

Student Guide to Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire





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Welcome

RGU is a truly global university and students come to study on our campus in Aberdeen from across the world.

Our destination guide includes information and inspiration about the places you can visit and things you can do as a student living in Aberdeen. We hope it inspires your very own student adventure.

Aberdeen Beach



About Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

Aberdeen is Scotland's third largest city, celebrated for its proximity to the sea and its famous sparkling architecture - The Scotsman called it "one of the most architecturally distinctive in Europe".

The city is surrounded by Aberdeenshire, stretching from "one of the last great places on earth" (Cairngorms) to "one of the world's top-rated coastlines" (National Geographic). We like to call it *majestic* Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

Our region is easy to navigate and is well-connected. It can be explored by foot, bike, bus or car.



Gardenstown



When you study at RGU, you will be in the heart of an energetic city with unrivalled foodie and drink experiences and a vibrant nightlife scene. Aberdeen is a cultural hotspot with a number of performance venues, year-round festivals and events, art galleries and museums. In addition to its mile-long golden beach, you can explore beautifully bloomed parks and gardens or visit two picture-perfect old towns.



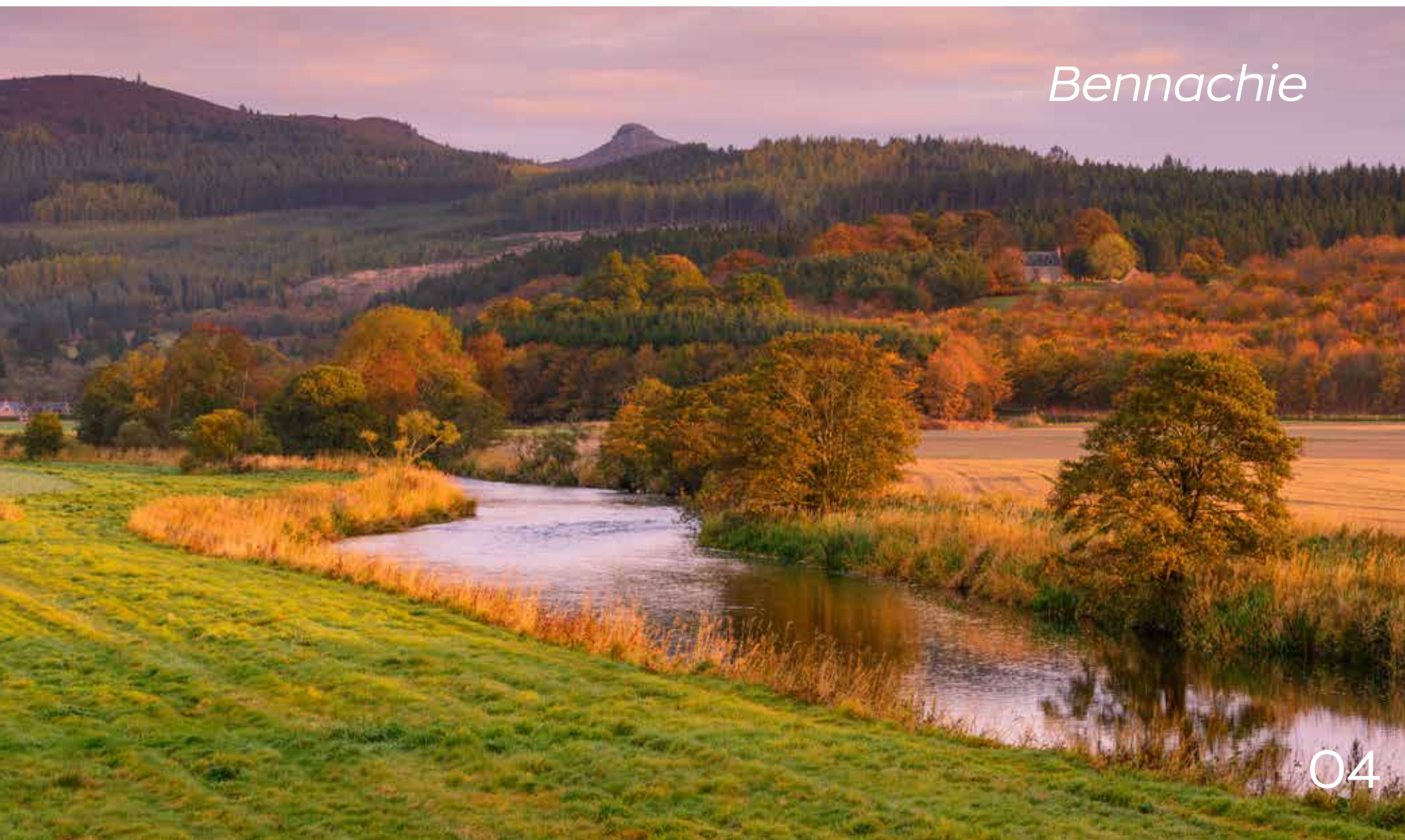
Stonehaven Paddleboarding



In Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire the opportunity for outdoor adventure is vast. We're talking paddle boarding through sea coves, surfing city centre waves, bagging Munros, hitting the slopes and conquering challenging cycling terrains.

When you're not studying check out our beautiful beaches and quirky coastal villages, or head deep into our countryside and visit majestic Lochs.

Bennachie





Crathes Castle

Aberdeenshire is even known as ‘Scotland’s Castle Country’ thanks to the 263 enchanting castles that were once here, many of which you can still explore today.

This place is not only loved by us, but by storytellers and filmmakers too - The Crown, The Dark Knight Rises, The Queen, Mary Queen of Scots, Peaky Blinders and Victor Frankenstein were all part-filmed in locations across Aberdeenshire.



Dunnottar Castle

Balmoral Castle



You can enjoy living and studying in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire all year round. In summer, the days are near endless, meaning there is plenty of time to discover around studies. And during the winter, nights are cosy, starry and on occasion spectacularly lit by the Northern Lights!

Rattray Head Lighthouse

VisitScotland / Discover Fraserburgh / Fiona McRae



Fun facts

Here are some fun facts to inspire your own adventures around Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire:



◀ Craigievar Castle is said to be the inspiration for Walt Disney's fairy-tale Cinderella castle



▶ Aberdeen is known for its sparkling granite architecture



▶ 4 of the 5 highest mountains in the UK are in our wild Aberdeenshire outdoors



◀ This area is loved by the British Royal Family, and our most famous castle is Balmoral



▶ 165 miles of spectacular coastline run throughout our region



▶ You can spot dolphins playing at Aberdeen Beach and from the viewpoint at Greyhope Bay



*VisitScotland /
Jakub Iwanicki*

◀ Aberdeenshire is the gateway to the largest national park in the UK, Cairngorms National Park ▶



*VisitScotland /
Paul Tomkins*

5 things you've got to know

1

This is authentic Scotland. An area that is not overcrowded and has all the Scottish experiences you could imagine. We've even got our own Doric dialect – Fit like?

Aberdeen Beach

2

This is a bustling and compact city with lots of investment. Just look at our brand new P&J Live venue, reimagined Aberdeen Art Gallery and Music Hall (to name a few)

Music Hall

BrewDog

*ABZolutely,
Felix Mooneeram*

BREWDOG



3

There's a vibrant foodie scene. In fact, we're leading the craft beer revolution with BrewDog created here, and even have our own Mackie's ice cream parlour

Cairn O'Mount

VisitScotland / Luigi Di Pasquale

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Aberdeen city is extremely close to Aberdeenshire meaning you can very quickly venture into the great outdoors and access all the exciting attractions here too

Aberdeenshire Highland Cattle



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It's Instagrammable. Just search **#visitABDN** and you'll see exactly what we mean. Colourful fairy-tale castles and dramatic castles perched on clifftops, quirky fishing villages and expansive stretches of golden sand, panoramic mountainscapes and our city landmarks



Schoolhill



Stonehaven



Keep the inspiration coming

We hope to look forward to welcoming you to live and study in our beautiful corner of Scotland soon. In the meantime, for even more information about what Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire has to offer students please refer to **visitabdn.com**. Your student adventure starts here!



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