental music and theatrical, as well as comedy, spoken word and other performances.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com
Address: West North St. 5, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 641 122
Internet:
www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/venues/the-lemon-tree

BrewDog Aberdeen



BrewDog Aberdeen was the original flagship pub of a now huge international chain. They brew their own lines of fantastic craft beers, and the knowledgeable staff are happy to guide you through a tour of their many varieties. Come with your friends and with your dogs. Both are always welcome in BrewDog.

Photo: MaxyM/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gallowgate 17, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 631 223
Internet: www.brewdog.com/bars/uk/aberdeen
Email: aberdeenbar@brewdog.com

Sing City



Sing City is widely accepted as Aberdeen's best karaoke bar, featuring numerous private rooms that can fit up to 30 people for parties and events. The facilities are top-notch, and the service and hospitality of the staff are renowned.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Chapel St. 74, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 17.00-01.00 only Fri-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 638 989
Internet: www.singcityaberdeen.co.uk
Email: info@singcity.co.uk

SHOPPING



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As the traditional centre for commerce for the whole of northeastern Scotland, Aberdeen has been the region’s number one shopping centre

for hundreds of years and boasts a wide range of shops and malls. The traditional main streets are Union Street and George Street, which offer superb swanky shopping, while the Bon Accord, St. Nicholas and Trinity shopping centres offer visitors the chance to buy high-quality items indoors, as well as Castlegate Market, a cobblestone square that hosts a market seven days a week.

Teasel & Tweed



Teasel & Tweed sells charming and unique handcrafted souvenirs and decorative items for the home, including paintings, knick-knacks and even specially-commissioned products like whisky cask cabinets. It is a great alternative for home accessories and unusual gifts, and doubles as a small and adorable tea house.

Photo: MNStudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rosemount Viaduct 85, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 10.00-17.00 Tue-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 652 352
Internet: www.teaselandtweed.com
Email: us@teaselandtweed.com

Union Square Shopping Centre



Union Square Shopping Centre, with its central location right next to the main train station, offers every amenity one would expect from a modern mall, including restaurants, cafes, the city's largest cinema with 10 screens, and of course plenty of shops.

Photo: Dragon Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Guild Square 12, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 254 300
Internet: www.unionsquareaberdeen.com
Email: unionsquare@mcfrank.uk
More Info: Union Square, Management Suite, First Level Mall.

The Aberdeen Whisky Shop



For the best of Scotch whisky (not whiskey), be sure to check out The Aberdeen Whisky Shop. Besides the wonderful selection of only the choicest whiskys, they also occasionally host Aroma Academy, workshops that teach you to appreciate the subtleties of different varieties of whisky so that you know what to look for in the future.

Photo: Cedric Weber/Shutterstock.com
Address: Union St. 474, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 10.00-18.00 Mon-Wed; 10.00-19.00 Thur-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 647 433
Internet: www.aberdeenwhiskyshop.co.uk
Email: kasia@aberdeenwhiskyshop.co.uk
More Info: Closed on Sunday.

Juniper



Juniper is a charming independent, family-run business that offers a large variety of traditional and contemporary accessories and items, including jewellery, gifts, homeware, pictures and furniture. They specialise in Scottish and British products, though their ample selection includes international products, as well.

Photo: Hanka Steidle/Shutterstock.com
Address: Belmont St. 35, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 09.30-17.30 Mon-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 640 480
Internet: www.juniperaberdeen.co.uk

Email: info@juniperaberdeen.co.uk
More Info: Closed on Sunday.

McCalls Highlandwear



McCalls has been the region's leading supplier of highland formal wear since it began operation in 1887 due to their renowned craftsmanship, quality and attention to detail. They provide traditional highland attire for special occasions, such as weddings, for both sale and hire.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bridge St. 15/17, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 405 300
Internet: www.mccalls.co.uk
Email: highlandwear@mccalls.co.uk

Trinity Shopping Centre



Though smaller than its close neighbour, the Union Square Shopping Centre, the Trinity Centre still offers a number of services and shops that will doubtlessly meet most shoppers' needs, including a large Argos, numerous restaurants and plenty of options for shopping, with everything from clothes, home-ware, accessories, and much more.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Union St. 155, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 580 076
Internet: www.trinityaberdeen.co.uk
Email: linda.stewart@trinityaberdeen.co.uk

Aberdeen Football Club Shop



Aberdeen Football Club's fervent supporters get their kits and gear here. If you catch the city's football fever during your visit, be sure to check this shop out and take home a jersey or souvenir.

Photo: Colin Smith/geograph.org.uk(image cropped)
Address: Pittodrie Stadium, Pittodrie St., Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 642 800
Internet: www.afc.co.uk
Email: shop@afc.co.uk

Scotland's Bothy



Scotland's Bothy specialises in traditional and modern Scottish products, including handmade crafts, souvenirs and gift ideas, tartan kilts and highland-wear, jewellery, clothing items, such as custom print t-shirts, and much more.

Photo: pietrowsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: George St. 250/252, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 658 077
Internet: www.scotlandsbothy.co.uk
Email: scotlandsbothy@yahoo.co.uk

Beach Boulevard Retail Park



For shopping near the Esplanade, right by the North Sea, visit the Beach Boulevard Retail Park, a strip-mall where numerous shops can be found, including a fitness shop, home furnishing, toys, the supermarket Aldi and a large ASDA.

Photo: Diego Cervo/Shutterstock.com
Address: Boulevard Retail Park, Links Road, Aberdeen

Phone: +44 131 225 8344
Internet: www.beachboulevardretail.com
Email: jack.creswell@eu.jll.com

The Academy



The Academy Shopping Centre, a favourite meeting point and hang-out among locals, is located in a beautiful converted Victorian school building in the heart of Aberdeen and boasts a quite unique and very pleasant open-air courtyard where visitors can enjoy a respite from shopping and alfresco dining.

Photo: Ragazzi99/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Belmont St., Aberdeen
Phone: +44 1224 633 009
Internet: www.academyaberdeen.co.uk
Email: info@academyshoppingcentre.co.uk

Wool for Ewe



Winner of the Best Independent Wool Store in Scotland, Wool for Ewe is a family store providing a wide range of wool and yarns of all colours. As the store is continuously updated with new textures and products, whenever you're in the city you'll find some new items to take home with you.

Photo: RHIMAGE/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rosemount Place 83/85, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 09.30-17.30 Tue-Sat.
Phone: +44 1224 643 738
Internet: www.woolforewe.com
Email: info@woolforewe.com
More Info: Closed on Sunday and Monday.

Geek Bothy



Geek Bothy is a family-run store providing a wide selection of geeky products, many of which by Scottish creators. The high quality clothing and accessories are sold along with the amazing licensed Star Wars or Disney products.

Photo: goodluz/Shutterstock.com
Address: Transition Extreme Sports, Links Road, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 7881 206 329
Internet: www.geekbothy.co.uk
Email: geekbothy@gmail.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union member-states, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Switzerland, and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) only require a valid passport to enter the UK. Residents of a further 10 countries do not require entry visas for stays under 6 months: the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, South Africa, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. Nationals of some further

countries do not require a visa, but need to hold an entry certificate. Use the UK Government website to check for specific requirements: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



As as typical in Britain, the weather in Aberdeen is often changeable, which means that even a very sunny day could suddenly turn into a cloudy one. However, if you want to play it safest, the best period to visit this city is summer, particularly from June to August, when the temperatures are warmer and the risk of seeing the sun disappear is lower.

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Airport



Aberdeen International Airport is located 7 miles from the city centre, and getting to/from the airport is easy thanks to a wide range of transport facilities. Regular city buses run regularly from the city centre, including Bluebird services 80, 727 and 747, as well as First Bus service 27. Additionally, the Aberdeen train service stops at the local station of Dyce, which is only a short distance from the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Aberdeen International Airport, Dyce, Aberdeen
Phone: +44 844 481 6666
Internet: www.aberdeenairport.com

Public Transport



Getting around the city is easy, as First Aberdeen operates an extensive bus network. Bus drivers will demand the exact fare, so make sure you have change, or buy a Farecard (valid for one day, one week or one month) in one of the local shops.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Phone: +44 1224 523 765
Internet: www.firstgroup.com

Taxi



There are several taxi companies in Aberdeen, but prices tend to be quite high. Below is a few options: Aberdeen Airport Taxis +44 1224 775 555
www.aberdeenairport.com/transport-and-directions/taxis/

Central Taxi
+44 1224 898989

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Berryden Post Office is the leading financial services chain in the UK and it provides more than 170 different services for its customers including mails, retail, financial services, telecoms, life insurance, travel insurance and so many more!

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Unit 5, Berryden Retail Park, Berryden Road, Aberdeen

Phone: +44 1224 649 588
Internet: www.postoffice.co.uk
Email: social@postoffice.co.uk

Pharmacy



Rosemount Pharmacy is an independent pharmacy in Aberdeen and it offers fast services to every costumer! Apart from medication items, here you can take advantage of other services such as NHS Stop Smoking service, ailments service and also a travel vaccination service:

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: Mount St. 1, Aberdeen
Opening hours: 09.00-18.00 Mon-Sat; 09.00-13.00 Sun.
Phone: +44 1224 630 101
Internet: www.rosemountpharmacy.co.uk
Email: rosemountpharmacy@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone



Country code: +44 Area code: 1224

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220-240 V/50 Hz Sockets: Type G

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population
229,001

Currency
British pounds, £1 = 100 pence

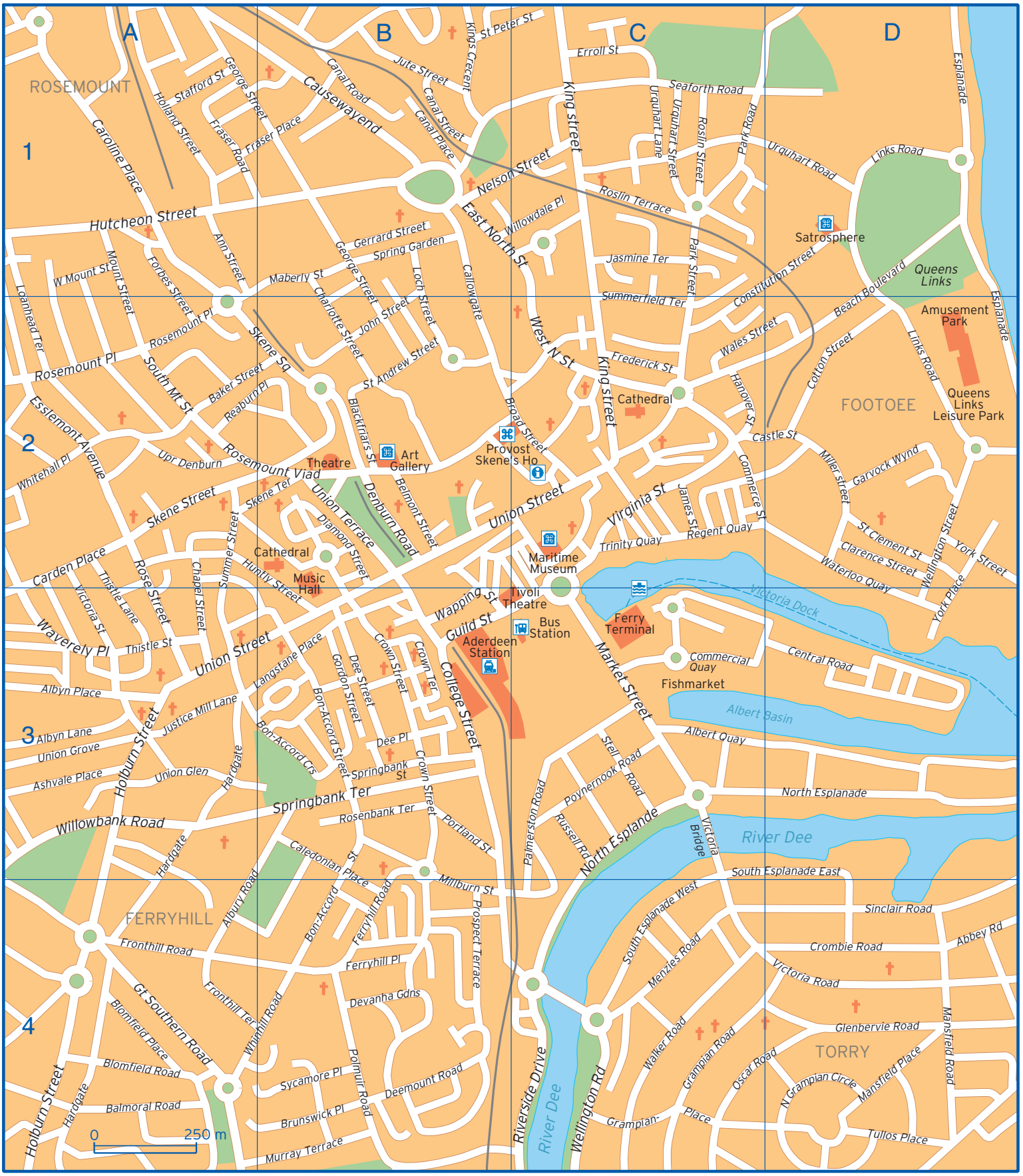
Opening hours
Most shops are open seven days a week, normally from 09.00 to 17.30.
On Thursdays major shops and shopping centres are open until 20.00, while on Sundays shops are open from 12.00 to 17.00.

Newspapers
Aberdeen Citizen
General Trust

Emergency numbers
999 and 112

Tourist information
The Visitor Information Centre Aberdeen
23 Union St., Aberdeen
+44 1224 288 828
aberdeen.information@visitscotland.com
www.visitscotland.com


Loch Shin
North West Highlands
Ledmore
Dalchork
Lairg
Pittentrail
Inveran
Bonar Bridge
Dornoch
Fearn Lodge
Dornoch Firth
Moray Firth
Helmsdale
Branderburgh
Lossiemouth
Spynie Palace
Elgin
Spey Bay
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Cullen
Portsoy
Buckie
Macduff
Banff
Fraserburgh
Mid Ardlaw
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Garve
Dingwall
Conon Bridge
Contin
Tore
Marybank
Muir of Ord
Cromarty
Nairn
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Glen Grant Distillery
Strathisla Distillery
Keith
Gordonstown
Aberchirder
Turriff
New Pitsligo
Mintlaw
New Deer
Peterhead
Inverness
Culloden Battlefield
Upper Knockando
Craigellachie
Dufftown
Glenfiddich Distillery
Huntly
Kirkton of Culsalmond
Oldmeldrum
Ellon
Toll of Birness
Cannich
Drumnadrochit
Loch Ness Monster Centre
Dores
Grantown-on-Spey
Glenlivet Distillery
Rhynie
Carrbridge
Tomintoul
Mossat
Howe of Alford
Denmore
Aberdeen
Castle Fraser
Invermoriston
Fort Augustus
Aviemore
Glenmore Lodge
Colnabaichin
Braemar
Grampian Mountains
Crathie
Ballater
Royal Lochnagar Distillery
Dinnet
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Glen Clova
Fettercairn
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Netherton
Aberfeldy
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Blairgowrie
Glamis
Dunkeld
Meigle
Coupar Angus
Meikleour
Milton
Breadalbane
Abroath
Dundee
Carnoustie
Monifieth
Glenturrel Distillery
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Firth of Tay
North Sea
Lochearnhead
Crieff
Muthill
Bridge of Earn
Dairsie or Osnaburgh
Cupar
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Canal Road
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Jute Street
Kings Crescent
St Peter St
Erroll St
King street
Seaforth Road
Urquhart Lane
Urquhart Street
Roslin Street
Park Road
Urquhart Road
Esplanade
Links Road
Nelson Street
East North St
Willowdale Pl
Roslin Terrace
Hutcheon Street
Ann Street
Gerrard Street
Spring Garden
George Street
Maberly St
Jasmine Ter
Park Street
Satrosphere
Queens Links
Constitution Street
Summerfield Ter
Beach Boulevard
Amusement Park
Esplanade
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Forbes Street
Loanhead Ter
Rosemount Pl
Skene Sq
Charlotte Street
John Street
Loch Street
Callowgate
West N St
Wales Street
Frederick St
Cotton Street
Links Road
Queens Links Leisure Park
Rosemount Pl
South Mt St
Baker Street
Reabury Pl
St Andrew Street
Blackfriars St
Broad Street
Cathedral
Hanover St
Castle St
Esslemont Avenue
Whitehall Pl
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Belmont Street
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Virginia St
James St
Commerce St
Miller Street
Garvock Wynd
Carden Place
Rose Street
Chapel Street
Summer Street
Diamond Street
Huntly Street
Cathedral
Music Hall
Maritime Museum
Trinity Quay
Regent Quay
St Clement St
Clarence Street
Waterloo Quay
Wellington Street
York Street
York Place
Victoria St
Thistle Lane
Thistle St
Waverely Pl
Wapping St
Tivoli Theatre
Guild St
Aberdeen Station
Bus Station
Victoria Dock
Ferry Terminal
Commercial Quay
Fishmarket
Central Road
Market Street
Albyn Place
Albyn Lane
Union Grove
Ashvale Place
Justice Mill Lane
Union Glen
Langstane Place
Gordon Street
Dee Street
Crown Street
Crown Ter
College Street
Albert Basin
Albert Quay
Holburn Street
Hardgate
Bon-Accord Crs
Bon-Accord Street
Springbank St
Springbank Ter
Dee Pl
Stell Road
Poynernook Road
North Esplanade
Willowbank Road
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Portland St
Palmerston Road
Russell Rd
North Esplanade
Victoria Bridge
River Dee
South Esplanade East
Caledonian Place
Millburn St
Albury Road
Bon-Accord
Ferryhill Road
Prospect Terrace
South Esplanade West
Sinclair Road
Abbey Rd
Crombie Road
Menzies Road
Victoria Road
Fronthill Road
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Whinhill Road
Gt Southern Road
Blomfield Place
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Grampian Road
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Mansfield Place
Mansfield Road
Sycamore Pl
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ArrivalGuides

Abbey Road	D4	Ferryhill Place	B4	Park Road	C1
Albert Quay	C3	Ferryhill Road	B4	Park Street	C1
Albury Road	A4 B3	Forbes Street	A1 A2	Polmuir Road	B4
Albyn Lane	A3	Fraser Place	A1 B1	Portland Street	B3
Albyn Place	A3	Fraser Road	A1	Poynernook Road	C3
Ann Street	A1	Frederick Street	C2	Prospect Terrace	B4
Ashvale Place	A3	Fronthill Road	A4	Reaburn Place	A2 B2
Baker Street	A2 B2	Fronthill Terrace	A4	Regent Quay	C2
Balmoral Road	A4	Garvock Wynd	D2	Riverside Drive	C4
Beach Boulevard	D1 D2	George Street	A1 B1 B2	Rose Street	A2 A3
Belmont Street	B2	Gerrard Street	B1	Rosemount Place	A2
Blackfriars Street	B2	Glenbervie Road	D4	Rosemount Viaduct	A2 B2
Blomfield Place	A4	Gordon Street	B3	Rosenbank Terrace	B3
Blomfield Road	A4	Grampian Place	C4	Roslin Street	C1
Bon-Accord Crecent	A3 B3	Grampian Road	C4	Roslin Terrace	C1
Bon-Accord Street	B3 B4	Gt Southern Road	A4	Russell Road	C3
Broad Street	B2 C2	Guild Street	B3	Seaforth Road	C1
Brunswick Place	B4	Hanover Street	C2	Sinclair Road	D4
Caledonian Place	B3 B4	Hardgate	A3 A4	Skene Sq	A2 B2
Callowgate	B1 B2	Holburn Street	A3 A4	Skene Street	A2
Canal Place	B1	Holland Street	A1	Skene Terrace	A2 B2
Canal Road	B1	Huntly Street	A2 B3	South Esplanade East	C3 D3
Canal Street	B1	Hutcheon Street	A1	South Esplanade West	C4
Carden Place	A2	James Street	C2	South Mount Street	A2
Caroline Place	A1	Jasmine Terrace	C1	Spring Garden	B1
Castle Street	C2 D2	John Street	B2	Springbank Street	B3
Causewayend	B1	Justice Mill Lane	A3	Springbank Ter	B3
Central Road	D3	Jute Street	B1	St Andrew Street	B2
Chapel Street	A2 A3	King Street	C1 C2	St Clement Street	D2
Charlotte Street	B1 B2	Kings Crecent	B1	St Peter Street	B1 C1
Clarence Street	D2	Langstane Place	A3 B3	Stafford Street	A1
College Street	B3	Links Road	D1 D2	Stell Road	C3
Commerce Street	C2	Loanhead Terrace	A1 A2	Summer Street	A2 A3
Commercial Quay	C3	Loch Street	B1 B2	Summerfield Terrace	C2
Constitution Street	C2 D1	Maberly Street	B1	Sycamore Place	B4
Cotton Street	D2	Mansfield Place	D4	Thistle Lane	A2 A3
Crombie Road	D4	Mansfield Road	D4	Thistle Street	A3
Crown Street	B3	Market Street	C3	Trinity Quay	C2
Crown Terrace	B3	Menzies Road	C4	Tullos Place	D4
Dee Place	B3	Millburn Street	B4	Union Glen	A3
Dee Street	B3	Miller Street	D2	Union Grove	A3
Deemount Road	B4	Mount Street	A1 A2	Union Street	A3 B2 B3 C2
Denburn Road	B2	Murray Terrace	B4	Union Terrace	B2
Devanha Gardens	B4	Nelson Street	B1 C1	Upper Denburn	A2
Diamond Street	B2	North Esplanade	D3	Urquhart Lane	C1
East North Street	B1 C1	North Grampian Circle	D4	Urquhart Road	D1
Erroll Street	C1	Noth Esplande	C3	Urquhart Street	C1
Esplanade	D1 D2	Oscar Road	C4 D4	Victoria Bridge	C3
Esslemont Avenue	A2	Palmerston Road	C3	Victoria Road	D4

Victoria Street	A2 A3	Waverely Place	A3	Whitehall Place	A2
Virginia Street	C2	Wellington Road	C4	Willowbank Road	A3
Wales Street	C2 D2	Wellington Street	D2 D3	Willowdale Place	B1 C1
Walker Road	C4	West Mount Street	A1	York Place	D2 D3
Wapping Street	B3	West North Steet	C2	York Street	D2
Waterloo Quay	D2 D3	Whinhill Road	A4 B4		