

Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom

The UK's only UNESCO City of Design sits on the River Tay, where Antarctic heroes sailed and Desperate Dan still roams the High Street. One shuttle hop and you're in one of Britain's most energetically reinvented cities.

Docked (King George V Wharf)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

GBP — cards accepted everywhere

English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier (King George V Wharf) — shuttle bus to city centre (~1.5 mi)
Best For: Design, science, maritime history, Scottish culture

Walk to Centre: Shuttle to waterfront; then all main sights within 15-min walk
Don't Miss: V&A Dundee + RRS Discovery back-to-back on the waterfront

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ £5–£8 · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Xplore Dundee (Discover Dundee)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **V&A Dundee** — Scotland's first design museum, housed in a cliff-like building by Kengo Kuma.
 - **RRS Discovery & Discovery Point** — Board the ship that carried Scott and Shackleton to Antarctica in 1901.
 - **HMS Unicorn** — One of the oldest warships still afloat in the world (third only to HMS Trincomalee and USS Constitution) — a remarkably
- intact Georgian frigate...

 - **The McManus Art Gallery & Museum** — Stunning Victorian Gothic building with eight free galleries covering fine art, natural history, and Dundee's fascinating past — from jute mills to...
 - **Verdant Works Jute Museum** — Award-winning museum in a restored Victorian jute mill.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront & City Centre Loop** 1.5 miles • Easy • 45-60 min — Start at the V&A Dundee, walk east past RRS Discovery and HMS Unicorn, cross into the city centre along the High Street (spot Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx statues)...
- **Dundee Law Panorama** 2 miles round trip • Moderate (steep) • 1 hr — Head north from the city centre to Dundee Law, an extinct volcano peak offering 360-degree views over the city, River Tay, and both bridges.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	38°	11d
Jun		61°	49°	14d
Aug		63°	52°	15d
Sep		60°	49°	12d
Oct		54°	44°	15d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:05AM–8:20PM · Jun 4:21AM–10:03PM · Aug 5:41AM–8:49PM · Sep 6:43AM–7:29PM · Oct 7:44AM–6:09PM

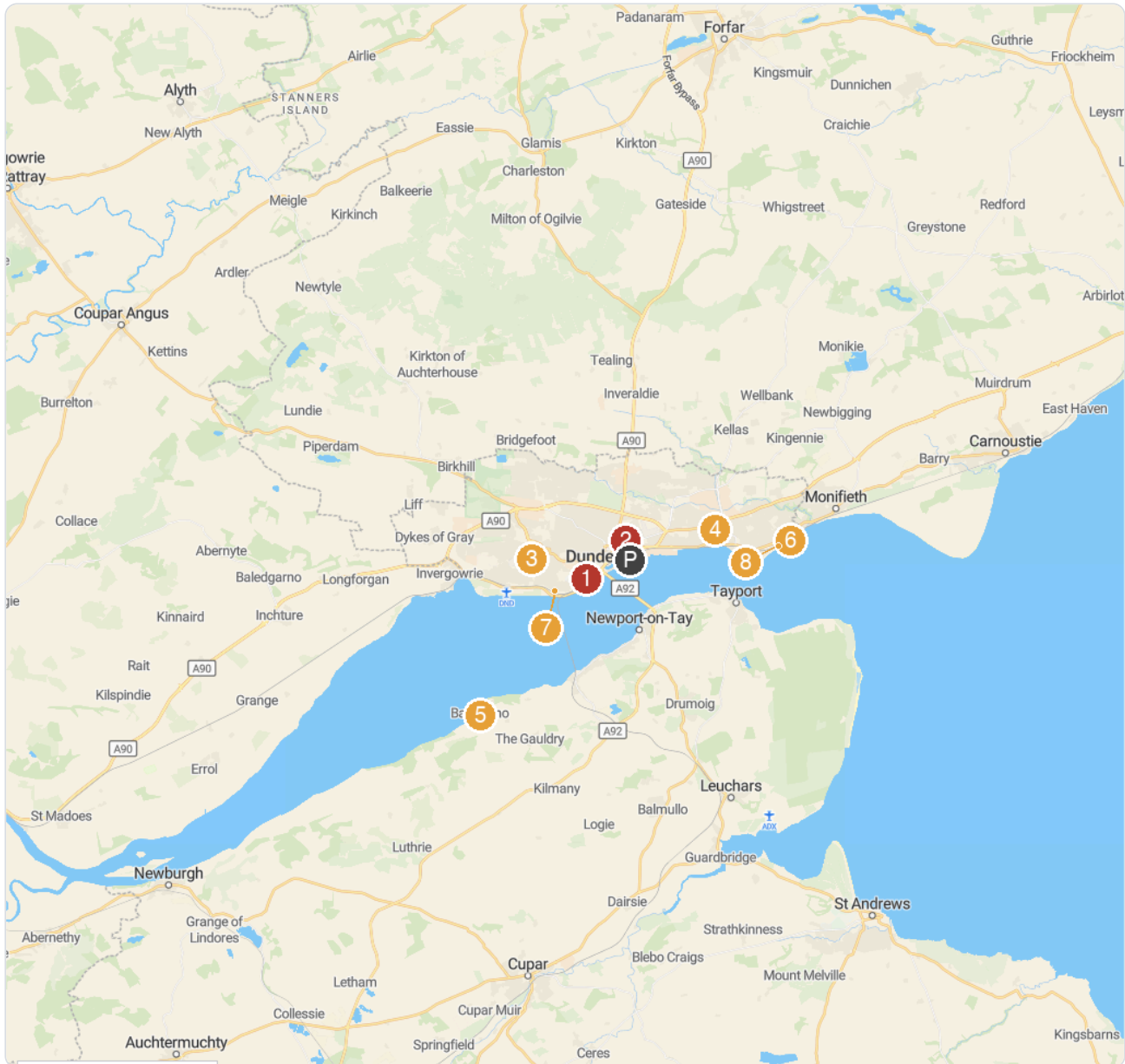
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Always take the shuttle back on time. The port is a working cargo terminal — you cannot walk through it. Miss the last shuttle and you'll need a taxi to the dock gate.
- Cards beat cash in Dundee. Contactless and Apple Pay work on buses, in taxis, cafes, and museums. GBP cash is useful for Fisher & Donaldson bakery (cash-only tradition for the famous fudge doughnut).
- Try the fudge doughnut. Fisher & Donaldson bakery is a local institution — their fudge-glazed custard doughnut is a cult item. Also hunt down a slice of traditional Dundee Cake.
- Dundee is Scotland's sunniest city — but still Scotland. Bring a waterproof layer; wind off the Tay can be sharp even in summer.
- St Andrews is easy from Dundee. Grab a taxi across the Tay Road Bridge (~30 min, ~£25 each way) or take the bus. Confirm you have enough time — allow at least 4 hours in port after shuttle delays.
- Dundee is the birthplace of Grand Theft Auto (DMA Design, 1997) and Lemmings. The city has embraced its game-dev heritage — look for the Lemmings statue in Seabraes Park near the waterfront.

Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Dundee Contemporary Arts | Modern art gallery, cinema, and print studio. | 2 Baxter Park | Victorian park with historic pavilion and green spaces. |
| 3 Balgay Park | Large park featuring an observatory and a cemetery. | 4 Dawson Park | Park with sports facilities, play areas, and a rose garden. |
| 5 Balmerino Abbey (National Trust for Scotland) | Historic ruins of a Cistercian abbey by the Tay. | 6 Barnhill Rock Garden | Beautiful, unique garden showcasing diverse rock plants. |
| 7 Magdalen Green | Historic public green space with a bandstand by the Tay. | 8 Broughty Ferry Nature Reserve | Coastal nature reserve protecting sand dunes and wildlife. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |