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welcome

... a warm Arran welcome to the 14th edition of the VisitArran magazine!

VisitArran brings island businesses and community together to provide you with a quality experience of Arranology for your holiday. This collaborative approach is based on a sustainable business model where Arran's community, environment and economy are equally balanced, benefitting the island, the residents and of course our lovely visitors.

This Island Guide magazine is just the start of your journey, and we hope the information contained will help inspire you to plan and improve your stay to our beautiful and accessible island. Some people come for a day, some may come and stay a month, but almost all will return to enjoy their 'island-time' on Arran – and we hope you will become (if not already) one of our repeat-visiting friends!

As you may be aware, Arran is an aspiring UNESCO Geopark. This amazing geology has created the incredible scenery, a haven for wildlife, and a microclimate that means our produce is second to none. It's also home to the Arranachs. However, we are only stewards for Arran; we need to make sure that our beautiful island is here for future generations to enjoy. As such we all need to respect and care for our stunning natural environment – so please, leave only footprints, take away more than you brought, and if you feel you want to help us further, perhaps consider donating to The Arran Trust, our visitor gifting charity.

Through the Arran Trust we can offer community groups funding to assist with access, paths, conservation, and other environmental initiatives, all of which help to keep the places you love on Arran, beautiful – for generations to come. Look out for collecting cans, sponsored products, or become a Friend of the Arran Trust – more here: www.arrantrust.org

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Sheila Gilmore

Chief Executive, VisitArran



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ARRAN TIME
your time

getting about

how to get here

Arran is easily one of the most accessible islands to visit, and we're much closer than many of our island cousins. Basically, we're first on the left across the border with England! If you live to the East or South of the country, there are regular ferry crossings from Ayrshire to the port of Brodick on Arran with CalMac Ferries.

Due to works at Ardrrossan Harbour we will be moving to use the port at Troon temporarily in 2024. Both ports are just a short drive from Glasgow International and Prestwick Airports. Sailings to Brodick can be very busy, especially in summer. So if you are travelling on this route, as a foot passenger, with a vehicle or bike, we recommend getting information about ports and booking in advance from www.calmac.co.uk

You don't need to bring a car though - there's a direct rail link from Glasgow Central Station to Ardrrossan Harbour or to Troon - and the journey takes about 45-50 minutes, so all in all your travel time from Glasgow to Arran can be less than 2 hours! Check out www.scotrail.co.uk

If you're travelling from the North or West, then perhaps the Lochranza - Claonaig ferry is for you. This 30 minute link connects Arran directly with Argyll, is also run by CalMac Ferries, and you just turn up and go! In winter the ferry sails from Tarbert to Lochranza, and you need to book.

On all sailings - watch out for marine wildlife such as dolphins, minke whale, and porpoises as you sail!



Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park

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This superb National Trust property is one of Arran's most popular days out for the family, naturalist or anyone with an interest in one of the country's most significant baronial castles. The castle is full of antiques, silverware, paintings and sporting trophies, whilst the gardens and trails will fascinate the plant lovers and wildlife spotters.











The property includes a childrens' adventure playpark, cafeteria and is the gateway to Goatfell. You will also often see Highland Cattle, Red Squirrels and buzzards from the trails and gardens. Keep an eye on our events throughout the year via Facebook or our website.

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by air

Regular train services are available from both Glasgow airports. A shuttle bus from Glasgow International (GLA) Airport can take you directly to Paisley Gilmour Street train station, where trains will connect with the ferry terminal at Ardrossan or Troon, where there's a buslink to the port. Alternatively, taxis are relatively inexpensive and readily available. Glasgow Prestwick Airport has its own rail station with services to Troon and to Kilwinning, where you can change for Ardrossan Harbour.

by train

There are excellent rail links east, west, north and south between Glasgow and most parts of the UK. There is a direct and frequent train service between Glasgow Central and Ayrshire as noted above. For further information contact www.scotrail.co.uk. For more travel details check out the Traveline Scotland journey planner: www.travelinescotland.com

by car

The UK's network of motorways, and other major roads means that Ardrossan (or Troon) can easily be reached by car, possibly via the M6/M74 (from London to Glasgow) and M77/A77 or M8/A737 (from Glasgow to Ardrossan/Troon). Remember if you are bringing a car over to the island, you must book in advance with CalMac – www.calmac.co.uk

Typical journey times by car to Ardrossan Harbour from:

London – about 7.5 hours
Birmingham – about 5.5 hours
Manchester – about 4.5 hours
Edinburgh – about 2 hours
Glasgow – about 45 minutes
Inverness – about 4 hours

once you're here...

Use local buses to get around and really see the island! All three main routes (322, 323, 324) operate on a return basis, and most coincide with the main ferry times from Brodick. Timetables are available on the website. www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/west-scotland/visit-arran-by-bus

Car hire offers more freedom, or you can book your own personal tour guide. You can take a taxi or a private hire, and pre-book these to collect and drop you off anywhere on the island; the taxi/private hire partners with VisitArran offer personal guided tours as well. Wheelchair accessible taxis are also available.

Some accommodation providers may offer transport to and from Brodick Pier, and if you're bringing your electric car there are several charging points in Brodick, and at various businesses around the island too. Check this link for more details:

www.zap-map.com/charge-points/isle-of-arran

Arran by bike is a really super way to get around and 'feel' the island

Arran by bike is a really super way to get around and 'feel' the island. Bike hire is available in Brodick, and e-bikes can even be hired for those less fit! Check out our **Adventure Providers** on Page 27 for details.

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service providers

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- roam the ever-changing landscape
- explore the castles
- observe the flora/fauna
- watch the marvellous sunsets of this special Isle

Come and enjoy the magic of Arran from the perfect base!

In an elevated position on the southern tip of the Island, **Eryb, Barnstable and Kilbride Cottages** command stunning views over the Ayrshire and Wigtownshire coastlines, westwards to Ireland and beyond.



What our guests say

“ Another fantastic week - must be good - it's our 4th time. ”

“ Lovely house, spectacular location and sunsets to die for! ”

“ One word - fabulous! Had a great time in a great house. Will most certainly be back. ”

Eryb & Barnstable Cottages

In an elevated position on the southern tip of the Island, these two semi-detached properties offer complete peace and privacy with their own driveways, entrances and parking. Barnstable commands panoramic views over the Ayrshire and Wigtownshire coastlines, westwards to Ireland and beyond. Eryb is host to its own unique stone circle garden from which stunning views can also be enjoyed.

Both properties have a well designed spacious layout resulting in two individual and very stylish homes. Each has a fenced private garden.

Kilbride Cottage

Situated in a very peaceful location amidst idyllic countryside, Kilbride was previously a farm cottage built around the late 1880/1890's. It has been renovated to a high standard in keeping with the original character - has its own garden from which, to the west, can be seen the Argyll peninsula and to the south, Ailsa Craig and beyond.

All on one level the cottage has a fully equipped kitchen with breakfast bar and additional eating area, a double bedroom and a twin bedroom. The cosy lounge also boasts an open fire for the chillier evenings, or just to sit and watch the flames flickering in the dark! It is ideal for pet owners as there is a very scenic forestry walk, crossing the island to Whiting Bay and Lamlash, just a stone's throw away!



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arran: an island in balance

Welcome to the Isle of Arran!

Greetings and welcome to the stunning Isle of Arran! A true gem of Scotland, Arran is renowned for its picturesque landscapes, diverse wildlife, and warm hospitality. Prepare to be captivated by the rolling hills and stunning vistas that stretch as far as the eye can see. From the peaks of Goatfell to the sandy beach of Kildonan, Arran has something for everyone. As proud Arranachs, we are passionate about our beautiful island and all it has to offer. But there's more to Arran than just its natural beauty - the island is also home to world-famous produce and has a vibrant local community to welcome you.

The beauty of Arran doesn't stop at its natural wonders. The island is also famous for its world-class produce. Arran's environment creates a unique taste, and menus offer a wide range of mouth-watering dishes made from local ingredients. You can explore cafes, bars, restaurants and even some producers to sample these tasty treats. Check out our **Retail and Food & Drink** pages for more info. Additionally, the vibrant Arran community offers a warm welcome to visitors with open arms.

You'll find a range of activities and events to enjoy, from traditional Scottish ceilidhs, to church coffee mornings to bustling farmers markets.

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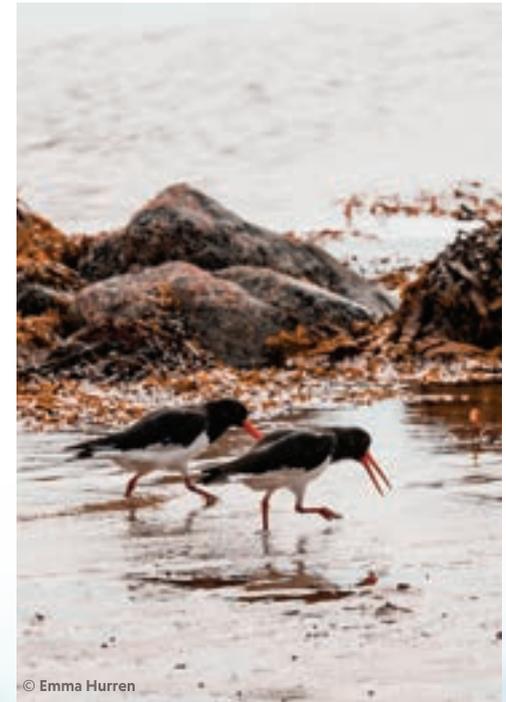
Accommodation covers everything from basic campsites to five star luxury. VisitArran can offer an up-to-date accessibility audit - available on the Downloads page of our website, and we even have a Pet Audit there too. Many VisitArran partners are pet-friendly, so bring your dog along for the adventure - check out our **Pets on Hols** page 13.

Our island is home to Scotland's Big Five; red deer, golden eagles, common seals, otters, and red squirrels. With your phone camera at the ready, you can check them off your list as you spot them, but remember to keep your distance too - they need their space as much as you need yours! Arran has a

wide range of adventure activities to offer, such as cycling, kayaking, gorge-walking, golf, horse riding, and walking. Regardless of your level of experience, you will find a suitable trail to explore, from low-level walks to challenging ridge walking in the hills. For more information, check out the **Outdoor** pages.

All of this is **Arranology**, which is why we are an aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark; to be honest, Arran has been a de facto geopark for generations. The island's unique geology has been a source of sustenance and prosperity for thousands of years, creating a stunning environment for people, flora, and fauna. This geological wonder has also enabled the production of our incredible local food, drink and toiletries, fostering a thriving microclimate, which means that you might see palm trees even when there's snow on those hills! No wonder Arran is aiming for UNESCO recognition.

So why not plan your next holiday on the Isle of Arran, and look out for the VisitArran logos on all our partner businesses to ensure a quality experience? Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, you're sure to find it on Arran. Come and experience the magic of Arran for yourself!



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Did you know Arran is making a bid for UNESCO status?

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day trip?

If you can only spend a day on Arran – what should you do? Well, you could try some of these ideas:

- Take a breather. Just sit back, relax and let Arran wash its ambience over you.
- Take a boat trip around Holy Isle or on PS Waverley and see Arran from the sea.
- Visit Brodick Castle to find out about the Hamilton Dynasty, and then go to Arran Heritage Museum to find out all about the islanders.
- Dive into a world of fun and exhilaration with water activities like kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, gorge walking, snorkelling, and swimming!
- Enjoy some retail therapy! Treat yourself to some goodies from our niche retail outlets around the island – gifts for you to remember Arran when your holiday is over.

- Check out some pre-history by visiting some of the lesser known standing stones (such as the ones at Auchengallon) and chambered cairns like the one at Torrylin!
- Explore some of the forest trails – watch out for signs warning of felling and remember, trees are a crop like any other, they just take longer to grow!
- Enjoy a lazy lunch. With such incredible produce available, you will be spoilt for choice. Tummy rumbling for a quick and easy bite on the go? Look no further than a freshly made filled roll to take on your picnic!
- Soak up every drop of Arran magic, and hop on a guided tour, led by local experts who'll reveal the secrets of Arran's flora, fauna, history, and culture.



if you have longer...

- Find out more about Arran's history and how the island environment as we know it today was formed through the Arran Geopark hubs in Lochranza, Brodick Castle and Arran Heritage Museum.
- Check out Arran Arts Heritage Trail and also the Arran Art Trail! Get ready to immerse yourself in Arran's vibrant art culture with these two unique trails!
- Download the two VisitArran tours on the Geotourist app. There's a wee bit of walking involved in some of the sites selected, so download the app, get yourself kitted out and off you go!
- Golfer? Get yourself an Arran Golf Pass and see how many of our seven courses you can 'bag' – remember the Golf Pass lasts 12 months! Visit our Golf page to find out more.
- Sign up for a week of different activities - ideal for family too! Go kayaking, mountain biking, take a wildlife tour, hike up Glen Rosa, climb Goatfell, abseil, have a go at archery, take a diving course, ride a horse along the beach and lots more – check out our **Outdoors** pages.
- Arran Coastal Way is 67 miles long and it's waiting for you! One of Scotland's Great Trails, the Coastal Way has something to challenge and excite everyone - check out our **Outdoors** pages 24.

Och, it's so hard for us to select just a few things for you to do, when there's so much available! We know that you'll make your own Arran adventures, so be sure to share them with us on our social media channels – @VisitArran - we love to see and share your experiences!

in or out of season...

Arran has something to offer no matter what season you choose to visit!

Spring - March, April, May – Spring on the island is a lively time! Everyone's getting ready for summer, and it's also peak breeding season for wildlife and farm animals. Remember though to maintain a safe distance and always keep your dog on a lead around livestock and ground nesting birds.

Summer - June, July, August - Flowerbeds burst with colour, and heather tints the hills a rich purple. It's the perfect time to try new activities and attend outdoor events. There's plentiful wildlife, with young ones settling into their new lives – but as before, keep your distance, and furry friends need to be kept on leads.

Autumn - Sept, Oct, Nov - Autumn hills offer golden russets and bright oranges. Quieter than peak season (unless you're a stag in rut!), but still plenty of options. Warm weather often continues into October, when some islanders go off on their own holidays to recharge their batteries.

Winter - Dec, Jan, Feb – Winter on Arran is magical for nature lovers and walkers! The snow-capped hills and rich brown slopes offer picturesque views. The island is quieter during this time, and some businesses may be closed for renovations in January, so check beforehand to avoid any disappointments.



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what's on 2024-25

Events on Arran range from small village coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to international hill races and Hill Billy Golf!

We do try and keep the VisitArran website up-to-date but it can be hard for businesses (and community) to remember to list events everywhere, so always check local paper The Arran Banner's "What's On" pages to confirm fêtes, dances, conker championships, hill-billy golf, classic concerts, sales of work, farmers markets, cookery competitions, craft fairs etc!

We have an amazing community, and fund-raising is something we're all good at! Check out our **Village** pages for more details of community life. Don't be surprised when you pop in to a coffee morning

and find that you feel you want to spend more on raffle tickets, or end up buying lovely baking to take home...that is the Arran Effect!

Some of our key events are listed here, but you'll see we've not got any actual definite dates – this is because this Island Guide covers two years. For this reason, please check our website, social media and local posters to find out more.

january

Burns Suppers – Island Wide

february

One Act Drama Festival,
Lamlash Community Theatre
FACEBOOK: Isle of Arran Drama Association

march

Isle of Arran Music Festival
FACEBOOK: Isle of Arran Music Festival

april

Rat Race Ultra Tour of Arran
VISIT: www.ratrace.com/ultra-tour-of-arran

Isle of Arran Ormidale 10k, Ormidale Pavillion
FACEBOOK: Arran Runners

may

Arran Mountain Festival
VISIT: www.arranmountainfestival.co.uk

Goatfell Hill Race, Ormidale Pavilion
CONTACT: www.sientries.co.uk

june

Arran Folk Festival
FACEBOOK: Arran Folk Festival

Arran Rugby 7s
FACEBOOK: Arran Rugby Club

Arran Pride
FACEBOOK: Arran Pride

Craft Day at Arran Heritage Museum
VISIT: www.arranmuseum.co.uk

Arran Skiff Regatta
VISIT: www.arrancoastalrowing.co.uk

Malt and Music Festival
VISIT: www.arranwhisky.com

july

Arran's Classic Motorbike Show
at Arran Heritage Museum
VISIT: www.arranmuseum.co.uk

Kildonan Fun Week
FACEBOOK: Kildonan Hall

Whiting Bay Fun Week
FACEBOOK: Whiting Bay & District Improvements

Feis Arainn - Ceilidh
VISIT: www.feisarainn.com

Children's Day, Arran Heritage Museum
VISIT: www.arranmuseum.co.uk

august

Arran Open Studios, Around Arran
VISIT: www.arranopenstudios.com

Arran International Festival of
Chamber Music & Song
VISIT: www.arraninternationalfestival.com

Lamlash Golf Club Open Weekend
VISIT: www.lamlashgolfclub.com

Arran Farmers Show, Lamlash
FACEBOOK: Arran Show

Brodick Highland Games
FACEBOOK: Brodick Highland Games

Tractor Show, Arran Heritage Museum
VISIT: www.arranmuseum.co.uk

Blackwaterfoot Beer Festival
VISIT: www.bw-kinlochhotel.co.uk

McLellan Festival
VISIT: www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk

Wee Mac Book Festival
VISIT: www.weemacarran.scot

september

McLellan Festival (Aug – Sept)
VISIT: www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk

Arran Festival of Food & Drink
FACEBOOK: Arran's Food Journey

Lamlash Splash
CONTACT: anngartconner@yahoo.co.uk

october

Holiday Workshops – various
Halloween parties – check locally

november

Bonfires & Fireworks – island-wide

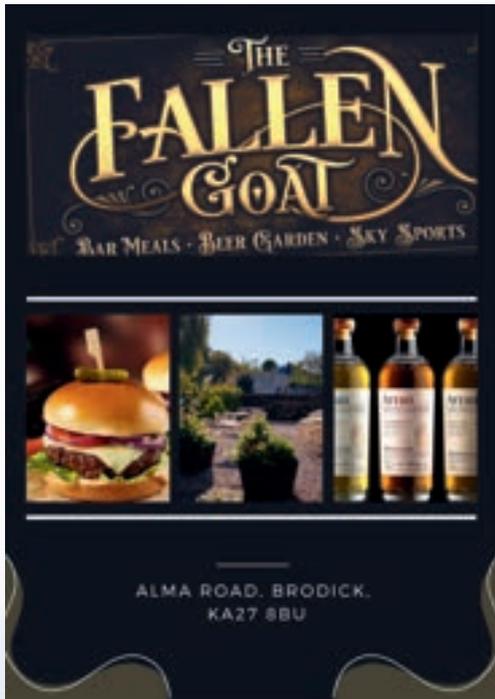
ShopArran
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december

Christmas Farmers Market
FACEBOOK: Arran Farmers Market Bellevue

Arran Pantomime
FACEBOOK: Isle of Arran Dramas Association

Christmas Concerts – island-wide



Arran truly has something for everyone

If you're in the mood for some peace and quiet, why not head over to the beautiful south or west coast of the island and take a nice, relaxing walk up Glen lorsa or along the stunning beaches of Blackwaterfoot, Pirmill, or Kilmory? Alternatively, if you're feeling like some excitement, you could always check out the island's amazing annual events like the Malt and Music Festival, Arran Farmers' Show, or Brodick Highland Games. Whatever your preference is, we've got you covered!

Just a quick reminder that when you're exploring our beautiful island, the roads are a little different than what you might be used to. Surfaces can be a wee bit bumpy in places and there may be some unexpected livestock around every bend, but that's all part of the charm! Plus, the scenery is absolutely breathtaking, so it's easy to get a little distracted. It's important to remember that Arran is a working island, and that means farmers need to move their livestock and buses run on strict schedules. So, if you see a tractor or bus coming, please pull over and let them pass. This way, everyone can enjoy their

visit safely and you don't have the stress of leading a tailback! By being friendly and respectful to fellow road users, we can all share Arran's roads safely and happily.

Arran is home to many warm and welcoming churches of different denominations. Some of the services take place in unique locations beyond the traditional church buildings. To find out more about each service's timing and location, check the Arran Banner.



EXPLORE ARRAN'S LARDER

Arran is home to fantastic food & drink producers.

Foodie events take place throughout the year including the Arran Festival of Food and Drink in September.

Scan the QR code to download our producers guide, or visit:
www.arransfoodjourney.com



Arran's
Food Journey

villages

Arran's villages have unique characters and events. Go to a local pub or event – meet the islanders and enjoy the craic!

Arran doesn't have any towns, but we have plenty of villages that you'll absolutely love! Each one has its own unique character and is definitely worth exploring. Most of the villages have community halls and even community gardens that are run by volunteers, which is pretty cool. If you happen to come across an event happening at one of these places, be sure to stop by and join in!

Brodick is home to lots of lovely shops and eateries, and is also the main ferry terminal and bus hub. If you're in the mood for some history, take a short walk over to the Arran Heritage Museum or Brodick Castle – both are always a hit with visitors! Fisherman's Walk is a popular way to get out to Cladach too!

Lamlash is a picturesque village with lots of foodie places to eat, and sits directly across from Holy Isle. It's the island's administrative hub, and is also home to the COAST marine discovery centre. Don't forget to check out the Clearances Memorial Monument in front of Hamilton Terrace.

Whiting Bay is a village that stretches south of Sandbraes. From here, you can access the scenic Glanashdale Falls and the Giants' Graves. Whiting Bay has a great community, and they've just refurbished their old jetty. It's also historically known as being very arty and crafty!

Kildonan is a peaceful village at the southern end of the island, with stunning views of the wee Isle of Pladda. The shores are popular with seals and otters, and 'Silver Sands' is one of the most popular beaches. At the southernmost tip of Arran, you'll find **Kilmory**, which houses the newest whisky distillery at Lagg, and a stunning beach that's not crowded – not to be confused with Cleats Shore, our nudist beach, which is also there! As you move north along the west coast, you'll come across the communities of **Sliddery**, **Corriecravie** and eventually come into **Shiskine Valley**. These areas together form the farming hub of the island, with rolling pastures alongside the sea cliffs.

Blackwaterfoot on the west side of the island has some amazing things to offer! There are beautiful

beaches, great hotels, riding stables, the famous 12 hole links golf course, tennis courts, and some really great local shops to explore. You can also walk to King's Caves along the shoreline!

The spread-out community of **Machrie** may be small, but the area is famed for its pre-history. As well as the famous Standing Stones on Machrie Moor, look out for the lesser known Auchengallon stones – and for the Druid Stone up at the Old Byre! There's also a lovely forest and cliff walk down to King's Caves.

Continuing north, you'll come across **Pirmill**, which is the nearest village to mainland Kintyre. The sunsets over Kilbrannan Sound are absolutely breathtaking from this spot. **Catacol** is next – a charming little village known for its Twelve Apostles (also called 'The Row'), and just after that, you'll reach **Lochranza**, where you can catch a ferry to Kintyre at the ferry terminal. Where you can check out the amazing Lochranza Distillery, known as Lagg's big sister. Lochranza Castle is definitely worth exploring, and if you're up for a walk, you can take the Coastal Way from here to **Sannox**, one of two twin villages (the other being Corrie) that share a village hall, golf course, and a great sense of community. And don't forget to keep an eye out for the seal on the rock at Corrie!



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family fun

If you're looking for a family-friendly destination, Arran is the perfect spot for you!

Arran offers something for the whole family to enjoy, with stunning beaches, spacious glens and forestry, and numerous activities like horse riding, kayaking, alpaca trekking, tennis and farm tours. Enjoy building sandcastles, crabbing, and searching for dinosaur footprints, or go for a swim and explore the sea's mysteries.

Popular attractions include Brodick Castle, Arran Heritage Museum, the Marine Discovery Centre, and the play barn at Auchrannie. On the rare occasion that it rains on Arran, don't worry! It's just fairy rain – we do get big fairies sometimes, but it's all part of the beautiful environment that makes the island so unique and special!

Please note that if you're eating out at pubs, licensing laws will require children to vacate the premises by a certain time.

where to play...

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Arran Alpacas

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Arran Heritage Museum

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pets on hols!

Planning the family holiday to Arran? Great news - you can now bring your furry friends along, and they too can enjoy an Arran welcome!

Our little island is very supportive of dogs, and you'll find plenty of pet-friendly accommodation, restaurants, cafes, and bars, where your furry friends can relax and even enjoy some water and doggy snacks. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time, so please respect that some eateries may offer designated seating areas.

Our stunning environment is perfect for long dog walks and horse riding, and we can even arrange livery for you. However, we kindly ask that you always keep your dog on a lead when around livestock as even the best-behaved dog can take off at speed when they see a sheep! We want you to have the best time possible, and we recommend

following the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, which provides plenty of helpful tips and guidance.

www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot

If you're planning to take your furry friend to the beach, just a wee reminder to keep them on a lead from April to July to protect our ground-nesting birds. And after your walk, don't forget to give your pup a quick check for ticks. Hopefully, you won't need it, but just in case, here's the number for

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You can find out more details through our Pet Audit on the downloads page of our website:

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celebrations

Arran is simply the perfect place to celebrate your special occasion with your loved ones.

Our island boasts breathtaking landscapes, from rolling hills to sweeping glens and stunning seascapes, all of which offer a dramatic setting for capturing those all-important photos.

You also have plenty of options when it comes to choosing a venue for your party. There are bespoke locations designed specifically for such occasions, smaller village halls, and lovely hotels where catering services can be provided. You may even choose in-house catering services provided by the venue.

The best part? You don't have to worry about a thing! Celebrants, florists, favours, decorations, photographers, and cakes can all be arranged locally so you can focus on enjoying your time with your loved ones. So, just bring yourselves and let the charm of Arran do the rest.

Whether you're celebrating a wedding, anniversary, or a milestone birthday, Arran has everything you need to make your special day unforgettable.

who can help you?

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Lochranza Distillery

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Sarah Pomfret - family celebrant & wedding planner T: 07590 832993

The Dougarie Boathouse

T: 01770 840259

The Shack & Grill

T: 07929411484

The Shore - venue & catering

T: 01770 700161

Be sure and check out our **Retail Therapy** page 44 for other gift ideas!

wellness

Arran's natural beauty and environment offer a holistic approach to wellness.

But sometimes we need extra help to feel our best. Arran offers a wide range of holistic treatments, including art, sound, and hypno therapies, hot stone massages, reiki, reflexology, and more. Our therapists are also available to help with emotional and social factors that affect your health.

Treat yourself to a massage, hair treatment, or manicure. Some therapists offer facials and Indian head massages. Pre-booking is advisable, but drop-ins are welcome too. We're all here to help you feel your best!

who to contact

Aspa at Auchrannie Resort

T: 01770 302234

Heather Lodge Holistic Therapies

T: 01770 302827

Kinloch Arran Leisure Facilities

T: 01770 860444

outdoors

Arran is a place that has something for everyone, and we cannot emphasize this enough.

Aspiring to be a UNESCO Global Geopark, the island's stunning geology has created an incredible environment to live, work and play. There's endless opportunities to explore this beautiful environment, regardless of your age. From stunning views and amazing wildlife to thrilling adventures, Arran has it all.

Moreover, in case our 'fairy rain' catches you (remember that all our rainwater goes into making fabulous products, which is why we love our fairies), there are plenty of indoor activities to discover.

walking

Arran invites you to explore and offers a unique experience that you simply won't find anywhere else. For seasoned walkers or casual strollers, there's something for everyone on the island, from coastal paths, to forestry trails to challenging granite peaks and ridges. Goatfell from Brodick is one of the easiest hill routes (allow 5 hrs), and always bear in mind weather can change quickly, so dress appropriately and wear sturdy walking boots or shoes, regardless.

Please remember Arran land is managed. Farming is an essential part of Arran's economy, and deer stalking helps to maintain the ecological balance in the mountains while providing crucial income for the northern estates. So follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, leaving no trace, and keep furry friends on leads around livestock and ground-nesting birds.

If you're heading into the hills during the deer stalking season, use the Hillphone facility, and always dial 999 for Arran Mountain Rescue Team or Coastguard if needed.

Forestry covers a large part of Arran, offering some fantastic tracks and trails to explore - but take care to avoid felling! If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the local forestry office on 01770 302218. For more information on short strolls to more challenging hill walks visit - www.walkhighlands.co.uk/arran

cycling

Cycling on Arran has become increasingly popular with both locals and visitors alike. From mountain bikers to road riders, gravel riders, commuters, and ebikers, the island now sees regular visits from all kinds of cycling enthusiasts. It's amazing to see how popular cycling is on the island!

Arran's roads are unique with narrow, winding paths, challenging hills, changing road surfaces, steep descents, and even wild animals like sheep and deer, so there's lots to keep in mind. But don't worry, it's all part of the fun!

In July 2024, an exciting new pump track will open at Dyemill behind Lamlash. Set up by Arran High School MTB Club, and more info is on **Facebook: Dyemill**

Arran has several cycling clubs and groups, that offer different riding styles and share a love for the island's diversity. Visitors are welcome to join their sessions. Find out more information about cycling on Arran on our website www.visitarran.com/see-do/activities/cycling

If you're planning on cycling around the island with a group, it's best to contact www.calmac.oc.uk as soon as possible to reserve bike spaces, which can be limited on certain sailings. Download our Island Guide for Cyclists from our website www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads

Bike hire, including e-bikes, is available in Brodick. We hope you enjoy your cycling adventure on Arran!

coastal way

The Arran Coastal Way is a 67-mile long path that showcases the diverse habitats of the island. It is designated as one of Scotland's Great Trails, thanks to the hard work put into its development. The path is marked by waymarkers featuring a gannet, so look out for those! Most of the paths are well-maintained and suitable for average walkers. However, some parts of the Coastal Way can be challenging due to muddy or boulder-strewn paths, while others are only safe to cross at low tide. If you want to learn more about this path, you can visit www.coastalway.co.uk. To support development of the Geopark or Coastal Way, consider donating to our visitor gifting scheme, the Arran Trust at www.arrantrust.org.uk

the adventure providers...

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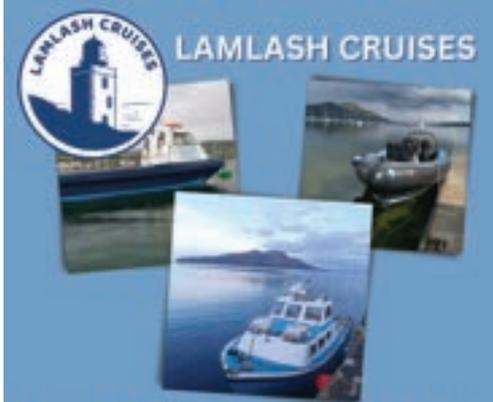
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adventure

Arran is the perfect adventure island for those seeking a little excitement. Why not step out of your comfort zone and try something new? You could take a leisurely kayak trip, go diving, try your hand at SUPing, or even go for a refreshing swim in loch, sea or river. You could even test your limits with some abseiling or gorge-walking! The beautiful hills of Arran are just waiting to be explored, and trust us, it's well worth the effort. Just be sure to come prepared with all the necessary gear and let someone know where you'll be going and when you plan to return. If you're looking to venture into the more remote mountainous or woodland areas of Arran, we highly recommend the Mogabout, the ultimate 16-seater 4x4 that'll provide safe and stress-free access. Or, if you'd prefer something a little more fast-paced, why not try a cruise around Holy Isle or gallop along a stunning beach on horseback with the sea spray in your face?

No matter which adventure you choose, we know you'll have an amazing time on our outdoor adventure island!

holy isle

The enchanting Holy Isle lies just off picturesque Lamlash Bay and boasts a rich spiritual heritage dating back to the 6th century. At the northern end of the island lies the Centre for World Peace, where you can attend retreats and courses from April to October. A closed Buddhist retreat takes place in the southern part of the island, but you can easily visit Holy Isle for a day trip and explore the island on foot.

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The island is divided into several areas, some of which are reserved for birds and animals, and others for tree-planting, and also the retreats. Visitors are asked to stick to the paths and refrain from bringing any animals onto the island. Holy Isle is home to various wild animals, including Eriskay ponies, Soay sheep, and Saanen goats, so don't forget to say hello (from a safe distance!) if you see them on your visit!

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Buglife	██████████
Butterfly Conservation	██████
RSPB	███
Woodland Trust	██

Effective charities aren't just good at what they do, they're good at how they do it. A nationwide survey voted COAST as "The UK environmental organisation achieving most relative to income". *

COAST may be a small organisation on a small island, but we're achieving great things for Arran's marine wildlife.

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Please visit our website for info on adding COAST to your Will or give us a call

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*Data from "What the Green Groups said 2021 - environmental funders network."
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coast

Community of Arran Seabed Trust

From the moment you step aboard the ferry, a trip to Arran inextricably links you to the sea. Whether you are an ocean lover at heart, enjoy coastal walks to view seals and otters, or simply enjoy watching the waves crash onto the shore, Arran is the place to be!

For almost 30 years, the people of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) have worked and battled hard to protect and restore the marine environment around Arran and the Firth of Clyde.

In 2008, our community were proud to establish the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone, a small area of the bay where any extraction of marine life is prohibited. Today it is encompassed within the larger (280 km²) South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA), legally enforced in 2016 to protect sensitive marine features through the exclusion of scallop dredging and prawn trawling. Together the NTZ and MPA, with their range of fishing restrictions, provide an amazing living laboratory to study seabed recovery, and are testament to how our ecosystem can recover when protected.

COAST is recognised worldwide as one of the UK's leading community marine conservation organisations, enjoying widespread support on Arran and beyond. Community is the foundation upon which COAST is built, and with their help we run Scotland's first community-led MPA Visitor Centre, the COAST Discovery Centre; a unique place to connect to our seas, through interactive displays, marine life tanks, and videos. From here, we run a comprehensive programme of events, from educational talks and school lessons, to snorkel sessions and rockpool rambles.



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COAST are now proud owners of their very own Research Vessel, RV COAST Explorer, which has opened the doors of opportunity to expand dedicated research on the NTZ and MPA, both by COAST and by independent researchers who can charter the vessel. Sea Science trips aboard COAST Explorer allow the public to conduct citizen science, which contributes to long-term data sets monitoring the health of Arran's seas.

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golf on arran

Scotland's Golf Island, Arran, is a paradise for golfers. These seven courses can offer a challenging game to any low handicapper.

Golfers of all abilities will be thrilled to know that there are seven golf courses on the island! These include three 18-hole courses (Brodick, Lamlash & Whiting Bay), two 9-hole courses (Machrie Bay and Corrie), one par 3 course at Lochranza (with 18 medal tees) and the famous 12 holes at Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club.

Each course offers a different challenge to the player, whether you're a scratch golfer or a complete novice. The courses range from parkland, such as Lamlash, to traditional links, such as Brodick. Be prepared for blind holes, stunning scenery, and courses with views that will take your breath away! Most clubs have excellent catering, either onsite or adjacent.

Clubs and buggies can be hired, and we recommend booking tee times, especially during busy times of the year. Some courses allow dogs, and children can often play for free when accompanied by a playing adult. If you want to play all seven courses, you can get a discounted rate with the Arran Golf Pass, which is valid for 12 months.

It's worth considering, especially if you plan to split your golf over two Arran visits! Find out more at www.golfonarran.com

Golf Courses:

Brodick Golf Club T: 01770 302349	Machrie Bay Golf Club T: 01770 840329
Corrie Golf Club T: 01770 810223	Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club T: 01770 860226
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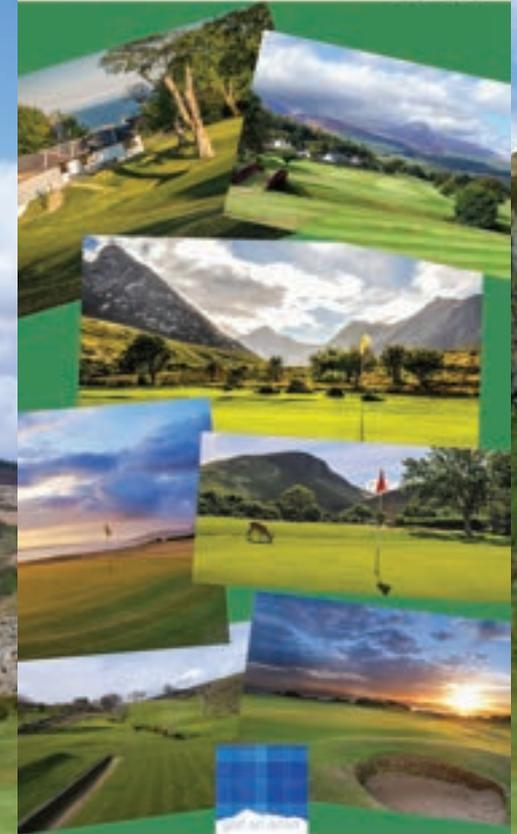
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The Arran Golf Pass is an inclusive ticket that offers one round on each of the seven courses and is valid for 12 months!

- Brodick** - 18 holes
- Lamlash** - 18 holes
- Whiting Bay** - 18 holes
- Shiskine** - 12 holes
- Machrie Bay** - 9 holes
- Corrie** - 9 holes
- Lochranza** - 18 holes par 3

www.golfonarran.com

arranology

As an aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, we want to share with you all the magic of Arran, and everything that is Arranology. This is a term coined by our friend Stuart Blake from Lochranza, and it perfectly captures the unique combination of geology, archaeology, ecology, and botany that makes Arran so special.

Can you believe that without the incredible rock formations we see on the island, we wouldn't have had the amazing communities that lived here thousands of years ago? And without those communities, we probably wouldn't have the communities we have now! This stunning natural environment supports the island's flora and fauna, so that everything works together in harmony to create the beautiful island and ecosystem that we have today. It's all a beautiful interplay; Arranology is the essence of the island, and we're proud to call it our home.

If you're curious to learn more about Arranology, we recommend checking out the Arran Geopark hubs, at Lochranza Centre, Arran Heritage Museum, and Arran Ranger Centre. There's also loads of locals who have a wealth of knowledge to share. We can't wait for you to come and explore our island, and who knows, you might just become an Arranologist yourself!



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the island

at a glance

Approx driving times between villages clockwise

Brodick - Lamlash	10 mins
Lamlash - Whiting Bay	10 mins
Whiting Bay - Kildonan	10 mins
Kildonan - Kilmory	20 mins
Kilmory - Blackwaterfoot	20 mins
Blackwaterfoot - Machrie	10 mins
Machrie - Pirmill	10 mins
Pirmill - Lochranza	10 mins

Counterclockwise from Brodick

Brodick - Corrie	15 mins
Corrie - Sannox	5 mins
Sannox - Lochranza	15 mins

West-East

Blackwaterfoot - Brodick (via B880 String Road)	20 mins
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From further afield



Standing Stones, Machrie



The Arran Defib Project

The Arran Defib Project was started in 2012 with the aim of getting at least one Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) in every village – at the time of printing there's now 22 spread across Arran!

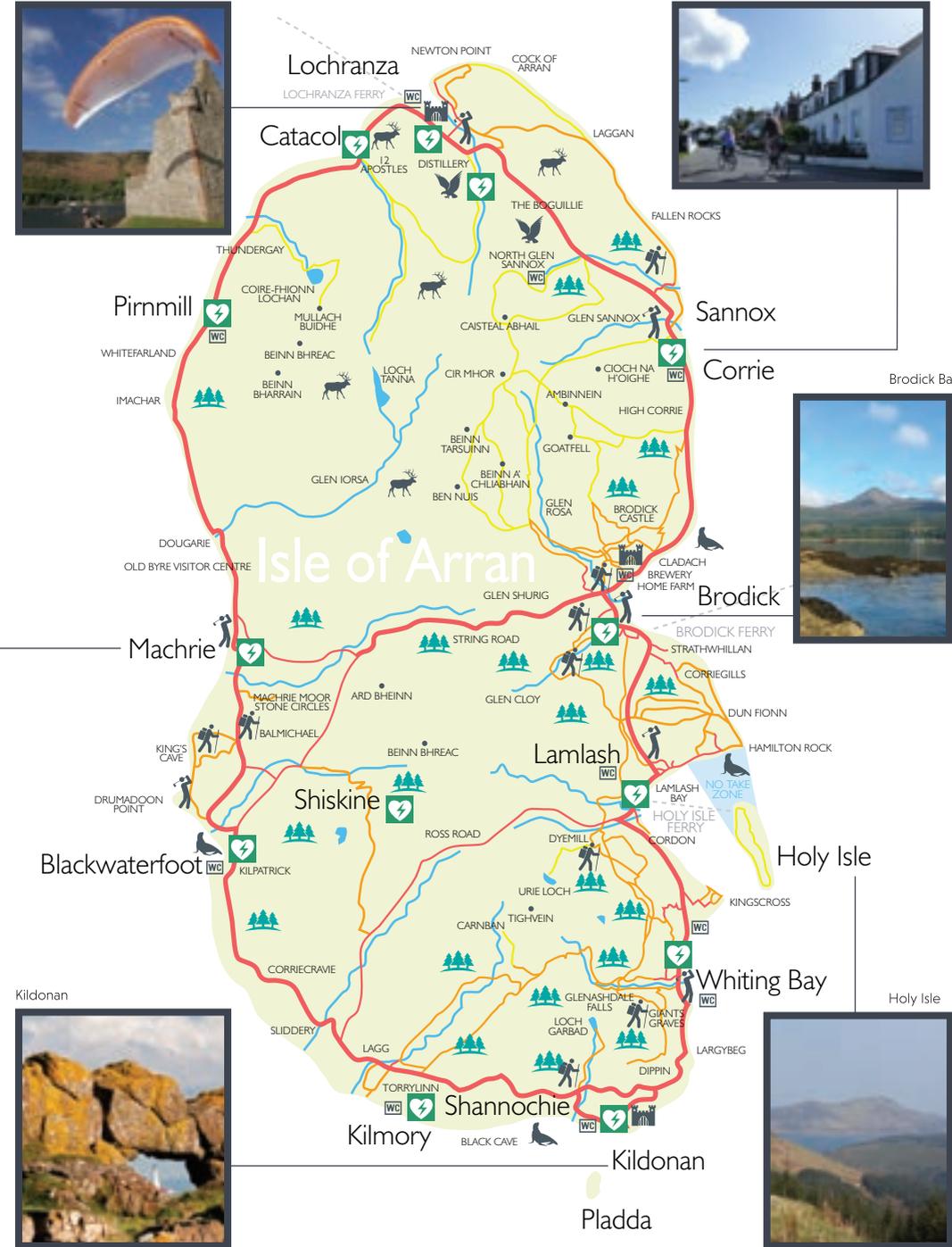
CPAD's can be found in the following locations

- Lochranza** Distillery Lochranza Ferry Terminal
- Pirmill** Village Shop (in the old red telephone box)
- Machrie** Village Hall and tearoom (on the back wall)
- Blackwaterfoot/Shiskine** Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine Golf Club, Kinloch Hotel, Shiskine Doctors Surgery
- Kilmory** Village Hall
- Kildonan** Village Hall, Seal Shore Campsite, and Silver Sands (top of the steps to the beach)
- Whiting Bay** Bay Wool & Crafts, Whiting Bay Public Toilets, Sandbraes
- Lamlash** COAST Discovery Centre, Lifeboat Station
- Brodick** Arran Active, Ormidale Pavilion, Auchrannie Spa, Brodick Castle Visitor Centre and Arran Heritage Museum
- Corrie and Sannox** Village Hall, Corrie Golf Club, Sannox

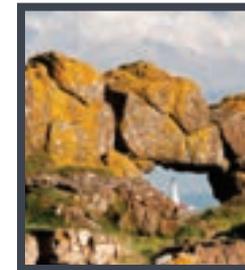
Lochranza Castle



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Arran Art Gallery



Home to 2 resident artists and an ever-changing mixed exhibition of quality original art, artist prints, ceramics, glasswork, jewellery & gifts from over 75 established and emerging Scottish artists.



Resident Artist - Nick Giles Originals on Glass



Gordon Wilson



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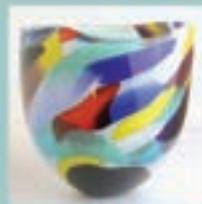
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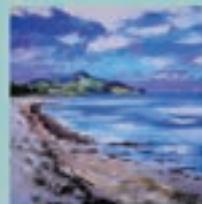
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mainland getaways

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If you're planning a day trip to Argyll, you can't miss Kintyre. The 'wee boat' sails from Lochranza to Claonaig during the summer months, so you can be there in just 30 minutes. Kintyre is like a 'mainland island' and is perfect for exploring the area by car or bike, but keep in mind that ferries can get busy during the summer. From Claonaig, you can easily head north to Oban, south to Campbeltown, or even visit the lovely wee Isle of Gigha. And if you're up for a walk, it's less than 3 miles to Skipness Castle along the coast, where you might even get to enjoy some freshly caught fish and shellfish from the famous seafood cabin (open May-September).

explore ayrshire

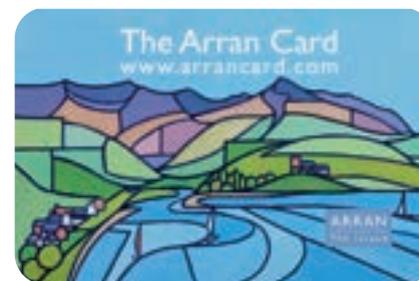
If you're into cultural visits, you won't want to miss Brodick Castle's sister property of the National Trust for Scotland, Culzean Castle & Country Park. There's also Dean Castle in Kilmarnock and Kelburn in Largs, plus the fabulous Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine. Happy travels!



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did you know?

- The people of Arran are known as Arranites, or Arranachs (in Scots/Gaelic). We're all very proud of our beautiful island and welcome you to feel it too!
- 2024 is the fiftieth year anniversary of the Arran Banner, our local paper?
- The public toilets on Arran are all run by community volunteers. Try and donate a penny, when you spend a penny!
- Arran's biggest, and most remote loch is Loch Tanna. Apparently the women in Catacol used to carry fish up to the loch in buckets – what a long way!
- We have eight schools on Arran; seven primaries and one secondary. We even have a college and a university (UHI) satellite in Lamlash!
- Arran is home to all of Scotland's Big Five so keep an eye out for red deer, golden eagles, harbour seals, otters, and teeny wee red squirrels...
- ...and remember, we have no grey squirrels, foxes, moles or weasels on Arran.
- Did you know that The Twelve Apostles has thirteen chimneys? Which house got two we wonder?
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- An ArranCard can be used in over 60 outlets, including accommodation, retail, activity, and attractions. Check this pre-paid gift card out at www.arrancard.com
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With a unique and inspiring retail experience that will make your stay on Arran even more memorable, our shops are filled with stunning handcrafted products, nautical treasures, designer knits, pretty homeware, and wonderful aromas that will make you feel right at home. So treat yourself – or a loved one to a perfect memento of Arran.

Our local grocery shops have got you covered! From local milk and breads to fresh produce and household items, we've got everything you need. And don't forget to stop by the village post office for your groceries or the local paper shop for your hardware needs. Friendly staff will be more than happy to offer advice, suggestions and a bit of craic! So why wait? Come and explore our shops today and take home a little piece of Arran with you.

Remember, the ArranCard is a prepaid gift card that can be used at almost 60 businesses across the island! Just check out www.arrancard.com for more details!

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Local grocery shops island-wide offer a fantastic range of supplies, from local milk and breads to cleaning and household items, so no need to bring any supplies with you. But then a shop is not just a shop on Arran. Be prepared to get your groceries in the village post office; or your hardware at the local paper shop or post a letter at the newsagents - be sure and have a chat to the staff who can offer advice, suggestions and a bit of craic!

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If you're as passionate about Arran as we are, you might be interested in supporting our sister organization, the Arran Trust. This amazing charity funds community projects that protect the landscapes and environment of Arran, ensuring that everyone who visits our beautiful island can enjoy it without harming its delicate ecosystems. We all want to do our bit to preserve the things we love, right? Well, this is your chance! Whether you're donating or just spreading the word, every little bit helps. Check out our website www.arrantrust.org to find out how you can get involved.

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food and drink

Let's tell you about Arran's amazing food scene! It's like the very best version of all of Scotland's food and drink culture, with the most incredible local produce you can imagine.

Trust me, if you're a foodie, you're going to love it here. From cozy cafes offering delicious home-baked goods and freshly brewed coffee, to the fine dining choices at restaurants and pubs, Arran has something for everyone. And if you're in the mood for takeaway, you'll find plenty of high-quality options to choose from too.

One of the best things about it all? Much of our delicious cheese, whisky, bread, and other tasty produce can be taken home to remind you of your time here. Or, if you're feeling generous, take some back as a gift for your friends and family? They're sure to love it as much as you!

There's also foodie events – the Malt & Music Festival (June), the Blackwaterfoot Beer Festival (Aug) and the Arran Festival of Food & Drink (Sept) are great opportunities to sample the products!

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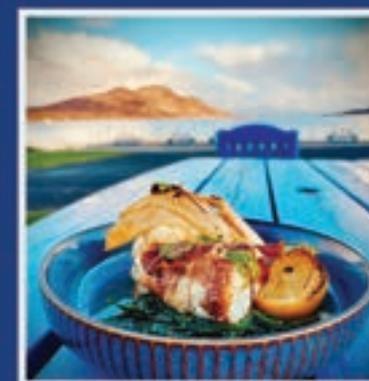
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Arran War Memorial Hospital	01770 600777
Dentist	01770 601067
Doctors - Arran Medical Group	01770 600516
Hillphone	01770 302363
North Ayrshire Council	01770 600338
Vet	01770 302511

Travel:

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