

DUNDEE

Invest in
DUNDEE 
Relocation Pack

Dundee is a dynamic, ambitious
city with a remarkable history
and an exciting future.

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Dundee City

Dundee is a modern, vibrant city that continues to transform culturally.

It is a leader in many fields including life sciences, technology, gaming, digital media, art and design and is developing capacity in the green jobs sector.

Particularly after the opening of the V&A Dundee, it is increasingly becoming a tourist destination for Scottish, UK and international visitors. Dundee was Scotland's first Fair Trade City, the UK's first Living Wage City and the UK's first UNESCO City of Design. Dundee has been named as one of the world's top "places of the future" in a report examining how new technologies will create jobs. The 21 Places of the Future report looks for where new jobs will appear, hotbeds of innovation and ideas, and affordable and enjoyable places to work – places "where the future is being built right now".

Dundee is well positioned for the future with two globally renowned universities in the heart of the city and St Andrews close by.

Dundee has an international reputation for using culture and creativity as a catalyst for building resilient and robust communities. Our strong history of cultural investment means Dundee is a vibrant place which harnesses its creativity and cultural richness to support the engagement, ambition, achievements and wellbeing of its citizens.



Diversity is welcomed with opportunities for worship in a wide range of faiths including Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism, as well as multi-denominational institutions, which welcome people of all faiths or none.

As well as being Scotland's sunniest city, Dundee is a place that is friendly, fascinating and easy to reach. All persuasive factors when deciding where to live and work.





Dundee: The Ideal City for Relocation

Dundee offers a dynamic and vibrant environment for businesses and professionals looking to relocate. From high-quality education and healthcare to an outstanding cultural scene and affordable living costs, Dundee provides the perfect balance of opportunity and lifestyle.

Education



Dundee has 33 primary schools, 9 secondary schools, and the prestigious High School of Dundee. Two world-class universities - the University of Dundee, renowned for life sciences, medicine, and design, and Abertay University, a leader in cybersecurity and game design - these are complemented by Dundee and Angus College, an innovative, career-focused skills hub.

Quality of Life



Dundee's location between the sea, mountains, and glens offers an unparalleled lifestyle. Residents can enjoy the best of Scotland's natural beauty while benefiting from city amenities, a vibrant cultural scene, and a cost of living that makes quality leisure activities accessible.

Healthcare



Home to Ninewells Hospital, one of the UK's top teaching hospitals, plus private healthcare options like Tayside Complete Health and nearby Kings Park Hospital (Stirling).

The Greenest Urban City in UK



Dundee has more urban green space per person than any UK city, with scenic riverside walks, parks, and nature reserves enhancing its exceptional quality of life.

History & Heritage



Explore Dundee's rich past at Verdant Works (jute industry), Discovery Point and RRS Discovery (Antarctic exploration), and HMS Unicorn (one of the world's oldest warships).

Arts & Culture



Home to V&A Dundee, Dundee Rep & Scottish Dance Theatre, The McManus: Dundee's Art Museum and Gallery, Dundee Contemporary Arts, and a thriving creative scene, including galleries, live music, and street art. The UK's first UNESCO city of Design.

Leisure & Outdoors



Enjoy world class golf (25 mins to St Andrews and Carnoustie), stunning beaches, mountains & skiing and watersports on the River Tay.

Sunny Dundee



The city averages 1,523 hours of sunshine per year making it Scotland's sunniest city.



Connected, Affordable, and Built for Success

Everyday Costs

Average cost of a coffee:

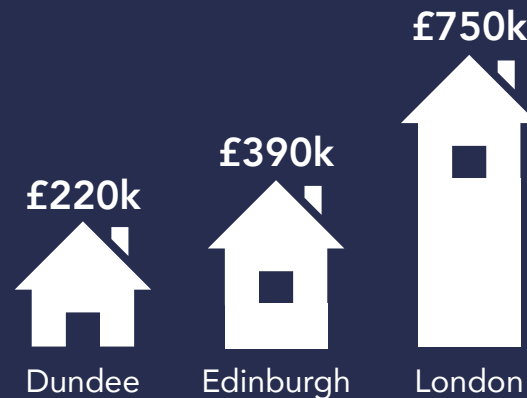


Average cost of a pint:

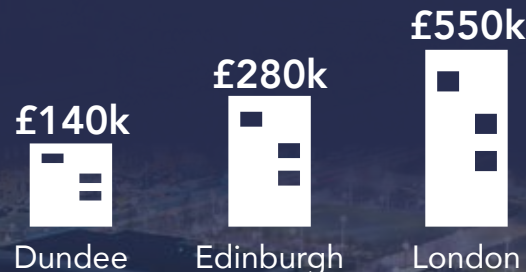


Housing Market

Average 3-bed house price:

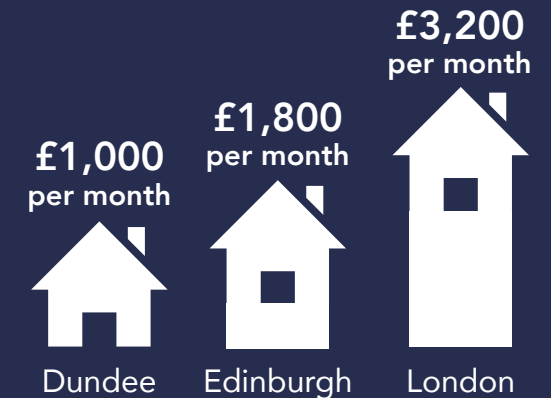


Average 2-bed flat cost:

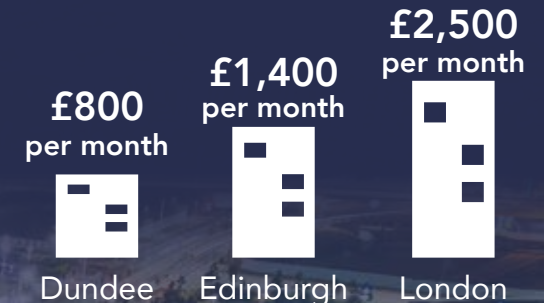


Rental Market

Average 3-bed house rent:



Average 2-bed flat rent:



Connected, Affordable, and Built for Success *(Continued)*

Transport & Connectivity

Trains: Direct connections to:



Edinburgh (1hr 15min)
Glasgow (1hr 30min)
Aberdeen (1hr 20min)
London (5hr 45min)

Driving:



Strategic road links via the A90 and M90 provide easy access across Scotland.

Air Travel:



Dundee Airport offers flights to London Heathrow Airport and Shetland, making business trips seamless.

Bus Travel:



Frequent services to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Perth, Stirling, Kinross and Edinburgh Airport

Digital Connectivity



Dundee boasts **ultrafast broadband** coverage with speeds up to **1Gbps**.



5G rollout enhancing mobile connectivity across the city.

Accommodation & Hotels



Dundee offers a range of high-quality hotels, including Malmaison, Apex City Quay, Hotel Indigo, Hampton by Hilton and Four Points Flex by Sheraton.

Average hotel stay (per night):



£90
Dundee



£160
Edinburgh



£200
London

Dundee is an exceptional city for business relocation, offering a high quality of life, affordable living costs, excellent education and healthcare, and outstanding connectivity. With its thriving economy and innovative industries, Dundee is the ideal place to live, work, and grow your business.



Life Science in Dundee

Dundee is the location of one of the UK's most exciting and dynamic biomedical and life sciences communities in the UK.

With world-class companies, universities, research institutes and scientists all operating within a three-mile radius. Dundee offers a wide range of expertise from drug discovery, through medical devices and diagnostics, to ag-biotech and environmental biotechnology.

Home to one of the largest teaching hospitals in Europe (Ninewells Hospital & Medical School) and 3 world renowned Universities all within a 14-mile radius: University of Dundee, Abertay University and the University of St Andrews.

Dundee offers life sciences and healthcare organisations with ambition, a uniquely collaborative environment and community to develop innovative new products and services.

Dundee has a well-established, active and vibrant Life Science and Healthcare sectors that come together to drive the sectors forward through a dedicated BioDundee coordinator with strong links into the Scottish Ecosystem.



// To promote and position Dundee as a centre of world class life science activity and to build the strength of the local life sciences sector through partnership, networking, knowledge and skills development. //

Unlike other healthcare and life science hubs, BioDundee offers a truly open and accessible network to help aspiring companies develop and test products from concept to launch.

With our world-class research facilities, strong health and life sciences partnerships and access to relevant skills and facilities - we provide exceptional value and new opportunities.

The BioDundee Community

The BioDundee community are made up of the public, private and academic organisations from across the Life Sciences and Healthcare sectors including:

- Life Sciences
- Med Tech and Design
- Digital
- Professional Services
- Research Services
- Education and Skills.



BioDundee Benefits

If your company is based in Dundee or the wider Tayside region you are part of the BioDundee community.

As a member of BioDundee you are entitled to:

- A Business Profile on the BioDundee website
- Press releases under the News section of the BioDundee website
- Opportunities to take part in proactive marketing campaigns
- Networking opportunities throughout the year

BioDundee is active on LinkedIn, sharing news, events and opportunities to join the community. Why not follow BioDundee to see how we help to raise the profile of the members of the community? We are always open for ideas so please get in touch with suggestions that you think would work well.

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Find out Why Dundee? is the place to be for some of the BioDundee community:



// Dundee has provided me with the opportunity to work across the private, public and third sector due to the friendly inclusive vibe in the city. It has been easy to form collaborations based on close proximity of those I work with. I am a product of the strengths of the University of Dundee in Life Sciences, The Arts and Entrepreneurship. //

Dr Mhairi Towler

University of Dundee



// I came to Dundee over 20 years ago to undertake my PhD in biomedical research and the city and surrounding areas really drew me in. I love the small-city community feel Dundee offers. The varied life sciences sector in Dundee is fantastic, add to that the countryside, beaches, River Tay views and (relatively) affordable housing and it is easy to see why so many people come but don't ever leave. //

Dr Lara Bennett

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// Dundee is our home, having set up in our hometown back in 2012, our companies have committed to the city due to its heritage in the Life sciences sector in terms of established enterprises, development, and tech transfer opportunities, coming from our great universities and our overall reputation for excellence. This coupled with our location being very accessible and our size allowing developments to happen with ease unlike other locations. //

Austin Clark

LSRG Group which comprises of Entrust Resource Solutions and SCI Partners

Why Dundee? continued...



// Dundee is unique as the University of Dundee is a phenomenal research place facilitating work in life science and drug discovery, additionally providing a country-style lifestyle without having to commute and see Scotland's unique beautiful nature. //

Dr Charlotte Green

Drug Discovery Unit



// Dundee couples world-class science with a sense of community. Here I've been able to stretch myself academically, accelerate my professional career, and put down real roots in the local area. Dundee's collaborative life-sciences cluster is a credit to the city and wider region – I'm glad to be part of it. //

Dr Mathew Stanley

Outrun Therapeutics Ltd.



// Dundee and the surrounding Tayside region has been my place of work for the last few years. I work with many other organisations in the area to enable me to innovated effectively for the NHS. I have experienced a keenness to collaborate and work in partnership from the people and organisations of Tayside, along with an innovative spirit! This is the friendliest place I have ever working in and I appreciate being part of the exciting work that happens here every day. //

Kate Cheesbrough

NHS Tayside Innovation

Who would you be joining?



Dundee is home to a wide variety of companies and organisations working in the Life Sciences and Healthcare spaces. You can view the [BioDundee Business Directory](#) to find out who are part of the community.

Where will you be working?

With our world-class research facilities, strong health and life sciences partnerships and access to relevant skills and facilities - we provide exceptional value and new opportunities.

Prime sites around Dundee have been developed with three research parks, each strategically positioned near the University of Dundee, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School specifically for companies working in the Life Sciences and Healthcare sectors.

Dundee Technopole

The Dundee Technopole, home to the Life Sciences Innovation Hub, a flagship facility at the heart of the new Dundee Life Sciences Innovation District, is situated adjacent to the School of Life Sciences at the University of Dundee. It is c.8 acre park providing a range of development options on flexible serviced plots for research and technology companies.

Also located on the site is the Centre for Protein Targeted Degradation, Concept Life Sciences, and the Dundee University Incubator which aims to maximise the growth potential of predominantly science and technology-based spin out companies.

Dundee Medipark

The Dundee Medipark is immediately adjacent to Ninewells Hospital and Medical School and within easy reach of Dundee City Centre, Dundee Airport, the Universities and the James Hutton Institute. c.25 acre site with a range of development options on flexible serviced plots for clinical, and science and technology sectors. The Medipark offers innovative biomedical, biotech or medical device companies the opportunity to develop laboratory, production and office space in a greenfield site close to the local biosciences research community.

Dundee Technology Park

Dundee Technology Park is one of Scotland's premier business parks and is located approximately 4 miles west of Dundee City Centre. c.18 acre is designed for companies in the high growth technology sector and provides a campus style environment with high quality landscaping and prestigious buildings. The Park is well situated to benefit from Dundee's unique strategic position at the heart of the road network which connects Dundee to Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The BioDundee Community



**University
of Dundee**

#1 in UK for spinouts

#1 in UK for
Bioengineering and
Biomedical engineering.



The James
Hutton
Institute

UK's largest
independent
agri-environmental
research institute.



Centre for Targeted
Protein Degradation
University of Dundee

World leader in targeted
protein degradation.



Largest drug discovery
facility in the UK.



1100+

researchers from 50+ countries.



One of the largest teaching
hospitals in Europe.



Opportunities for All

Relocating to Dundee isn't just a fresh start for you or your business—it's a city full of opportunities for your family too. Whether looking for new careers, world-class education, or a thriving creative scene, Dundee has something for everyone.

Dundee's economy is dynamic and diverse, with key sectors offering a wealth of job opportunities:

- **Life Sciences & Healthcare** - A global leader in biomedical research, healthcare innovation, and cutting-edge life sciences.
- **Digital & Tech** - A thriving hub for software development, data analytics, and mobile app innovation.
- **Creative Industries** - Home to world-renowned game development, design, and media production.
- **Education & Research** - With two world-class universities and renowned research institutions, learning never stops here.
- **Professional & Technical Services** - A strong base of legal, financial, and scientific expertise drives innovation.
- **Construction & Engineering** - Ongoing investment in infrastructure and development fuels growth in this sector.
- **Retail & Hospitality** - A vibrant mix of independent businesses and high-street brands offers diverse career paths.



Dundee is a city on the rise, creating new possibilities for individuals and families alike. Whether you're launching your career, advancing in your field, or starting afresh, Dundee is the place to make it happen.



Business Support

The Economic Growth Team offers a range of services to help any business understand the opportunities that exist in Dundee. We have established a number of sector initiatives to help and support businesses residing in the Dundee economic region, to ensure that our city continues to thrive and grow.

Our expertise and professional services include:

- Expertise and knowledge of local sectors.
- Access to sector networks and relevant business events.
- Comprehensive list of contacts through our business directories.
- Demographic, geographical and economic information for your business.
- Information on available commercial property.
- Upcoming developments and planning proposals.
- Introductions to key individuals and companies.
- Information on potential financial assistance.

Our support services are delivered in conjunction with our partners at Business Gateway, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Development International, Skills Development Scotland and Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce.



Meet the Team

Here to Help, Ready to Support

The Invest in Dundee team is dedicated to helping businesses explore, establish, and expand in one of the UK's most dynamic cities. Whether you're considering setting up a new venture, relocating, or investing in Dundee's thriving sectors, our team provides expert guidance, market insights, and tailored support to make your transition seamless.

Dundee is open for business, and our team is here to connect you with the right opportunities, people, and resources. From property searches and funding advice to networking and industry introductions, we offer a hands-on approach to help your business thrive in Dundee's innovation-driven economy. If you're interested in learning more, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch today and let's make your Dundee investment a success.



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