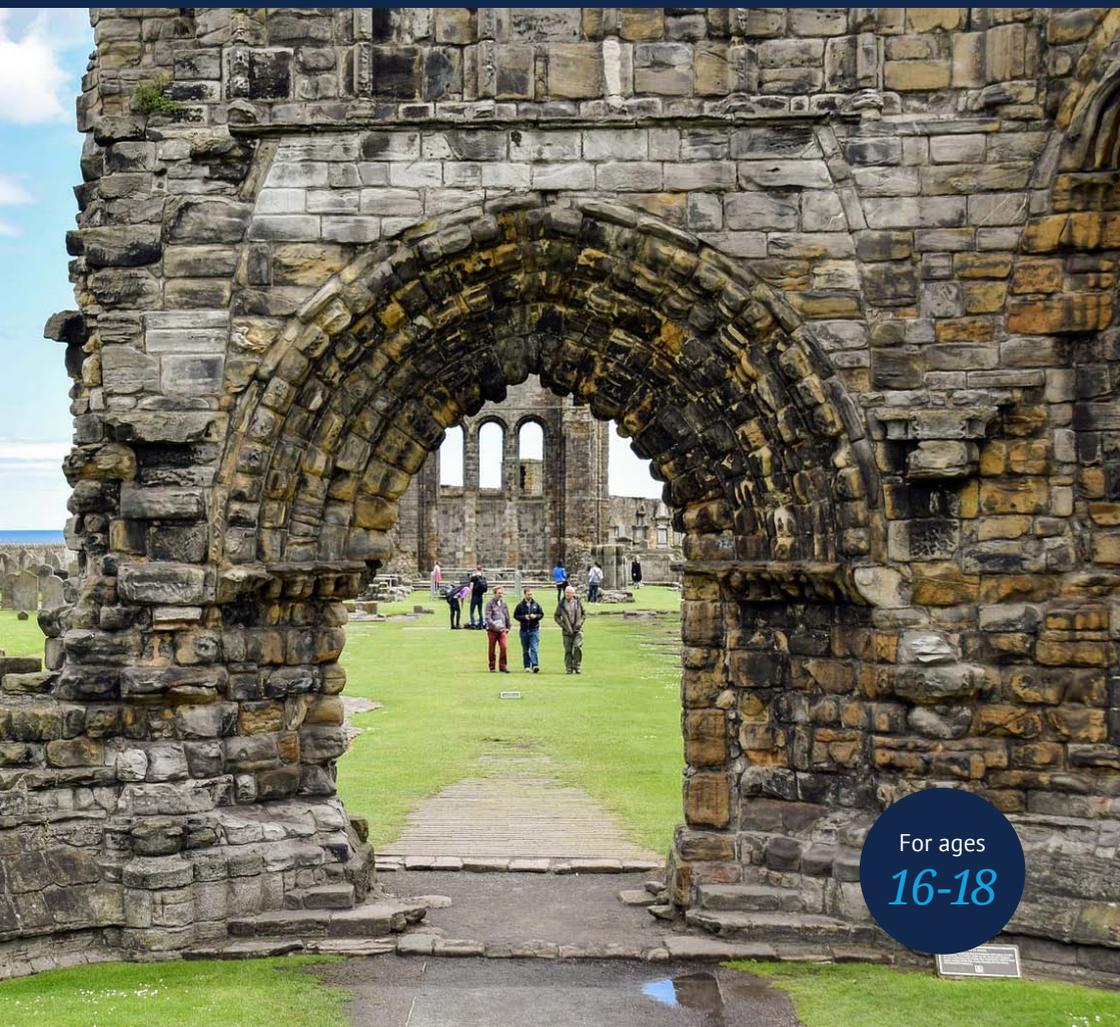




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What to do in St Andrews

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Welcome to St Andrews

St Andrews may be a small town, but there is no shortage of things to see and do during your free time. The university, town and surrounding area offer many superb opportunities for shopping, eating out, enjoying the scenery, and exploring St Andrews' wonderful history and heritage.



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1 Cinema and theatre

1.1 For the latest movies

The New Picture House

Despite its small size, this three-screen cinema offers all the benefits of a modern cinematic experience. Built in the 1930s, this quaint little picture house still features its old stage curtains and gallery, while more recent additions such as comfortable seating and a well-stocked snack bar ensure a modern, comfortable experience. A good selection of today's titles are on show at any given time. After your film, you could take a walk round the corner to The Scores, where some of the most impressive - and expensive - houses in Scotland can be seen.

1.2 For modern theatre

The Byre Theatre

The Byre Theatre began life in 1933, as a derelict byre (a cowshed) leased from the St Andrews council by a local drama group, the St Andrews Play Club. Over the subsequent decades, the theatre has survived a World War, two changes of location, and financial difficulties, but now occupies a beautiful modern building on Abbey Street. Its offering includes plays, musical recitals, poetry readings, comedy shows, and even a film club, which shows a selection of modern greats and old favourites. The Byre also has its own cafe, so you can indulge in a bite to eat after soaking up some culture.



2 Museums

2.1 For a glimpse of history

St Andrews Museum

For those looking to get a flavour for the elements that make up the history and culture of St Andrews - be it sport (particularly golf!), art, or literature - the St Andrews Museum is the best place to start. Situated in an imposing, turreted Victorian mansion, the museum showcases life in St Andrews in times gone by, including a history of golf in the area. There is a convenient cafe, a museum shop offering themed souvenirs, and the museum is surrounded by grounds in which concerts take place regularly. There is also tennis, putting and bowls to enjoy in the museum park.

The Museum of the University of St Andrews

Affectionately termed MUSA for short, this university-supported museum houses a collection of all things medieval and Scottish. The museum tells the story of the history of the local area, as well as featuring artefacts from all over the world. Possibly the star attraction at MUSA are the maces - three 15th-century gold staffs, topped with incredible artwork depicting life in the Middle Ages - which are still used today for important ceremonial occasions in St Andrews. After touring the exhibits, you can enjoy the view across the stunning Fife coastline from the museum's roof terrace - the perfect spot for a selfie.

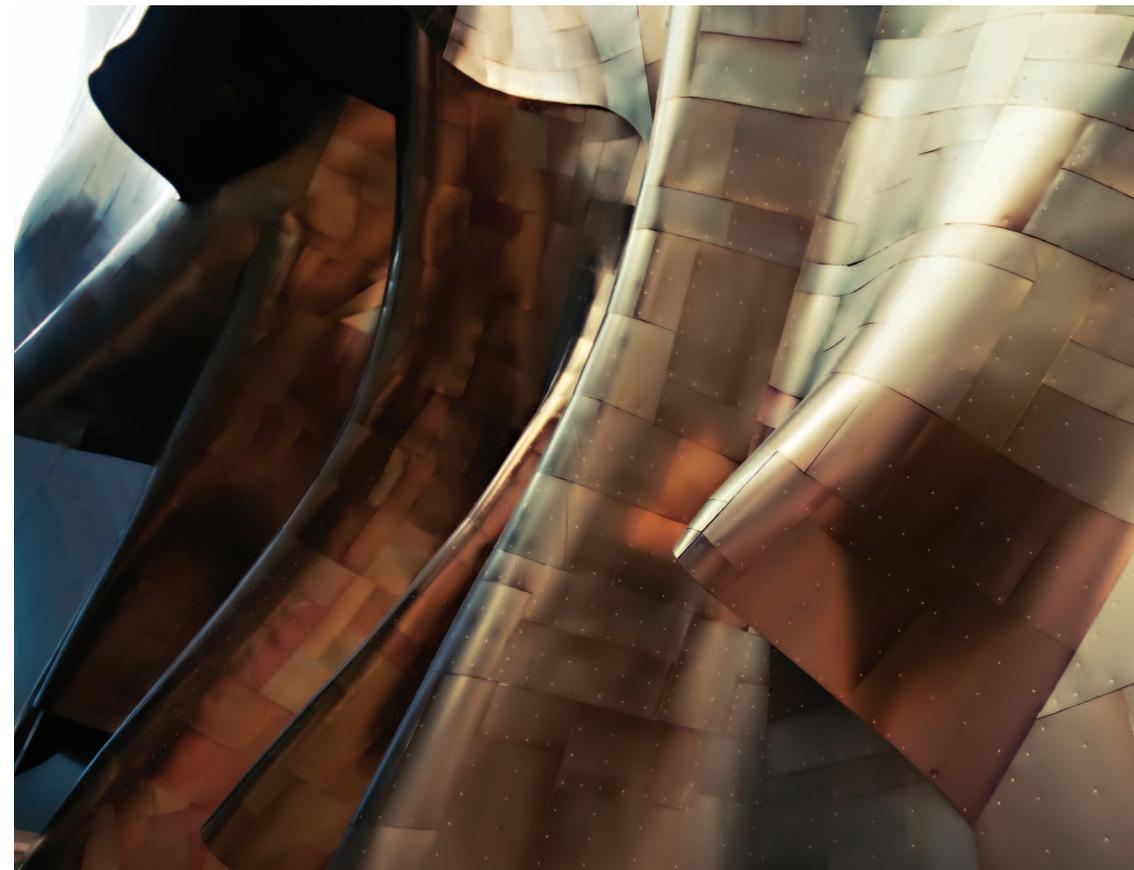
St Andrews Preservation Trust Museum

Nestled a stone's throw from the castle and cathedral, the Preservation Trust Museum is housed in an old stone cottage, and is packed to its timber-framed rafters with exhibits that depict life in St Andrews over the ages. The museum garden is also well worth a visit, especially in the full bloom of summer. This is one museum visit you can squeeze into an hour, but it is well worth it for the insight into Scottish parochial life.

2.2 For modern art

Fraser Gallery St Andrews

If art is more your cup of tea than artefacts, then the Fraser Gallery is for you. Situated on South Street, this privately owned gallery was first opened in 1862 by an ancestor of the current Frasers. With a broad collection of paintings, sculpture and drawings produced by Scotland-based artists, this soothing gallery space will uplift your soul on a rainy afternoon - or even a sunny one. The staff are very knowledgeable about the colourful art contained inside, and will be pleased to answer your questions.



3 Shopping

Unique and boutique are the key words where shopping in St Andrews is concerned. With a range of independent clothing stores, jewellery retailers, and shops stocking Scottish souvenirs, St Andrews shopping is niche and upmarket. But you will still find a few of your favourite brand names.

3.1 On the high street

High Street Stores

New Look, H&M, Fat Face, Superdry and Jack Wills are the big five clothing brands you will find in St Andrews, the first four being located on Market Street, and the fifth on Bell Street. These will cater for all your fashion needs, from cosy hoodies and sensible jeans that will keep you warm on your windy beach walks, to a smart outfit for your graduation party. There is also an Accessorize on Market Street, well-stocked with handbags, jewellery and hair accessories - for those pesky "what-goes-with-this" conundrums!

Book Giants

Waterstones and Blackwells are the two main bookshops in the UK, and there is one of each in St Andrews, located on Market Street and St Mary's Place respectively. Books on every subject you can imagine can be found here, as well as a range of stationery for all your studying needs. There is also a Paperchase between these two stores where you can stock up with stationery for your studies.

3.2 Off the beaten track

Boutique Fashion

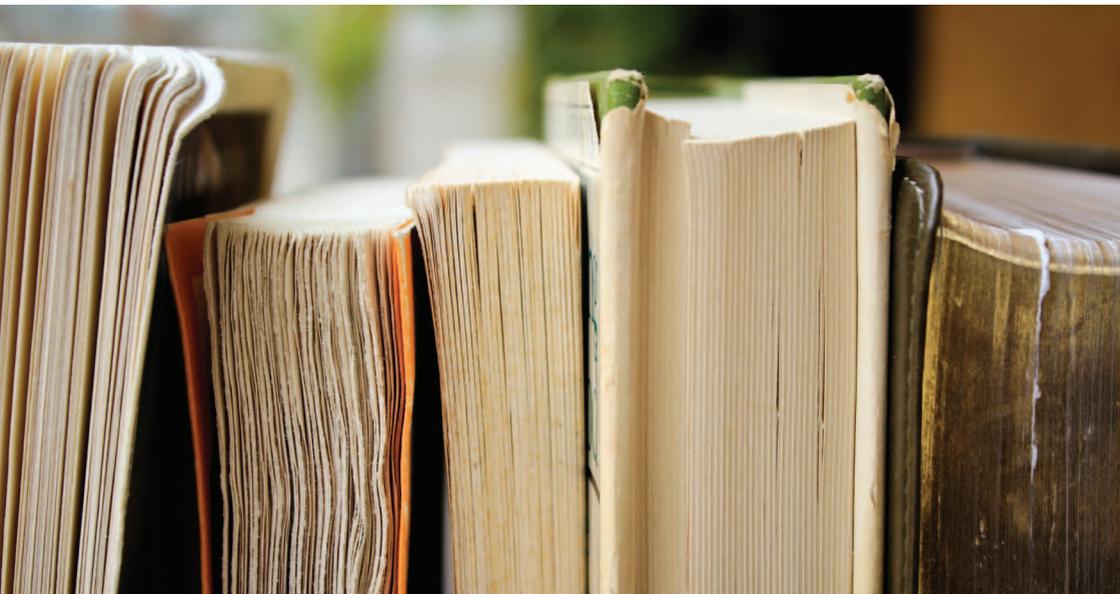
Here is where St Andrews shopping really comes into its own. Sam Brown, Susan Sloan at No 1, and Pretty Things all stock unique clothing items that will enable you to put together a look no-one else will match. And there is always the Edinburgh Woolen Mill and the Scottish Shop, for those tartan cashmere scarves in rainbow colours that can brighten up even the rainiest of days. For jewellery, visit the fabulous Alchemia Studio, or Artery, both of which offer unique, handmade pieces.

Souvenir Ideas

Souvenirs of your time in Scotland are bound to be expected when you return home, so why not visit the Edinburgh Woollen Mill on Market Street, or the Scottish Shop on South Street? Both offer tartans, family crests, cashmere and lambswool products, and other quintessentially Scottish items to commemorate your time in St Andrews. The University of St Andrews shop, located just around the corner from Blackwells Bookshop, is the place to go for university merchandise. Alternatively, the Bonkers Gift Shop on Market Street is packed full of unusual gifts, and is well worth a visit.

Bouquiniste

Located towards the end of Market Street, Bouquiniste is the home of pre-loved books. Specialising in antiquarian and second-hand books, this is the place to go if you love to spend an afternoon wandering down teetering corridors of leather-bound volumes in search of that unusual title that will change your life. There is even a convenient green space, St John's Garden, located just across the street, where you can lose yourself in your recent purchase.



4 Where to eat in St Andrews

St Andrews has no shortage of gastronomic establishments to tempt your taste buds. From traditional Scottish seafood to international dishes, enormous plates of comfort food to cakes and confectionery, there is bound to be something you'll enjoy.

4.1 For an unusual dining experience

Forgan's St Andrews

Housed in an 'industrial-chic' building which is much older than it looks, Forgan's offers a mixture of traditional Scottish seafood and pan-European dishes, all using sustainable produce. The building was once a cleek factory, where a certain type of golf club was manufactured, and the restaurant is now named after the factory's original proprietor, Robert Forgan.

The Seafood Ristorante

If seafood is what gets your juices going, look no further than The Seafood Ristorante. Situated in a glass-sided building right on the cliffs above the coast, this is the perfect spot to enjoy a seafood dinner. Fish and seafood of all kinds served in every way imaginable will grace your table, and all of it freshly fished from the very sea you are admiring.

4.2 For laid-back snacks

Jahangir Tandoor Restaurant

If you have a hankering for something spicy, then this could be just what you're looking for. Jahangir's has a reputation for being the best curry house in town, visited by many celebrities whose photos are emblazoned on the walls. They offer a Student Curry Night deal from Sunday to Thursday, and also a take-away option.





BlackHorn Burgers

BlackHorn Burgers is more than your standard burger joint. All burgers are made with 100% beef, sourced from local farmers, and served with impressive side dishes. There is also a range of wraps and salads, if burgers don't take your fancy, and we suggest going when you're really hungry. Perfect for a lazy Sunday.

Gorgeous

A fantastic "wee" cafe that serves cakes, scones, sandwiches and a full cooked breakfast, as well as a variety of gluten free options. The interior is set up like an old-fashioned confectionery shop, with glass jars lining the walls and cakes on display in the window. The collection of mismatched chairs and tables will make you feel you have stepped back in time as you munch your guilty delights.

4.3 For sweet treats

St Andrews Waffle Company

Authentic Belgian waffles in the heart of the Scottish Lowlands - what could be a better way to start the day? Everything here is served on a waffle, including the usual sweet treats like banoffee pie, but even delicious savoury options like chilli con carne and eggs florentine. And with a selection of coffees and ice cream sundaes to wash it all down, you are sure to leave satisfied - if struggling to walk uphill.

Jannettas' Gelateria

A traditional gelateria with a Scottish twist, Jannettas' is a family run shop which won the Golden Cone Award in 2014, offering artisanal ice cream, sorbets, frozen yoghurt, and cakes made to order. There are a few seats in the shop and outside, but frankly St Andrews is better seen wandering the streets with an enormous ice cream cone clutched firmly in your hand.



St Andrews

The town is also known worldwide as the “home of golf”, with several courses ranked amongst the finest in the world. We hope you have a superb summer exploring all of its attractions!



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