Dark Aberdeen: Piracy & Slavery

Take a walk through the dark side of Aberdeen's history on this trip back through the centuries where we'll discover the murkier corners of Aberdeen's past. Starting at the old market centre of town, the Mercat Cross, we journey towards the harbour to find out about Aberdeen's maritime associations and how it was once the powerhouse port of Scotland. Learn about the city's connection with the oil industry, have a look at some of its oldest buildings and hear tales of slavery, piracy and the seedier characters of Aberdeen's colourful and often troublesome past. Hit the cobblestones with me and let's unearth some of the stories hidden in the granite city.



Start at Mercat Cross



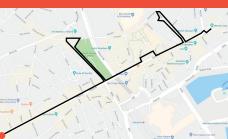
2km | 40 minutes | £4.99

Explore Union Street

Take a walk down the acclaimed "Finest Street" in the Empire". This walk along Aberdeen's Union street is filled with historical, architectural and local knowledge gems hitting the highlights from over 200 years of history. Aberdeen has long been known as the Granite City. On this walk, we'll discover how and why this city has been literally shaped by its relationship to granite. We'll take in some of the finest examples of granite architecture and local tales while we 'walk the Mat'.



Start at west end of Union Street



1.5km | 30 minutes | £4.99

RGU Campus

If you are new to RGU Garthdee Campus, then this tour is for you. We tell you where the buildings are and what they contain. Lecture theatres, the Library, food outlets and who to speak to for support are all within this helpful end to end tour of the campus.



Start at The Sir Ian Wood Building



1km | 20 minutes | £1.50

How it works

You will need three things for these tours:







A WiFi connection, a smartphone or tablet and a pair of headphones.

The WiFi connection is only needed for downloading the app and tour, as the tours themselves work without an internet connection. The app uses your phone's GPS to determine where you are and plays the matching audio automatically. You can pause or exit the tour whenever you like

How to get your fun and informative tour

- Find a WiFi Zone and connect.
- Download the VoiceMap app for free from the App Store or Google Play Store
- Select, purchase and download a tour of your choosing.
- Plug in your earphones, start the tour, and follow the instructions.

Contact us

Keep checking the VoiceMap Aberdeen pages — more tours are coming! If you have an idea for a tour you would like to see, contact us and we'll see what we can do.

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