

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Dundee can be reached through direct flights to the airport there, by road following a flight to Edinburgh, Glasgow or Aberdeen airports, by train, or by bus. The following sets out the details of each, along with other potentially useful information and websites for those considering extending their stay in Scotland.

By Air:

Dundee can be accessed through its own airport (<http://www.hial.co.uk/dundee-airport.html>), or via Edinburgh, Glasgow or Aberdeen airports. Connections are more limited to Dundee airport as they almost all involve flying through London City, although flying to the other airports will entail onward travel to Dundee by train, bus, taxi or hire car. If you decide to fly from London City to Dundee, please ensure that your connecting flight to London does not go to Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted or Luton as transfers within London can be convoluted and time-consuming.

Dundee:

CityJet (<http://www.cityjet.com/>) flies to and from London City airport 4 times daily (and has connections from there to Geneva, Paris-Orly, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Milan and Venice, among others).

Direct flights are also available with FlyBe (<http://www.flybe.com/>) from Birmingham and Belfast airports, among others.

Dundee airport is not far from the centre of the city, which is accessible by taxi or bus (timetable at <http://www.hial.co.uk/Downloads/Dundee/Dundee%20Airport%20Bus%20Timetable.pdf>) and around 4km from the main proposed meeting venue.

Car hire is available in Dundee city centre with a number of providers (e.g. Enterprise (www.enterprise.co.uk), EasyCar (www.easycar.com), National (www.nationalcar.co.uk), Avis (www.avis.co.uk), and Sixt (www.sixt.co.uk)).

Edinburgh:

Of the other airports, probably Edinburgh and Aberdeen are the most convenient for onward travel to Dundee, with Edinburgh having more connections to continental Europe.

Edinburgh airport (<http://www.edinburghairport.com/>) is situated to the west of Edinburgh itself, around an hour away from Dundee by car. There are regular connections with the major European hubs (e.g. Amsterdam, Paris CDG, Frankfurt and Munich) and budget airlines also fly to and from Edinburgh (e.g. Easyjet (www.easyjet.com), which flies to Geneva, Milan Malpensa and Madrid among others). Travel options to and from the airport can be viewed in the "To and from the airport" page on the airport website.

From Edinburgh to Dundee:

Train: There are two stations in Edinburgh - Waverley (the main station) and Haymarket (a bit closer to the airport, and on the same line). Trains go to Dundee from both, but there is no station at the airport, so you will need to either take a taxi to the station (approx £15-£20) or the bus (number 100 - <http://www.flybybus.com/>, which goes every 10 minutes and takes around 25 minutes). The bus stops line the road immediately as you come out of the international and domestic arrivals doors. If you want to alight at Haymarket (which is not as far as Waverley - see [map here](#)), the driver will tell you where to get off. The benefit of getting off at Haymarket is that it takes less time. If you want a seat and somewhere to put your luggage, going to Waverley is better.

Instead of going into Edinburgh, you can also take the 747 bus (from the airport). This takes you north across the Forth bridge to Inverkeithing station, where you can pick up the train. This option can sometimes be quicker because it avoids the traffic in Edinburgh, but it all depends on the timetables working between bus and train.

The train timetable can be found [here](#).

Remember to sit on the right hand side of the train on the way north - you'll be right next to the water for some of the way.

Bus: There are a number of bus options. The first is to take the number 100 bus into Edinburgh (25 minutes journey or so). This will terminate on Waverley Bridge (just above the Waverley railway station), so you will need to then walk to the main bus station ([map here](#)). Bus tracking information (real time) is available at <http://www.mybustracker.co.uk/>. From the bus station, you can take one of the regular buses direct to Dundee (see www.citylink.co.uk for timetable details for the Edinburgh - Perth - Dundee - Aberdeen bus).

Note that some of the buses to and from Dundee will stop at Ferrytoll Park and Ride. This is very close to Inverkeithing station, so it is also possible to avoid going into Edinburgh city centre by taking the number 747 bus to Inverkeithing (which also stops at Ferrytoll) and catching the northward bus to Dundee from Ferrytoll.

Car Hire: Edinburgh airport is well served with a large number of car hire companies, details of which can be found [here](#).

Aberdeen:

Aberdeen airport (<http://www.aberdeenairport.com/>) is the next most convenient airport for Dundee (around 1 hour 45 minutes drive away), although European connections are mainly with Scandinavia, Amsterdam and Paris. Aberdeen airport might be the best option if you intend to visit the whisky distilleries on the Spey.

Train: The nearest station to the airport is at Dyce, a short bus or taxi journey away. The number 80 bus goes roughly every half an hour on weekdays only between the airport and Dyce station (timetable [here](#)). Trains go from Dyce Station to Glasgow and Edinburgh, and stop at Dundee (timetable [here](#)), taking between an hour and a half to 2 hours.

Bus: There are regular buses from Aberdeen bus station to Dundee - further details of all options are [here](#). Timetables are available at www.citylink.co.uk. In order to get from the airport to the bus station, you can either take a taxi, or take the train from Dyce into Aberdeen itself and walk through to the bus station - the two are adjacent to one another.

Car hire: Available car hire operator details are [here](#).

Glasgow:

Glasgow airport (<http://www.glasgowairport.com/>) is probably the least convenient of the airports from which to get to Dundee (around 2 hours drive from Dundee), but it may be a good option if you intend to extend your trip to Scotland and take in a visit to the west coast.

Train: Getting to and from Glasgow airport by train is possible, but not to be recommended. There is no station at the airport, so you will need to take a bus or taxi for the mile-long journey to the station at Paisley Gilmour Street. Once you get into Glasgow, you will arrive at Glasgow Central Station. Unfortunately, the train to Dundee goes from Glasgow Queen Street Station, so you will need to walk the short distance between the two (map [here](#)). Train timetables for the journey to Dundee, via Stirling and Perth, can be found [here](#).

Bus: Frequent bus services travel between the airport and the centre of Glasgow - details can be found [here](#). The no.500 bus goes to Buchanan Street bus station. From here you can take the bus to Dundee (see www.citylink.co.uk for details and timetables), or walk to Queen Street Station, which is close ([map here](#)) and take the train.

Car Hire: Details of all the available car hire operators at Glasgow airport can be found [here](#).

By Train:

Dundee is directly accessible from the main airports in Scotland (see above), and from London Kings Cross station. Timetables for trains from within Scotland can be found [here](#). For services from England, see www.nationalrail.co.uk. Scotrail [Sleeper](#) services are also available from London.

By Bus:

Intercity bus connections for locations around the UK to Dundee can be found at www.citylink.co.uk.

Volcano disruption:

In the event that volcanic ash causes travel problems, note that it is also possible to get to Dundee by boat from continental Europe, on the Zeebrugge to Rosyth ferry ([3](#)

[departures per week](#)), and also by train via the Eurostar services from [Brussels and Paris](#), changing in London.

Visas:

For those who may need visas to visit the UK should check the UK Border Agency's website at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/> for the latest entry requirements and consult the UK embassy website in your home country.

Tourism and attractions:

If you are considering extending your stay in Scotland, there is plenty to see. The highlands begin around 1.5 hours away from Dundee by car. For scenery, Glencoe is 2.5 hours drive or so, with the scenery becoming steadily more remote the further west and north you go. Nearer Dundee, there are attractive fishing villages (Crail, Pittenweem and St. Monans, for example, in Fife) within easy reach, and golfers will be close to championship courses at St. Andrews and Carnoustie (see www.angusanddundee.co.uk for further details).

Scotland has a large number of castles and historically interesting buildings, many not too far from Dundee (the best castles within reasonable distance are probably at Edinburgh, Stirling, Dunnottar, Blair Atholl, Glamis, with historically significant abbeys at St. Andrews and Arbroath). For more details see Historic Scotland's [website](#).

Dundee is a city of around 150,000 inhabitants that excels in convincing tourists that it has nothing of value in it. The reality is somewhat different, as it has the best waterside location of any city in Scotland, despite some ill-advised urban development. The main attractions are the newly refurbished [McManus Galleries](#), the [Discovery](#) (the ship used by both Scott and Shackleton in their voyages to the Antarctic at the turn of the 20th century), along with one of the oldest floating ships in the world, the [Frigate Unicorn](#).

For those who want to visit whisky distilleries, most are further north or west from Dundee, although there are a few within an hour by car. Otherwise, Speyside is probably the best place to go for the sheer density of [distilleries](#). Not all are open to the public, however, so please check in advance. The alternative is to head to the island of Islay. It is much more remote, but worth the journey if you like smokier [whiskies](#).

Edinburgh, the seat of government, is 100km away, with the much larger city of Glasgow further west, around 2 hours from Dundee.

The Perth meeting on [Global Change and the World's Mountains](#) will be held during the week following the ACQWA meeting. It is scheduled to begin on the 27th, with field trips on Sunday the 26th. Dundee is around 20 minutes drive from Perth, and easily accessible by [train](#) or bus. The number 16 local bus (Stagecoach, timetable [here](#)) or [intercity](#) buses can be taken from the bus station ([map showing route from hotel to bus station](#)).

Useful websites:

Tourism:

www.visitscotland.com;

<http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/>

<http://www.angusanddundee.co.uk/>

Bus times:

www.citylink.co.uk

Train times:

www.scotrail.co.uk

www.networkrail.co.uk

Hotel:

www.apexhotels.co.uk.

University of Dundee:

www.dundee.ac.uk.

Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science:

www.dundee.ac.uk/water.