# DESIGNED FOR STORYTELLING

PERCHED ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER TAY. DUNDEE IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE UK'S MOST EXCITING CITIES TO VISIT.

Boasting it's own airport, a visit to The Tay
County begins in the City, and the moment
visitors arrive. With a rich heritage of creativity
and innovation, it is a place which brings
together the old and new, and nowhere is this
seen more clearly than its new Waterfront
Development.

Crowned by Lee Simmons' breathtaking 60ft Whale sculpture, which swoops over a new interactive park, lazy afternoons can be spent enjoying the new Urban Beach, whilst those looking for a little more active adventuring can head into the **Dundee Cycle Hub**, where both traditional and e-bikes are available for hire.



### WHALE OF A TIME

Only a short walk from Simmons' Whale sits the **V&A Dundee**, the first Scottish Design Museum, and the first V&A museum to open outwith London. The striking Kengo Kuma building clings to the riverbank and opens into an airy gallery space which plays host to a number of special exhibitions annually. With a permanent collection dedicated to exploring Scotland's rich design heritage, the eclectic galleries span centuries of Scottish design, and visitors can expect to find a slinky Christopher Kane dress displayed alongside Eduarxdo Paolozzi sculptures and illuminated manuscripts which date back to the 1480s.





### **DISCOVERY**

Sitting next to the V&A Dundee is the iconic RRS Discovery. The centrepiece of Discovery Point, the ship which took Scott and Shackleton to Antarctica in 1901 has become one of the city's best-loved attractions. Follow the penguins to the main building, where visitors can climb aboard the ship itself, be introduced to 'Scott of the Antarctic' and learn about the historic voyages to the most inhospitable place on earth.



### **ART OF DINING**

In addition to an exciting calendar of exhibitions, the V&A is also a must visit for their **Tatha Bar & Kitchen**, a chic, casual dining venue, which serves, breakfasts, lunch and afternoon tea. Named for the Gaelic term for The Tay, Tatha boasts stunning views out across the water, as well as across to neighbouring **Discovery Point.** Operating a 'scratch kitchen' where everything is prepared fresh daily, the team champion local Dundee suppliers including **71 Brewing** amongst others.



### **GET CREATIVE**

A short hop from the deck of the Discovery is the Dundee Contemporary Arts Centre. An internationally renowned space which consists of two large-scale galleries, two cinema screens and workshop spaces, it's a must-visit for the creative traveller. Their 'Get Creative' programme includes a number of experiences to enjoy, ranging from Screen Printing to Sign Writing.

Thanks to the city's compact size, visitors don't need to adventure too far to reach their next destination - the **McManus Galleries** which track the history of Dundee and the surrounding areas through 400 million years, exploring how the city has transformed from an industrial hub to centre for design and technology.

### **FAMOUS FACES**

When exploring Dundee, don't forget to keep an eye out for the city's most famous residents. The streets of the city are home to some of Scotland's most recognizable public artworks, with bronze statues of Desperate Dan, Minnie the Minx and Oor Wullie. DC Thomson fans will be pleased to discover nods to the Bash Street Kids and The Beano around town too! Visitors looking for a little exploration of their own should embark on the **Open/Close** Street Art Trails which weave throughout the city. Look out for murals depicting key Dundonians, as well as a stunning art project which has transformed the underside of the Tay Road Bridge.





### **STAY COUNTRY**

With all the excitement and exploration, a comfortable hotel to return to is crucial, and Dundee is host to a number of options which cater to all budgets and requirements. Affordable options in town include the centrally-located **Sleeperz hotel**, which can be found directly above the train station. With 75 comfortable double rooms, guests can enjoy views out across to the V&A and The Tay as well as a near zero commute to the station.



### **BRING GNASHER**

Named Scottish Hotel of the Year by The Times, **Hotel Indigo** Dundee is found in a former jute mill and celebrates its hometown with witty takes on city icons. Find traditional stoneware marmalade jars in the industrial-style lobby, or head upstairs to find vintage Beano comics in each of the guestrooms.

Whilst those looking for pet-friendly or a little extra space to enjoy can head across the courtyard to sister property **Staybridge Suites** Dundee, where each room comes with a comfortable living space and fully equipped kitchen – perfect for a longer stay.

# DESIGN YOUR STAY

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Apex Hotel Dundee
Malmaison
Sleeperz
Hotel Indigo
Staybridge Suites
Hampton by Hilton

## SIGHTSEEING & EXPERIENCES:

V&A
The McManus
Discovery Point
Verdant Works
Dundee Contemporary Arts
Open/Close Dundee Street Art Trails
Scarlett Erskin Jewellery workshop
Dundee Cooking Academy
Tayport Distillery
The St Andrews Brewing Company

### **FOOD & DRINK**

Gallery 48
Tatha Bar & Kitchen (at the V&A)
Jute Café Bar at DCA
King of Islington
Pacamara
The Newport Restaurant
The Tayberry Restaurant
The Wine Press Bar