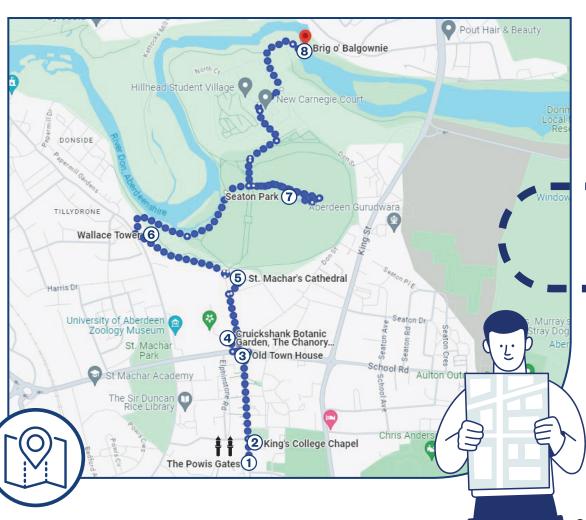
Aberdeen Old Town Walking Tour



Approximately 2 hours



1.9 miles / 3.1 kilometres



Discover the key landmarks of Old Aberdeen with this walking tour. We advise you to check the opening hours of individual attractions before setting out, as these may vary.







1 Powis Gates

Located on the King's College campus of the University of Aberdeen, these gate towers were completed in 1834. Designed by Alexander Fraser, the towers were inspired by Turkish minarets, with golden orbs at the top.

(2) King's College Chapel

Built between 1498 and 1509, King's College Chapel is the main chapel of the University of Aberdeen. Choir stalls from the chapel's earliest years are still on display, and a war memorial honours the university students who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

3 Old Town House

Built in the late 18th century in the Georgian style, the Old Town House is so representative of Scottish architecture of that period, that it is used as the logo for the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland. Now a museum, it displays various exhibitions from the University of Aberdeen.

(4) Cruickshank Botanic Gardens

The Gardens were built by Anne Cruickshank in 1898, and are spread over 11 acres of the university's King's College campus. Now used for teaching and research as well as public use, the Gardens include shrubs, a rose garden, sunken garden, rock and water garden, and an arboretum.

(5) St Machar's Cathedral

Built over a period of 150 years and completed in 1530, St Machar's Cathedral features stunning stained glass windows, gothic architecture, and three striking effigies. Several notable Scottish figures have been buried here, including author John Joy Bell and meteorologist James Edward Crombie, as well as a quarter of Sir William Wallace's remains.

(6) Wallace Tower

This early 17th century tower was originally built Sir Robert Keith in the centre of Aberdeen. During the 1960s, it was moved to its current location in Seaton Park and rebuilt stone by stone.

(7) Seaton Park

This is one of the largest parks in the city, with many walking paths and flower beds, as well as walled gardens and a children's play area. The park straddles the River Don as has been open to the public since the 1940s.

8 Brig o'Balgownie

A 13th century bridge over the River Don, built in a Gothic diamond arch style. It was originally called the Briedge of Don, and it is not known where the name of Balgownie originated.

