

Visit Aberdeen, the Silver City with the Golden Sands

Aberdeen is one of Scotland's largest cities (with only Edinburgh and Glasgow being larger) and has a couple of nicknames including "the Granite City" and "the Silver City with the Golden Sands". Since the discovery of oil in the North Sea the city has prospered and the local economy is now dominated by oil related industries. However modern the city may appear it has a long and prestigious history with some evidence proving that the area has been inhabited for over 8,000 years.

Aberdeen has a fascinating selection of museums and art galleries and other cultural tourist attractions but most people visit the city to indulge in the lively vibrant nightlife. For those looking for such entertainment Aberdeen has various classy restaurants and bistros, wild nightclubs, numerous cafes and bars and a varied selection of festivals. For the younger visitor there is the incredibly popular 2 mile beach with the usual selection of fairground rides and other seaside attractions.

Of special note is the House of Fun which is situated along the Beach Esplanade. The House of Fun has a whole host of various fun areas over two floors including popular driving games and other video games, simulators, the foam factory, the family amusement arcade and much, much more.

Inside the House of Fun you will find a selection of places to eat, some focused on families while others are altogether more adult. Of special note is the Motown Bar which often features live music, has a large screen television and a BBQ terrace. You will, of course, also find places to buy souvenirs, gifts and the likes.

Aberdeen has plenty to keep the keen shopper entertained with a number of malls and markets. The main shopping area can be found at Union Street but, if you enjoy shopping, you really need to visit the Bon Accord St Nicholas Shopping Centre which has a large number of shops on two levels. Other noteworthy shopping areas are The Academy and The Mall shopping centres.

Aberdeen's history includes many stories of sporting excellence.

Typical of Scotland golf has been an important sport practiced in Aberdeen and the surrounding countryside. In 1780 the Society of Golfers at Aberdeen was founded making it the world's 6th oldest golf club. In 1815 the club changed it's name to Aberdeen Golf Club and in 1903, having been awarded Royal status, it became the Royal Aberdeen Golf Club. The club has two golf courses, the Balgownie Championship Links and the Silverburn Course. Aberdeen boasts a further six golf courses, all public, Auchmill Golf Course, Balnagask Golf Course, an 18-hole and a 6-hole golf course at King's Links and three Golf Courses at Hazlehead two of which are 18-hole and the other is a 9-hole Pitch and Putt.

In 1903 Aberdeen FC, Aberdeen's main soccer team, was formed. The team went on to have some success in Europe and, in the 1980's, the football club won the Scottish Premier League a total of three times. Much of this success has been credited to Sir Alexander Chapman Ferguson CBE who was their manager at the time. Besides soccer the folk of Aberdeen enjoy all manner of sports and there are excellent facilities spread across the city.

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