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# WELCOME TO ABERDEEN & ABERDEENSHIRE



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# ► Aberdeen City Tour



## Tour of Old Aberdeen

Monks and scholars, traders and travellers settled round Old Aberdeen in the area where 14th century St Machars Cathedral still stands and where Kings College, the forerunner to Aberdeen University, was founded by Bishop Elphinstone in 1495.



## Footdee

Footdee - or Fittie as it is known by locals - is one of the most unique communities in the UK huddled at the end of a rewarding stroll along the beach front.

The charming mid-19th century former fishing community was designed by John Smith, the architect responsible for Balmoral Castle, and to visit them today really is like stepping back in time.



## Aberdeen Beach

Aberdeen Beach is a well-loved and extremely popular recreational area of the city. Only a short distance from the city centre, the beach is visited by holiday makers and city residents all year round.



## Marischal College

An icon of the Granite City, Marischal College was founded in 1593, becoming Aberdeen's second university. Since 2011, it has acted as the headquarters of Aberdeen City Council. Marischal College is said to be the second biggest granite building in the world (the largest being the Escorial in Spain).



## Optional: Shopping in Aberdeen

With five shopping centres and the 'Granite Mile' shopping street coupled with boutiques and independent retailers, Aberdeen is one of the best places to shop in the UK.

Well-known for its shopping, the city's Union Square (conveniently attached to Aberdeen Railway Station) has over 50 top shopping brand stores (including MAC, BOSS, Apple and ZARA), 30 restaurants open until late at night as well as its very own 10-screen cinema. Nearby, the connecting Trinity Shopping Centre is home to a large Primark and Debenhams, amongst many other shops.

Just a short walk away, the Bon Accord & St Nicholas Centre's have over 65 high street fashion, beauty and homeware stores as well as food court.

If you head up the 'Granite Mile' (Union Street) you will find even more shopping stores and Aberdeen's well established West End shopping area. These charming streets are lined with designer outlets - Signature and Esslemonts, quaint cafes including the popular vegan Foodstory, Aberdeen Whisky Shop and even an art gallery.

