









Guide to travel to Electronics Research Group School of Engineering Aberdeen University

This guide provides all the information that you need to travel and stay for a visit to Aberdeen University











# **Flying**

## To Aberdeen

### Aberdeen Airport (International code ABZ)

Aberdeen Airport is 7 miles from the city centre, located at postcode AB21 7DU.

http://www.aberdeenairport.com/

The following airlines fly here:

http://www.skyscanner.net/flights-to/abz/airlines-that-fly-to-aberdeen-airport.html

From UK: Flybe, British Airways, and Virgin Atlantic are major carriers; also served by easyJet, Eastern Airways, BMI regional.

From outside the UK: KLM, Air France, SAS, Lufthansa, Aer Lingus

How to get to the University by taxi (approximately costs).

Travel to the University via Taxi (there is a Taxi Rank outside the arrival hall, or by booking a taxi by phone), journey time 20-30 minutes. The approximate cost is £20-£25.

http://www.aberdeenairport.com/transport-and-directions/taxis

### Comcab is one local taxi company

Tel: +44 (0)1224 353 535

Tel: +44 (0)1224 775 555 (dedicated airport line)

### Car Rental

There are car rental services at the airport. If you plan to arrive by car or rent a car at the airport you need to either park in the street or to apply for a park permit at the University.

## Aberdeen Airport buses and coaches

How to get from the Airport from the city centre by bus:

http://www.aberdeenairport.com/transport-and-directions/buses-and-coaches

Regular buses run from the airport to Aberdeen city centre and other destinations. Services are less frequent at weekends and in the evening, so please confirm bus times with the operator in advance.

Buses to Aberdeen and local services stop directly outside Aberdeen Airport. The bus stop is sign posted from the terminal. A bus journey to the centre of Aberdeen takes about 30 minutes in average traffic, longer at peak times. Bus fares and timetables are subject to change, so please check with the relevant operator using the links below.

Long-distance coaches call at the Guild Street bus station in central Aberdeen, next to the rail station. The bus station can be reached from the airport by bus or taxi. Coach operators at Aberdeen include National Express, Scottish Citylink and megabus.

There is no direct airport bus service close to the University.

### Airport bus services

### Stagecoach Bluebird

Tet Service 727

Running 7 days a week from Aberdeen Bus Station to Aberdeen Airport Terminal with limited stops for a faster, more direct service. The service runs frequently from 04:30 on weekdays, 05:30 on weekends. In general the trip take 30 a 45 minutes to arrive in the bus station.

The last bus leaves the airport at 2330 from Monday to Saturday, and 2300 on Sundays.

Fares: £2.70 single, £3.50 day return and £4.50 period return.

Find out more information on the Jet Service including timetables

### First Bus

Service 27

Daytime service (not weekends) to Guild Street bus station in central Aberdeen.

First Aberdeen information, fares and timetable

Or call +44 (0)1224 650 065.

Just to remember for this bus you need to have change of £ 4.10 for a one-day ticket so you can use the service all day.



## **Arriving by Rail**

Aberdeen train station is located in the centre of the city, Guild Street (next to the Union Square Centre), AB11 6LX (Station code ABD): http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/ABD/details.aspx

ScotRail trains from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Inverness: http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/

EastCoast trains from Edinburgh and Glasgow at good prices http://www.eastcoast.co.uk/

Aberdeen is a major station with taxis usually available in covered areas at the end of the station. Advance booking is not normally necessary or even possible, unless arriving early in the morning or late at night. The prices will be around £10 and £15. Operators who may accept bookings include:

Mairs: City 01224 494949

Comcab: 01224 353535

Central: 01224 898989

### Transfer to bus

The train station is connected to the Aberdeen Union Square shopping centre. The entrance of the train station is inside the shopping centre. Passing through the shopping centre you can reach the bus station to get bus X68 to Fraserburgh and stop at the University.

Alternatively, crossing the street in front of Union Square and passing through the Trinity Centre shopping centre, you can reach Union Street where city bus route no. 1, 2, 19, and 20 take you to the University. Remember to have exact fare (currently £4.10) for the bus driver. Bus drivers do not provide change. The trip usually takes 10 - 15 minutes.

Bus X68 (Stagecoach): stop at University in King's street

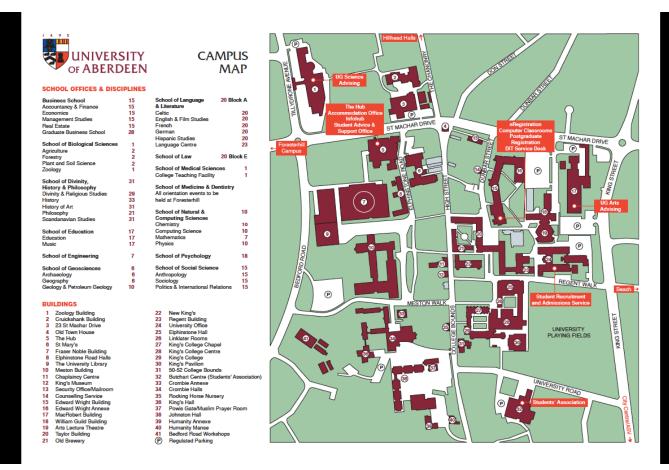
Bus 1 or 2 (First Red line): stop at the University in King's street

Bus 19 (First Turquoise line): stop at the new University Library (Sir Duncan Rice) in Bedford road

Bus 20 (First Indigo line): stop at the University in High street at Meston walk

Bus leaving from Union Street (exact fare needed):

# **University Map**



The School of Engineering is located in the Fraser Noble Building. This is number 7 on the above map. This is located next to the University Library (no. 9 on the map), which is a big cubic glassy building (difficult to miss:-)).

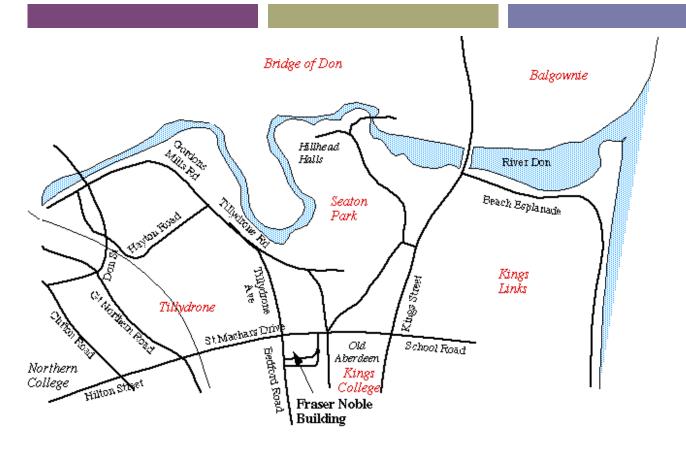
The closest bus stop is in Bedford road (Bus route no. 19) on the left hand side of the map in front of the University Library. Frequent buses also pass King Street in the middle of the map in from of the University Playing Fields (Bus route no 1,2 or 68). There is a student bus in front of the Old Town house (Bus route no. 20) that travels to the galls of residence and city centre.

Coffee at the University: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/food-drink-and-retail-440.php

- The Hub located on the corner of Elphistone Road and St Machar Drive (no 5 in the map)
- Hardback café at the ground floor of Sir Duncan library (no 9 in the map)
- MacRobert's at the ground floor of Mac Robert Building (no 17 in map)
- Bishop Table on the ground floor of Crombie Hall (no 34 in the map)
- Café Zeste in the Crombie Hall (no 34 in the map)
- The Bobbin at 500 King's st (bottom right corner of the map)

## Fraser Noble





## **School of Engineering**

Fraser Noble Building King's College Aberdeen AB24 3UE

Tel: +44 (0)1224 272820 Fax: +44 (0)1224 272497

Email: engineering@abdn.ac.uk

The School of Engineering is located in the Fraser Noble Building, King's College, which is located in the historic Old Aberdeen area. The Electronics Research Group occupies the East side of the top floor of the west wing.



## Hotels and Accommodation

### **University Accommodation for Students**

The University provides some accommodation by means of application to the accommodation office. Set in the heart of Old Aberdeen, these popular residences are close to most of the University's academic departments, sports facilities, Cafes, the Hub and the New Library.

#### **Crombie Hall**

These are catered halls with single study bedrooms, some with en-suite. Residents are housed in 12 standard rooms on each corridor, all of which have single beds. Each corridor has a small communal kitchen area, showers and toilets. Kitchens come supplied with a microwave, toaster and kettle but as these are catered accommodation there is no cooker - so you don't need pots and pans. If you want snacks then you should take your own crockery.

### **Johnston Hall**

These are catered halls. Residents are housed in a four-storey block, each floor corridor containing 6 - 12 single study rooms, all of which have single beds and wash hand basins. Each corridor has a small communal kitchen, showers and toilets. Kitchens come supplied with a microwave, toaster and kettle but as these are catered accommodation there is no cooker - so you don't need pots and pans. If you want snacks then you should take your own crockery.

### King's Hall

These are self catered flats. There are 5 bedrooms, single beds, with a central kitchen area. The flats are in a self contained block. King's Hall is adjacent to Crombie Hall with all rooms having en-suite facilities. These are normally reserved for Post Graduates or mature Under Graduates.

### **Elphinstone Road Flats**

Elphinstone Road Flats are flatted Halls which consists of 120 single study bedrooms, all with wash hand basins in rooms, shared kitchen with small table and shared shower room. The Elphinstone Road flats are shared with 3-5 residents.

Further information and pictures can be found on the Accommodation website: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

# Some ideas about accommodation in Aberdeen



### **Brentwood Villa Bed & Breakfast**

Mrs/Mr Lorraine/Ewen Crichton 560, King Street Aberdeen - Grampian - AB24 5SR **Tel: 01224 480633** 

Email: ewencrichton@yahoo.co.uk http://www.brentwoodvillabandb.com

All prices are per room and are inclusive of VAT Single from £35- £50 Double from £60- £80



### Aberdeen Northern Hotel

1 Great Northern Road Aberdeen - AB24 3PS Tel: +44 (0)1224 483342 e-mail: info@aberdeennorthernhotel.com 16 minutes walk from Fraser Noble Building Current rates

Single from £97
Double from £117



### **Ibis Hotel**

15 Shiprow

AB11 5BY - Aberdeen

Tel: (+0044)1224/398800

Located beside the Maritime Museum in the city centre – a bus or taxi ride from the University.

Prices from £ 62.00

http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-5170-ibis-aberdeen-centre/index.shtml



### Hilton Garden Inn Aberdeen City Centre

31 Saint Andrew Street Aberdeen, Aberdeen City AB25 1JA 01224 451444 Located close to the beech and within walking distance of the University. Prices from  $\pounds$  69.00

placeshilton.com



### Jurys Inn Aberdeen

Jurys Inn Aberdeen Hotel, Union Square, Guild Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5RG Tel:+44 1224 381200

Prices from £85.00

http://www.jurysinns.com



### Travelodge Aberdeen Central Hotel

9 Bridge Street Aberdeen AB11 6JL United Kingdom Tel: 0871 984 6117 Prices from £32.00

http://www.travelodge.co.uk



### **Premier Inn Aberdeen City Centre**

Inverlair House West North Street Aberdeen Tel: 0870 990 6300 Prices from £ 39.00

http://www.premierinn.com/pti/hotelInformation.do?hotelId=24159



### DoubleTree By Hilton

Beach Boulevard, Aberdeen AB24 5EF, United Kingdom

Tel: 44-1224-633 339

Prices from £ 95.00

http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-aberdeen-city-centre-ABZDTDI/index.html?WT.srch=1

### **Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre**

Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express and located North of the University.







### **Union Square**

To be found beside the railway/bus station, you can find a range of restaurant and stores located in Guild Square, Aberdeen AB11 5 RG

Tel:01224 254300



### Jamie's Italian

38 Union Street Aberdeen - AB10 1GD Tel:01224 925175

Opening Times: Monday - Saturday 12 noon - 11pm Sunday 12 noon - 10.30pm



### Ma Cameron's

Little Belmont Street
Aberdeen-AB10 1JG
E: macamerons.aberdeen@belhavenpubs.net
T: 01224 644487

The snug bar at the front of this popular city-centre pub is the oldest in Aberdeen, dating back 300 years, and the warren of adjoining rooms makes it one of the most cosy and atmospheric.



Casa Gabriele Restaurant 4 Bridge Street Aberdeen, AB11 6JJ Tel:01224 590792

Authentic Tuscan Cuisine

# Attractions

### King's Museum

King's Museum is located in the University of Aberdeen on the King's College Campus and is = free between the following times:

Monday 10:00-16:00 Tuesday 10:00-19:30 Wed-Fri 10:00-16:00 Saturday 11:00-16:00 Sunday closed



http://www.abdn.ac.uk/museums/exhibitions/kings-museum.php

http://www.abdn.ac.uk/about/heritage.php

### **Aberdeen Maritime Museum**

The Aberdeen Maritime Museum tells the story of the city's long relationship with the Sea. This award-winning museum is located on the historic Shiprow and incorporates Provost Ross's House, which was built in 1593. The Maritime Museum houses a unique collection covering shipbuilding, fast sailing ships, fishing and port history

Shiprow, Aberdeen AB11 5BY. Open Tuesday-Sunday, Closed Monday.

http://www.aagm.co.uk/venues/aberdeenmaritimemuseum

### Place to ski

Whether you're hitting the slopes for the first time, or see yourself as a bit of a James Bond figure, each resort caters for all abilities and has ski schools to help you on your way.

The Nevis Range lies just 7 miles north of Fort William and offers wonderful skiing and snowboarding at altitudes of up to 1,190 m (3,900 ft) into late spring. The ascending mountain gondola, the only one of its kind in Britain, takes you up 2,150 ft where you can access the predominantly wide and open runs. Surrounded by breathtaking scenery, experts will love the extensive off-piste black and red runs, while intermediates should check out the blue and red runs in the main Snowgoose bowl.

Glencoe Mountain was Scotland's first ski resort and opened its ski lift more than 50 years ago. Set among 200 hectares of natural beauty, there are seven lifts and 19 runs which cater for skiers, boarders and many other snow-based activities.

CairnGorm Mountain is Scotland's most popular resort and is home to Scotland's only funicular railway. Explore over 30 km of wide runs that include six blue runs, eight red runs and one immense black run.

The Lecht is located in the eastern Cairngorms, 2,000 ft above sea level. Although it is the smallest and most compact ski centre of the five, it actually has the most consistent snow and boasts 18 incredible pisted runs of varied terrain.

Glenshee Ski Centre is the largest in the UK and boasts 36 runs, 21 lifts and tows that extend across four mountains and three valleys. This wonderful centre boasts a modern and distinctively Alpine feel, the perfect location for snowsport enthusiasts of all abilities.