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ABERDEEN AREA GUIDE

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Nearby living areas:

Bridge of Don, City Centre
Garthdee, Hazlehead,
Maryculter, Rosemount,
Woodside

Aberdeen is a friendly city well-used to welcoming people from different cultures due to its international position in the Oil & Gas industry. Because of this, Aberdeen is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the UK and has been voted in several polls as the happiest place to live in Britain.

With a rich and diverse history and a prosperous future ahead of it, Aberdeen presents a modern cosmopolitan and thriving cultural image that embraces the multitude of languages spoken in the city and often surprises many people when they look behind the granite exterior to learn about what the city has to offer. In the city centre, Union Street otherwise known as the 'Granite Mile' is the gateway to over 800 shops, restaurants and bars. The main shopping malls are Union Square, Bon Accord & St Nicholas Centre, Trinity Mall and the Academy Shopping Centre.

North of the city centre lies Old Aberdeen - an oasis of tranquillity in contrast to the bustle of city life. Once a separate entity from the city that grew up close to the River Dee, Old Aberdeen is chiefly associated with the University of Aberdeen which dominates the skyline. Royal Deeside is easily accessible to the west, Dunnottar Castle to the south, sandy beaches to the north and whisky country to the northwest.

With its golden, sloping beach overlooking the North Sea and iconic granite buildings which glint in the sunshine, Aberdeen is one of Scotland's most striking cities. Aberdeen's nightlife enjoys a fantastic reputation, with plenty of chic clubs, a flourishing music scene and outstanding restaurants. Enjoy a drink at one of the sleek bars on Belmont Street before taking in an evening performance at prestigious venues such as His Majesty's Theatre, the Lemon Tree or the Music Hall.

Aberdeen is becoming more and more 'the place to be' and offers endless opportunities and experiences to graduates and experienced professionals. It is safe to say Aberdeen is relatively immune from dips in the UK's economy - despite the recession hitting hard in many cities across Britain, the doom and gloom did not dramatically affect Aberdeen.

Education in Aberdeen has a strong tradition with two Universities (The University of Aberdeen and Robert Gordon University) and Scotland's largest further education college- Aberdeen College. There are also a number of private schools, notably; Albyn School, The International school of Aberdeen, The Hamilton School and Aberdeen Waldorf School. The University of Aberdeen also provides part-time and full-time language classes for all capabilities.



HOUSING

Aberdeen is a thriving, modern city - and it can also look back on a proud history which is exemplified in the stunning Victorian architecture. Many Aberdeen apartments are built using local granite, which contains mica deposits that sparkle like silver in the light. Whether you want to live in one of the traditional granite buildings that have made Aberdeen famous or you are looking for a new development, there is plenty on offer. The most popular type of dwellings are apartments and semi-detached properties. There are also a number of traditional buildings which often boast superb modern interiors.



PLACES OF INTEREST

There are many miles of unspoilt coast where vast empty beaches, picturesque fishing villages and dramatic cliff top scenery are waiting to be explored. Other interesting things to do include:

- Balmoral Castle
- The Cairngorms National Park
- Aberdeen Maritime Museum
- Codonas Amusement Park
- Aberdeen Art Gallery
- Satrosphere Science Centre
- Marischal Museum
- Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre
- Kirk of St Nicholas
- Cruickshank Botanic Gardens
- Annual Jazz Festival
- St Machars Cathedral

TRANSPORT LINKS

Aberdeen's central train station can be found on Guild Street and connects the city centre with the main suburban areas of Dyce, Portlethen, Inverurie and Stonehaven.



Located next door to the train station is the bus terminal. Aberdeen has two main bus companies operating within the city, namely First Bus and Stagecoach-Bluebird. Both operators offer a variety of different ticketing options for more frequent users.



Aberdeen airport is in Dyce, a short 20 minute drive from the city centre and also serves as the main heliport for the Scottish offshore oil industry.



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