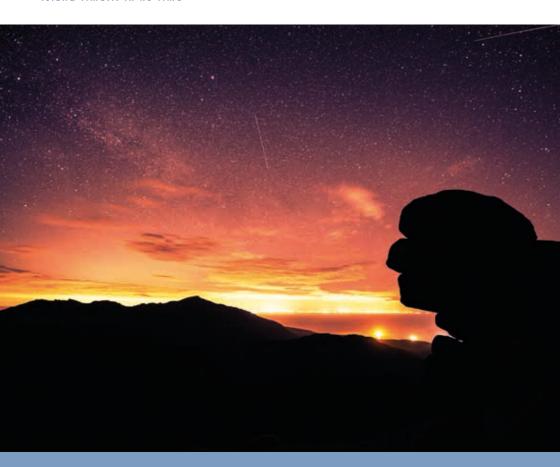


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# welcome

### ... a warm Arran welcome to the 13th edition of the VisitArran magazine!

VisitArran brings island businesses and community together to provide you with a quality 'Arran' experience for your holiday. This collaborative approach is based on a sustainable business model where Arran's community, environment and economy are equally balanced, benefiting 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!

The pandemic has changed all our lives. On Arran, businesses closed, and with our limited (though excellent) healthcare facilities, island communities rallied round, supporting and caring for each other, as best we could. We also took time to take stock of what is important in all our lives.

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. www.arrantrust.org

Finally, our fabulous cover image is of course 'Old Man of Tarsuinn' taken by our fellow islander Kirstie Smith. With 2022 being Scotland's Year of Stories, we wonder how many tales he could tell, as he watches over us all...?

Enjoy your island time in no time - Arran welcomes you!

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**Sheila Gilmore** 

Chief Executive, VisitArran

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# getting about

### how to get here

Arran is easily one of the most accessible islands to visit, and although we are a true island, 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 55-minute ferry crossings from Ardrossan to Brodick with CalMac Ferries.

Ardrossan is ideally situated in Ayrshire, only a short drive from both Glasgow International and Prestwick Airports, and although there are additional sailings on this route in summer months, these sailings can be very busy. So if you are travelling on this route, foot passengers and anyone travelling with a vehicle or bike must book. You can do this through www.calmac.co.uk.

From September 2022, as part of the upgrades to Ardrossan Harbour, ferries may be sailing from

If you don't have a car, there's a direct rail link from Glasgow Central Station to Ardrossan Harbour 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! Troon (from approx. Sept 22), also has regular trains every 30 minutes to and from Glasgow with a bus link between the port at Troon and the railway station.

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. Watch out for marine wildlife such as dolphins, minke whale, and porpoises as you sail!



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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 with the buslink at Troon (see page 6). Alternatively, taxis are relatively inexpensive and readily available. Glasgow Prestwick Airport has its own rail station with services via Kilwinning, where you can change for Ardrossan Harbour. The same rail link takes you through Troon en route to Kilwinning.

### 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 Ardrossan or Troon, where a bus link will take you to the relevant port. 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...

Why not use local buses to get around and really see the island? All three main routes operate on a return basis, and most coincide with the ferry times from Brodick. Timetables are available on the website. www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-andoffers/west-scotland/arran-by-bus#

Car hire can offer more freedom, as can having your own personal tour quide. 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 business around the island too. Check this link for more details: www.zap-map. com/locations/brodick-charging-points/

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 (Page 26) for details.

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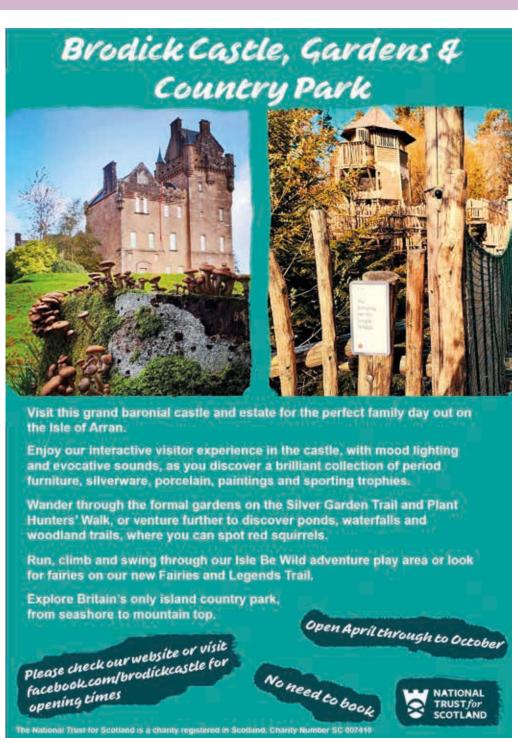
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# essential arran

We are proud Arranachs. We love our rolling hills, fabulous environment, community warmth and stunning food from this beautiful island and welcome you to feel it, to experience some Arran magic, and overall to enjoy it too. We have scenery that will blow your socks off, wildlife and nature that rivals anywhere else in Scotland, world famous produce and lots of space to really embrace your island time.

Visitors to the Isle of Arran (Eilean Arainn) become our friends. We enjoy a blether and can tell you lots of local tips about the best places to walk, stay, eat or play! We invite you to come and share our island home - and maybe take a little bit of Arran magic with you, until you come back next time...that is!

We have seven primary schools, one secondary school and a resident population of around 5000. We have a cottage hospital, two main medical centres and various satellite surgeries around the island. Administratively, we are part of North Ayrshire Council, and along with our lovely wee cousin islands of Cumbrae (why not take a day to cycle round?) and Bute, we are part of the Highlands & Islands Enterprise area too.

Arran has an excellent grocery offering, so there's also no need to bring in your own provisions - you can buy all you need here on Arran, and support the local economy at the same time. Villages such as Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot and Pirnmill have excellently stocked local shops offering choice and

good value, and of course Brodick and Lamlash have supermarkets too. Remember that nowhere is really more than half an hour's drive away from the village you're staying in - yet there's still plenty of space to enjoy. The influence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf Stream create a mild oceanic climate, which is why you'll see swaying palm trees around the shores...bizarrely sometimes at the same time as snow on the hills!

Arran is well known for community spirit. We believe in working together; if it's good for our community, then it will be good for our residents, and therefore good for our visitors too. We're justifiably proud of our hospitality and know you'll get a warm welcome whether it be at the church coffee mornings, a village ceilidh or school concert. Check out our Villages (19) page for more details.

If you're anxious about accessibility, VisitArran's most up-to-date accessibility audit is available (along with lots of other useful info) on our Downloads section: www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip

Many VisitArran partners are dog and pet friendly, whether it's accommodation, eating out, retail or activity - check out our **Pets on Hols (21)** page! Again, we have a Pet Audit and you can access this information on our downloads page from www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip

Families can embrace loads to do on Arran, making memories that will resonate for years to come. Whether you're 8 or eighty we have activities to suit everyone, from mini golf to adventure playgrounds, from alpacas and farm tours to swimming pools, from teen zones to softplay in the Playbarn. Check out our Families (20) page for more details and inspiration.

All of Scotland's Big Five (red deer, golden eagles, common seals, otters and red squirrels) can frequently be seen on Arran - check them off as you spot them, and have your phone camera at the ready! Our island offers incredible adventure opportunities to really get out of your comfort zone - you can cycle, kayak, abseil, golf, horse ride, and of course Arran offers walk for all levels, whether low level or challenging ridge walking in the hills. Check out our Outdoors (24) pages for more info.

No visit to Arran would be complete without checking out local produce, all created in this amazing island environment. Whether it's luxury toiletries, handmade jewellery, crafts and artwork, cheese, mustard, preserves, coffee, ice cream, baked goods, chocolates, beer, gin or whisky! Check out local menus for mouth-watering dishes using local ingredients too! Nowhere could be better placed to tempt your taste buds with local delicacies than Arran. Check out our Food (48) and ShopArran (42) pages for more details.

So, have we tempted you? To ensure your quality Arran experience, don't forget to look out for the VisitArran 2022 logos on all our partner businesses!



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### day trip?

If you can only spend a day on Arran - what should you do? Well, you could try one or two of these ideas:

- Take a service bus trip around Arran to really appreciate the beauty of this stunning island.
- · Hire snorkelling kit from COAST or hire a SUP or kayak from Arran Active (new for 2022) and get into that water!
- Go shopping! Treat yourself to some goodies from our niche retail outlets around the island - gifts for you to remember Arran when your holiday is over.
- Pop in to the Marine Discovery Centre at Lamlash - and find out what is under our seas, we bet you get some surprises!
- · Check out some pre-history by visiting some of the lesser know standing stones (such as the ones at Auchengallon) and chambered cairns like the one at Torrylin!
- · Explore some of the forest trails do be aware of felling though and remember, trees are just a crop like any other.
- Enjoy simpler pleasures, such as a game of tennis or putting, or even both!
- Eat. With such incredible produce available, you will be spoilt for choice. Some of our takeaway outlets provide incredible freshly made filled rolls perfect for picnics too.
- Get on a guided tour. Arran has various tour guides and many of them offer transport, from cars up to 16 seats in luxury coaches and Mogabout Safari experiences. Also check out the

### 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.
- Art lovers might want to check out Arran Arts Heritage Trail and also the Arran Art Trail!
- Download the VisitArran tour 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 (30).
- Sign up for a week of activities ideal for family too! Go kayaking, mountain biking, take a wildlife tour, hike up the Three Beinns, climb North Goatfell, abseil, have a go at archery, ride a horse along the beach and lots more - check out our Outdoors pages (24).
- 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).

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!

### out of season...

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

**Spring** - March, April, May - it's like the island is reborn and the whole island buzzes with activity in preparation for the summer. Spring is also peak breeding season for wildlife and for farmlife too, so do be aware and keep your distance - and remember to always keep your dog on a lead.

Summer - June, July, August - flowerbeds bust with colour, and heather offers a purple tint to the hills. This is the time of year when there's loads of activities and events on offer, so perhaps you can try your hand at a new activity.

Wildlife is plentiful as the young of Spring settle into their new lives

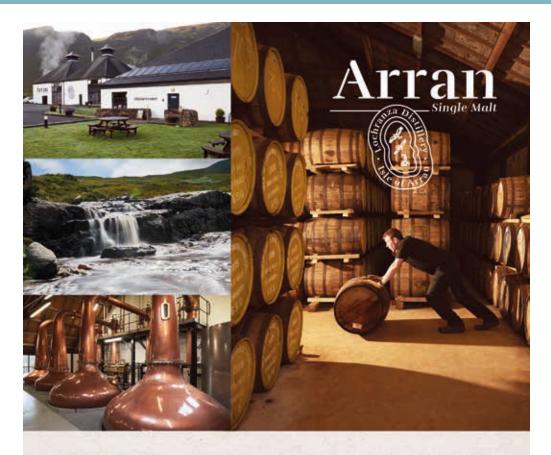
**Autumn** - Sept, Oct, Nov - the Autumn colours on the hills offer golden russets, and bright oranges as nature switches the palette over from Summer. This is a lovely time to visit, quieter but still with plenty of options, and weather can remain warm well into September. Many islanders take a welldeserved holiday in October - not the stags though; they're in rut!

Winter - Dec, Jan, Feb - this is definitely the 'out-of-season' time. Winter on Arran will show snow capped hills, framed by a range of rich brown lower slopes. This is a perfect time to embrace nature and get your walking boots on. Some of the activity providers remain open, but the island is generally less busy. Sometimes businesses close in January for renovations - so do check before you come to make sure you're not disappointed.











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# what's on 2022

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 upto-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!

Whilst some of these events are big annual attractions, some are much smaller, but equally worth a wee look!

Some of 2022's key events are listed here, but always check social media and local shops for posters and information about other activities which will happen locally. We have an amazing community, and fundraising is something we're all good at!

Check out our Village pages (19) 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...

Arran One Act Drama Festival

**DATE:** February TBC

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/lsle-of-Arran-Drama-Association-138276753013370

Arran Farmers Market at Bellevue Farm

DATE: March TBC

CONTACT: www.bellevue-arran.co.uk

Isle of Arran Music Festival

DATE: March TBC

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/arranfestival

Rat Race Ultra Tour of Arran

DATE: April 9/10th

**CONTACT:** https://ultratourofarran.co.uk/

McLellan Festival Fringe Poetry Festival

DATE: April 28th - May 2nd

CONTACT: www.arrantheatreandarts.co.uk/

mclellan-festival

Ormidale Isle of Arran 10K

DATE: April 24th @ 12 noon

CONTACT: www.sientries.co.uk

Arran Mountain Festival

**DATE:** May 13th-16th

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/

**ArranMountainFestival** 

Goatfell Hill Race

DATE: May 21st

Arran Farmers' Market @ Bellevue Farm

**DATE:** June TBC

CONTACT: www bellevue-arran co uk

Kong Mountain Marathon

**DATE:** June 4/5th

**CONTACT:** http://kongmountainmarathon.org.uk

Ultra Trail Scotland DATE: June 18th

**CONTACT:** www.ultratrailscotland.com/

Arran Coastal Rowing Regatta

**DATE:** June 18th

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/Arran-Coastal-

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Arran Whisky Festival DATE: June 24-26th

**CONTACT:** www.arranwhisky.com

Arran (Shiskine Valley) Half Marathon

**DATE:** July TBC

CONTACT: www.sientries.co.uk/

Arran Vegan Festival **DATE:** July 23rd/24th

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/arranvegfest

Kildonan Fun Week

**DATE:** July TBC

**CONTACT:** Check Arran Banner for details

Whiting Bay Fun Week

**DATE:** July TBC

**CONTACT:** Check Arran Banner for details

Lochranza Gala Weekend

**DATE:** July TBC

**CONTACT:** Check Arran Banner for details

Arran Farmers' Show

**DATE:** August 3rd

**CONTACT:** www.facebook.com/arranfarmersshow/

**Brodick Highland Games** 

**DATE:** August 6th

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/

**BrodickHighlandGames** 

Arran Open Studios

**DATE:** August 12-15th

**CONTACT:** www.arranopenstudios.com/

Blackwaterfoot Beer Festival

**DATE:** August 27th

CONTACT: www.kinloch-arran.com

McLellan Arts Festival

DATE: August 27th - September 4th CONTACT: www arrantheatreandarts coluk

Arran Farmers' Market @ Bellevue Farm

**DATE:** September TBC

CONTACT: www.bellevue-arran.co.uk

WeeMac Arran, Children's Book Festival

DATE: September 9/10th

CONTACT: www.weemacarran.scot

**Emergency Services Regatta** 

**DATE:** September 25th

CONTACT: www.facebook.com/Arran-Coastal-

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Santa's Sparkle

**DATE:** November TBC

**CONTACT:** www.facebook.com/SantasSparkleArran

Arran Farmers' Market @ Bellevue Farm

**DATE:** December TBC

CONTACT: www.bellevue-arran.co.uk/



### Arran truly has something for everyone

Each village on Arran has its own character - and characters. Be sure and get along to a local event - meet the islanders and enjoy our craic!

If it's peace and quiet you're after why not think about heading over to the south or west coast of the island to enjoy a long lazy walk along Blackwaterfoot, Pirnmill or Kilmory beaches – or if you prefer more hustle and bustle perhaps you'd rather be attending one of the island's annual key events such as the Malt and Music Festival, Arran Farmers' Show, or Brodick Highland Games.

Please remember that whether cycling, walking, horse riding or driving - Arran's roads are unique. We have changeable road surfaces, unexpected livestock on every bend, and of course breathtaking scenery that can act as a great distraction! Remember too that Arran is a working island - farmers need to get beasts moved, and buses run to very strict timetables, so pull in and let that tractor or bus past - that way you'll enjoy your visit more.

Check out the information boards at Ardrossan Harbour, Brodick Pier and other sites around the island; by respecting your fellow road users at all times we can all share Arran's roads safely!

Arran has many churches of various denominations, and you'll be very welcome to any service. Some congregations meet outwith traditional church buildings. Check the Arran Banner for details of times and locations for each service.

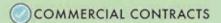














Coming off the ferry, turn right heading into Brodick village.

Pass 'Little Rock' and the 'Crazy Golf 'on the left... keep on the same straight route until you see a putting green on the right. On the left, just after 'The Parlour', take a sharp left... or find us on (1)

### Pop in and ask for details of our sister company SIMPLY HOUSEKEEPING ARRAN

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# villages

Arran has no towns. Fact. We have lots of lovely villages though, dotted about our coast!

Each village has its own special character, and each is well worth some further exploration. Most villages run their own community halls voluntarily, with the exception of Brodick (run by North Ayrshire Council, the local authority) and Lamlash (which is sited within Arran High School campus) – so be sure and pop in if they have an event on! Let's start our journey clockwise from Brodick:

**Brodick** is home to the island's main ferry terminal. Arran Heritage Museum is a short walk from the village and Brodick Castle is a very popular visitor attraction. See if you can spot Brodick's standing stones... one is right opposite the school!

The village of **Lamlash** looks across to beautiful Holy Isle, with breathtaking sunrises all year round. Lamlash is the island's administrative hub, with Arran War Memorial Hospital, Arran High School and the local authority offices all sited within the village boundaries. You should also note the Clearances Memorial Monument, in front of lovely Hamilton Terrace.

Whiting Bay spreads south from Sandbraes, and used to boast the longest pier on the Clyde. There are many routes from the village to one of the island's most picturesque walks to Glanashdale Falls. The Giants' Graves can also be accessed from the village. Whiting Bay has traditionally been known as the arts centre for the island

**Kildonan** is a quiet little village at the south end of the island, overlooking the tiny island of Pladda. The shores at Kildonan are popular with seals and otters and 'Silver Sands' is one of the island's most beautiful beaches. Passing **Shannochie**, and right at the bottom of the island you will find **Kilmory**, home to the island's newest whisky distillery at Lagg. Kilmory also has a stunning beach - one of our best-kept secrets, so shhhh....

Moving up the west coast, you will come across **Sliddery** and **Corriecravie**. These communities, along with those in Kilmory and Shiskine Valley, form the farming heartland of the island, and you can see rolling pastures alongside the sea cliffs as you travel north.

**Blackwaterfoot** is the largest community on the west of the island, and part of the area known as Shiskine Valley. The village hosts hotels, riding stables, golf, tennis and various local retailers and producers. Another lovely long beach can be accessed here, and you can walk along the shoreline to King's Caves.

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 to King's Caves.

Moving farther north you will come to **Pirnmill**. This is the closest village to mainland Kintyre and you can see amazing sunsets over Kilbrannan Sound. You will pass through the little village of **Catacol**, with its famed Twelve Apostles, known locally as 'The Row', before coming into **Lochranza**, home to our second ferry terminal and the wonderful Lochranza Distillery (big sister to Lagg Distillery!). Lochranza Castle is also well worth exploring, and you can walk around the coastline here, down to Sannox via the Coastal Way. **Sannox** & **Corrie** are twin villages - they share a village hall, a golf course and lots of community spirit!



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# pets on hols!

# family fun

Arran offers something for the whole family to enjoy and experience on our beautiful island.

Beaches, glens, restaurants, cafes and activities all cater for everyone, so you can be sure that the littlest, and the biggest, kids will be happy!

There's so many activities on Arran that families can enjoy together, or just chill as the rest of the family enjoy! Brodick Castle and Arran Heritage Museum are firm favourites offering both history, and opportunity for a wee play! Why not consider horseriding, kayaking, segways, farm tours or alpaca trekking?

Build castles with golden sand, go crabbing in little rock pools, or search shorelines for dinosaur footprints created thousands of years ago. There's even a new Arran Snorkel Trail that allows swimmers to see exactly what's under the sea!

If eating out at pubs, please be respectful of licensing laws which may request children to vacate premises by a certain time.

Sometimes on Arran of course, it rains - we wouldn't have such a lush stunning environment if it didn't! Remember it's only fairy rain - it's just sometimes they can be very big fairies...! Oh, and there's a playbarn at Auchrannie if you forget to pack the wellies!



### where to play...

### **Arran Alpacas**

T: 01770 465 095

### **Arran Heritage Museum**

T: 01770 302636

### **Auchrannie Leisure**

T: 01770 302234

### **Bellevue Farm Tours**

T:01770 860251

### **Brodick Castle**

T: 01770 302202

### **Cairnhouse Stables**

T: 01770 860466

### **COAST Marine Centre**

T: 01770 600656

### **Kinloch Leisure**

T: 01770 860444

### Mini Golf

T: 01770 302272

### **North Sannox Pony Trekking**

T: 01770 810222

### **Old Byre Visitor Centre**

T: 01770 840227

### **Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club**

T: 01770 860226

### The Parks Disc Golf

Just turn up with a frisbee and play!

### The Playbarn

T: 01770 302234

When the family goes on holiday, we want to make sure you can take the whole family if you choose to.

For this reason, Arran welcomes your furry friends just as much as we welcome you! Our businesses are very supportive of dogs, and you'll find pet-friendly accommodation, restaurants, cafes and bars and many offer water bowls and even doggy snacks. Of course, we recognise that this might not appeal to everyone, and we do try to cater for all tastes, so please respect that some eateries may offer designated seating areas.

Our stunning environment is perfect for dog walking, or horse riding (and livery can even be arranged). We would ask, however that you always keep your dog on a lead around livestock, because even the best behaved pooch can take off at speed when they see a sheep! The Scottish Outdoor Access Code offers lots of guidance and tips:

www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/

Beaches are great places to allow dogs to run free - however remember that in Spring, there are many ground-nesting birds, so again, a lead is advised. Ticks can be an issue so check after walks and just as



# celebrations

What better place to celebrate your special occasion than on Arran.

Here you will feel the warmth of our island welcome you, and your loved ones, giving you beautiful memories that you can cherish forever. The island's rolling hills, sweeping glens and seascapes make the most dramatic setting for those all-important photos too.

There's a variety of premises waiting for your party! You might choose bespoke locations which cater specifically for such occasions, or a smaller village hall - and of course we have some lovely hotels too. Catering suggestions can be provided, or you may be able to have the venue arrange this in-house. Celebrants, florists, favours, balloons, photographers and cakes can all be arranged locally, so no need to bring all the whole kit and caboodle with you! Just bring yourselves, those you want to celebrate with and let the wonder of Arran take care of it all.

So whether it's weddings, anniversaries, or that big birthday, you will be able to celebrate in style on Arran with friends and family.

### who can help you?

### **Arran Banner**

T: 01770 302142

### **Arran Botanical Drinks**

T: 01770 302513

### **Arran Gift Box Company**

T: 0788 3302021

### **Arran Sense of Scotland**

T: 01770 302595

### **Book and Card Centre**

T: 01770 302288

### **Harbour Shop**

T: 01770 860215

### **Lagg Distillery**

T: 01770 830264

### **Lochranza Distillery**

T: 01770 830264

### Sarah Pomfret - family celebrant

& wedding planner

F: www.facebook.com/

SarahCelebrantArran/

### The Boathouse at Dougarie

T: 01770 840259

Check out our ShopArran pages (page 42) for gift ideas



### who to contact

**Aspa at Auchrannie Resort** T: 01770 302234

**Heather Lodge Holistic Therapies** 

T: 01770 302827

**Soul to Sole Holistic Therapies** 

T: 01770 820636

# outdoors

### We've said it before and we'll say it again, Arran has something for everyone!

Whether you're 8 or 80, Arran's beautiful environment will offer you endless opportunities to explore our island, see stunning views and amazing wildlife, and enjoy thrilling adventures. There's never enough time to do it all in one visit, so take your time and peruse our information.

And... if our fairy rain gets you (remember all our rainwater goes into our fabulous products, so we really like our fairies), there are also lots of indoor activities, such as Brodick Caste, Arran Heritage Museum and COAST Marine Interpretation Centre to explore.

### arran walking in general

Famous for its wonderful landscapes, nowhere else offers an environment quite like Arran. If you're looking for something less challenging than Arran's hills, there are lots of low level walks on Arran.

Although Arran has that special "wild" feeling, please remember that the land is all managed, and we would ask you to respect this by leaving no trace of your visit, and keeping your dogs on leads around livestock. Agriculture is an essential element of Arran's economy and deer stalking, as well as being an important income for the northern estates, helps maintain the ecological balance in the mountains. The land relies on everyone using the countryside for recreation, to act responsibly and follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, and if you are heading into the hills during the deer stalking season, please make use of the Hillphone facility see page 66 for details.

Arran is working towards UNESCO recognition as a Geopark, and as part of this, various trails are being developed - to find out more check out www.arrangeopark.co.uk. Forestry also covers a large part of our island, and there are some great tracks and trails to be found. Remember however, that forestry is a crop, like any other, so just be sure to avoid felling! Contact the local forestry office on 01770 302218 if you're in any doubt.

For more information on short strolls to more challenging hill walks visit - www.walkhighlands. co.uk/arran

The Arran Coastal Way is recognised as one of Scotland's Great Trails.

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### coastal way

Supported (amongst others) by the Arran Trust, the Coastal Way is a continuous 67-mile route taking in many of the varied habitats that the island has to offer.

The Arran Coastal Way is recognised as one of Scotland's Great Trails, due in part to all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes to develop and improve the path.

The route is mapped by waymarkers featuring a gannet. Most of the paths are well-walked and should be easily completed by the average walker. However, there are parts of the Coastal Way that are challenging where paths can be muddy, or boulder strewn. Others are only safely passable at low tide.

For more info check out www.coastalway.co.uk and if you'd like to support path developments on Arran visit **www.arran-access-trust.org.uk**, or donate to the Arran Trust - www.arrantrust.org

### be safe

Please remember that sensible walking shoes or boots and appropriate clothing should be worn/taken for all walks. A compass, Ordnance Survey map, whistle and mobile phone (which may not work in all areas) are recommended and essential for more adventurous outings.

### who to walk with...

**Arran Adventure** T: 01770 302234

Arran Outdoor **Education Centre** T: 01770 600532

**Lochranza Centre CIC** T: 01770 830637

**NTS Ranger Service** T: 01770 302462

WalkArran T: 07973 531412

Wild Walks on Arran T: 07825 644161







### cycling

All styles of cycling have become popular with local residents and visitors alike, as a consequence Arran now sees regular weekly riding from mountain bikers, road riders, gravel riders, commuters and e-bikers. It's important to remember that Arran's roads are unique. We have narrow winding roads, challenging hills, changeable road surfaces and steep descents – not to mention sheep and deer - it's a different road cycling experience! There are now half a dozen cycling clubs and groups on Arran, such as Arran Bike Club. They may all choosing slightly different styles of riding but all enjoying Arran's wonderful diversity, and visitors are welcome to join many sessions. Check out the cycling pages on our website for more details: www.visitarran.com/see-do/activities/cycling

If you're coming in a club or group to circumnavigate the island, remember that you should make contact

with CalMac Ferries as soon as possible, as bike spaces can be limited on certain sailings, and it's best to avoid disappointment - **www.calmac.co.uk** 

Remember also to travel in smaller groups, allowing backlog of traffic to pass whenever possible, which makes your cycle much more pleasant. VisitArran has an island Guide for Cyclists that you can download from our website www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads

Cycle hire is available in Brodick, and there's even e-bike hire - but do bear in mind that children under 10 years old may find many of Arran's trails and roads quite hard, so you might consider booking a private hire car to take you (and bikes) back if the whole family don't want to cycle home again!



### adventure

Arran is an adventure island - so why not challenge yourself and try something a bit different - have a go at kayaking, SUPing, or what about some open water swimming? It's not all about watersports though - you could try your hand at abseiling or canyoning!

Arran's hills are begging to be explored - and are well worth the effort. Always make sure you're well kitted out, and be sure to tell someone where you're going and when you expect to be back.

You can also traverse the island's varied terrain on Mogabout, the ultimate 16 seater 4 x 4 that can provide safe, stress-free access into the most remote mountainous and woodland areas of Arran. Perhaps you'd rather gallop a horse up a wild and scenic glen, or along a sandy beach with the sea spray in your face?

Whatever your adrenalin rush is - you'll have a great time on our outdoor adventure island!

### the adventure providers...

Arran Active SUP Hire W: arranactive.co.uk
Arran Adventure T: 01770 302234

**Arran Bike Hire T:** 01770 302377/07717 845755

**Arran Outdoor Education Centre** 

T: 01770 600532

Cairnhouse Stables T: 01770 860466

**COAST - Arran Snorkel Trail** 

T: 01770 600656.

Kayak Arran T: 07931 803799

Lochranza Centre CIC T: 01770 830637

Mogabout Safari T: 07799 555287

North Sannox Pony Trekking T: 01770 810222

**NTS Ranger Service T:** 01770 302462

Otter's Tail Adventure T: 01770 700590

Ride Arran MTB T: 07961505817 Walk Arran T: 07973 531412

Walk Allali 1.0/9/3 331412

Wild Walks on Arran

**T:** 01770 601339/07825 644161

### holy isle

Located off the picturesque Lamlash Bay, Holy Isle has an ancient spiritual heritage stretching back to the 6th century. Visitors are welcome all year round.

At the north of the island, there is the Centre for World Peace, where an ongoing retreat and course programme takes place during the season, which lasts from April to October. They also welcome guests to stay at the Centre for personal retreats or holiday breaks. A closed Buddhist retreat takes place at the south of the island.

You can easily visit Holy Isle for the day, and explore by foot. The island is divided into several areas, some of which are reserved for birds and animals, others for our native tree-planting programme. They request visitors to stay on the paths and not to take animals onto the island.

Holy Isle has Eriskay ponies, Soay sheep and Saanen goats all living wild on the island!



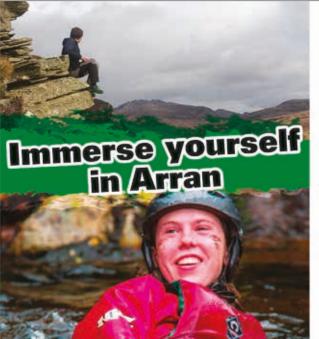
### ARRAN BIKE HIRE

At Arran Bike Hire we provide good quality hybrid, mountain, electric and kids bikes. We are located a short stroll from the ferry terminal between The Shore House and Arran Active.

Arran Bike Hire Shore Road, Brodick, KA27 8AJ T: 07375508144 E: arranbikehire@gmail.com www.arranbikehire.com









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www.lochranzacentre.co.uk
www.facebook.com/lochranzacentre

# coast

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 over 25 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. It is a living laboratory and testament to how our ecosystem can recover when protected.

In 2016, the much larger South Arran Marine Protected Area was enforced, to protect sensitive seabed habitats from the impacts of unsustainable fishing methods. This 280km² area allows the recovery of valuable habitats, such as maerl beds (a pink, coralline seaweed) and seagrass (a vital carbon sink), that provide shelter, food and reproduction to hundreds of different species.

Today, COAST is recognised worldwide as one of the UK's leading community marine conservation organisations, enjoying widespread support on Arran and beyond. With help from the local community, COAST run Scotland's first community-led Marine Protected Area Visitor Centre, the COAST Discovery Centre, at the south end of Lamlash Green.





# A unique opportunity to connect to the ocean, through interactive displays, videos and events. Taking centre stage are our catch and release marine tanks, filled with creatures from Arran's seas. What will you discover? Find us at the south end of Lamlash Green! WWW.Arrancoast.com 01770 600 658

Visit the

The Discovery Centre provides a unique opportunity to connect to our seas, through interactive displays and videos. Taking centre stage is a catch and release marine tank, filled with creatures from Arran's seas.

Visit the centre to shop for beautiful marine gifts or book on to one of COAST's infamous shore scrambles or snorkel taster sessions. You can play tennis by the sea or pitch up and putt at the recently re-established Lamlash putting. Enjoy a cold drink and Arran ice-cream, whilst the children enjoy watching our marine tank feeding sessions.

COAST also run a host of summer events, so come along to find out more about our seas and community.

Check out what's happening and support our work by visiting **www.arrancoast.com** 

**ARRAN** 

**SCOTLAND'S** 

**GOLF ISLAND** 

# golf on arran

Arran is Scotland's Golf Island and it's a golfer's paradise; but don't think these courses are all for novice players - they can offer a challenging game to any low handicapper.

Golfers of all abilities will be in seventh heaven – because there are seven (ves. seven) courses to play on Arran! There are three 18-hole courses (Brodick, Lamlash & Whiting Bay), two 9-hole courses (Machrie Bay and Corrie), one 11 hole par 3 pitch and putt (Lochranza) and the famous 12 holes at Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club

Courses vary between parkland, such as Lamlash, to traditional links, such as at Brodick, Each course offers different challenges to the player, whether you're a scratch golfer or a complete novice. Be prepared for blind holes, stunning scenery and well maintained courses with views that will blow vour mind!

Most clubs have excellent catering, either onsite or adjacent. Clubs and buggies can be hired and we recommend booking tee times, especially at busy times of the year. Some courses allow dogs and children may be able to enter for free when accompanied by a playing adult.

You can, of course play one round at all seven at a discounted rate with the fabulous Arran Golf Pass. Well worth considering, especially as it lasts 12 months, so you could split your golf over two Arran visits! Find out more at www.golfonarran.com

### Shiskine Golf ₹ Tennis Club

This unique, unspoiled 12-hole links course is set in magnificent scenery with splendid views over to the Mull of Kintyre. Online



Shore Road, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HA

# **ARRAN GOLF PASS**

www.golfonarran.com

Inclusive ticket entitles the holder to one round on each of Arran's courses:

> **Brodick** 18 holes Lamlash 18 holes

Whiting Bay 18 holes **Shiskine** 12 holes

Machrie Bay 9 holes

Corrie 9 holes

Lochranza II hole par three

Valid 12 months from date of purchase

### **Golf Courses:**

**Brodick Golf Club** T: 01770 302349

**Corrie Golf Club** T: 01770 810223

Lamlash Golf Club T: 01770 600196

Lochranza Golf and Campsite T: 01770 830273

**Machrie Bay Golf Club** T: 01770 840329

**Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club** T: 01770 860226

Whiting Bay **Golf Club** T: 01770 700487





# arranology

As you will have gathered, we are rightly proud of our geology, archaeology, ecology, and botany and all of this combined goes to make up Arranology - a term initially construed by our colleague Stuart Blake from Lochranza. It sums up Arran perfectly.

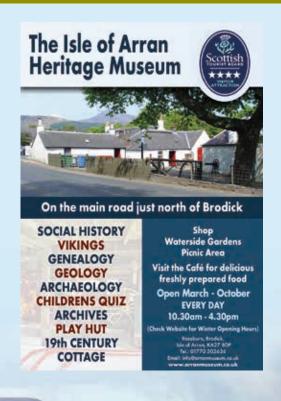
Each aspect impacts on the other - without geology we wouldn't have our incredible rock formations; without those we wouldn't have communities created thousands of years ago; we wouldn't have the stunning natural environment and eco system that supports our flora, fauna and even our incredible produce.

You can find out more at the Arran Geopark hubs, Arran Heritage Museum, and also from Arran Rangers and others in the community itself.

Arranology is the melding and overlap of all of these things to create the beautiful and stunning island that we are proud to call home and that we are welcoming you to embrace. Enjoy your Arran-time, do some exploring, and become an Arranologist!









# 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 - Pirnmill	10 mins
Pirnmill - Lochranza	10 mins

### **Counterclockwise from Brodick**

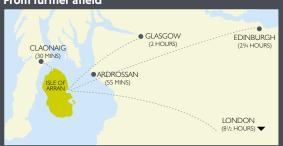
Brodick - Corrie	15 mins
Corrie - Sannox	5 mins
Sannox - Lochranza	15 mins

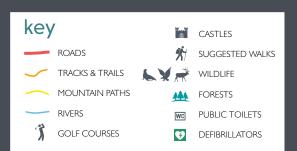
### **West-East**

Blackwaterfoot - Brodick (via B880 String Road)

20 mins

### From further afield





Standing Stones, Machrie

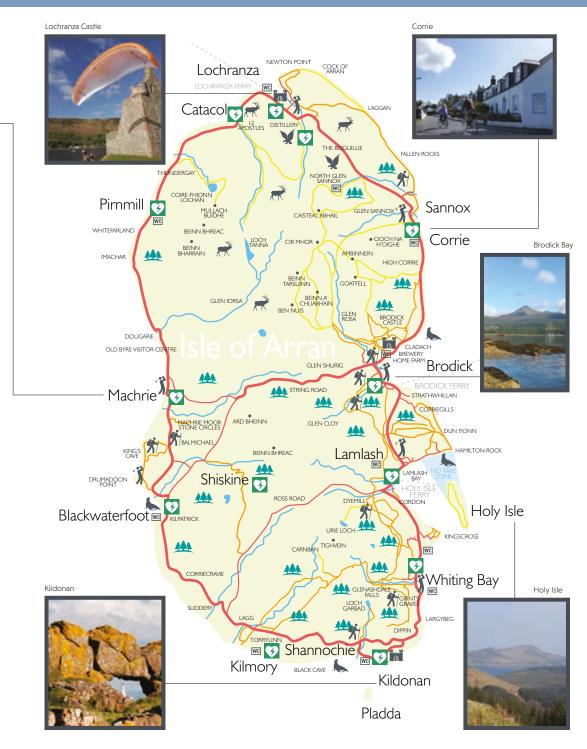


### **The Arran Defib Project**

The Arran Defib Project was started in 2012 with the aim of getting at least one Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) in every village.

To date CPAD's can be found in the following locations

- Lochranza Lochranza Distillery Lochranza Ferry Terminal
- Pirnmill Pirnmill Village Shop
  (in the old red telephone box)
- Machrie Machrie Village Hall and tearoom (on the back wall)
- Shiskine
  Shiskine Doctors Surgery
  Shiskine Village Hall
- Blackwaterfoot Kinloch Hotel
  Shiskine Golf Club
- Kilmory Kilmory Village Hall
- **Kildonan** Kildonan Village Hall
- Whiting Bay Bay Wool & Crafts Sandbraes Public Toilets
- Lamlash Lifeboat Station
  COAST at the tennis courts
- Wall facing Little Rock)
  Arran Heritage Museum
  Auchrannie Spa
  Brodick Castle Visitors Centre
  Ormidale Pavilion
- Corrie and Sannox
  Corrie and Sannox Village Hall
  Corrie Golf Club, Sannox



# creative arran

Arran's landscapes, and colours are inspirational for all art mediums, whether it be visual, music or drama orientated, and local artisans can be found in most villages.

The talents and skills that are demonstrated are worthy of great appreciation, and if you want to take a little piece of Arran home, look out for paintings, knitting, jewellery, felting, sculptures from fused glass, and ceramics, just to mention a few!

Although we do have some galleries on Arran, many artists work and sell their works from home. Arran Art Trail presents a unique opportunity to visit these creative studios, workshops & venues around the island: www.arranarttrail.com/

Iconic artists such as Joan Eardley, Hugh Purdie, Mary Armount, William McTaggart and George Edwards Hering all had long established Arran connections. Twenty key locations have been identified to establish an island wide Arran Arts Heritage Trail which aims to celebrate and document Arran's rich cultural arts heritage for current and future generations, and is an amazing and inexhaustible resource.

### www.arranartsheritagetrail.com

Have a good look for local artisan products and displays - and check out some of the live performances on in local halls and pubs. Posters are usually in local shops and the Arran Banner (our local paper) is a good source for information!

### drama and music

As a small island, Arran is extremely creative in terms of performing arts. The one-act competitive Arran Drama Festival is held annually in Spring, and clubs involved are both junior and senior. Although competitive, the camaraderie and support amongst the friendly clubs is obvious.

Isle of Arran Music Festival is held in Whiting Bay, usually at the end of March, with adjudicated classes for school pupils and adults alike. This festival comprises verse speaking, music, singing and even country dancing - with even the youngest school pupils doing their pas de bas!

The McLellan Arts Festival is held annually each Autumn, in celebration of the life of Scots playwright and poet, Robert McLellan OBE (1907-1985). Robert lived at High Corrie, wrote in Scots language and based many of his works on Arran. The festival includes all aspects of performance art.

There are often one-off drama, poetry or music performances in halls, pubs and at island events, so it's worth checking out the Arran Banner for a full list of what's on. Dates for all the main festivals are on our website.

### visual arts

Just some of our talented Artists....

Andrew Surridge Photography & Workshops T: 01770 700275

Angela Elliott-Walker, Artist

T: 01770 302220

**Ann Hume, Jewellery T:** 07975 589432

**Arran Art Gallery T:** 01770 700250

Arran Arts Heritage Trail

W: arranartsheritagetrail.com

Arran Art Trail T: 01770 302220

Arran Studio T: 01770 700599

Bay Wool & Crafts T: 01770 700481

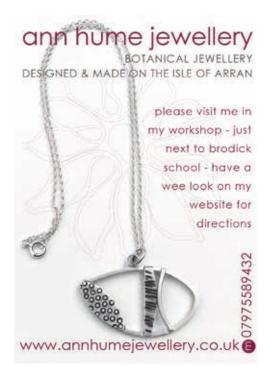
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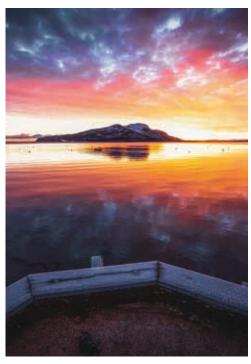
Jess Macdonald Brass, Jewellery

T: 07961 866255

Lynn's Art on Arran T: 01770 700542 Studio Softbox, Filming & Creativity

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Visit Shore Road, Whiting Bay (200m south of the village shops) We look forward to seeing you!



Opening hours 10am-5pm, 7 days a week, all year round.

Keep in touch w: arranartgallery.com e: info@arranartgallery.com t. 01770 700250



Chris Mills



Nancy Turnbull





Gordon Wilson



Helen Acklam



Dorte Pape



Angela Elliott-Walker



Pauline Montgomery

# mainland 5 getaways



### explore argyll

It only takes 30 minutes to reach Kintyre via the 'wee boat' that sails to Claonaig from Lochranza in the summer months. As a base this is a great way to explore Argyll by car – but remember that ferries can be busy during summer months! From here you can easily head north to Oban; south to Campbeltown or even visit the lovely wee Isle of Gigha!

If you fancy a nice wee jaunt by foot, it's just under 3 miles to walk along the coast to Skipness Castle - and if you go between May and September, you might just be lucky enough to visit the famous seafood cabin, where you can enjoy freshly caught fish and shellfish - delicious!

### jaunt with the coig?

The Coig (#TheCoig) offers five touring routes, of which #TheArran is one! The other routes include The Bute, The Cumbrae, The Shire and The Shiel, offering scope to explore Ayrshire with a little bit of Inverclyde and Argyll too!

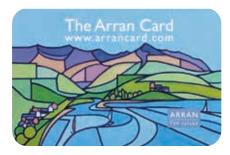
Perhaps you might enjoy a cultural visit to Brodick Castle's sister National Trust for Scotland property - Culzean Castle & Country Park? Dean Castle in Kilmarnock and Kelburn up at Largs are also well worth a visit. Ayrshire is also home to the fabulous Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine - lots to see and do down there!

Check out **www.thecoig.com** for lots of inspiration.



# did you know?

- · From the top of Goatfell on a clear day you can see right down to Snowdonia!
- If you buy an Arran Card, you can use this at nearly 60 outlets, including accommodation, retail, activity and attractions! www.arrancard.com



- · Arran has seven primary schools and just one secondary school. See if you can spot them as you travel around the island.
- All of Scotland's Big Five can be seen on Arran, and in some villages, all within the one walk! So look out for red deer, golden eagles, harbour seals, otters and red squirrels - but you might also spot basking sharks, dolphins, porpoises, and minke whales at certain times of the year too!
- · Red deer are abundant on Arran. and we also have a couple of white deer! If a white deer appeared it was supposed to signal a death in the Hamilton dynasty. The white deer of Arran are actually red deer that are white - the result of a genetic condition which makes them very

- unique. Keep your eyes peeled and see if you can spot one!
- We love our swings on Arran you might spot some as you travel around, particularly up the West Coast
- The twelve apostles has thirteen chimneys! Decoration? Or just one lucky house?!
- You can play 95 holes of golf on just one ticket! Check out www.golfonarran.com for details.
- The Arran Coastal Way is 67 miles long - but the road around the island is only 56 miles - even with all the twists and turns!
- · Arran has loads of geocaches all you need is a GPS tracker on your phone, a good understanding of the clues and you can head off on your own island treasure hunt! Check out www.geocaching.com



# shoparran

We offer a niche welcoming and inspiring retail experience on Arran.

Treat yourself and take something home with you that reflects your fabulous Arran experience. You won't find any chain stores - instead you'll find yourself browsing shops with stunning handcrafted products, nautical treasures, practical walking shorts, comfy designer knits, soft sheepskin rugs, tasty food or amazing aromatics. Go on, you deserve it - and you won't be stuck for a gift to take home for the neighbours either!

Treat yourself - or a friend - to a little piece of Arran; this might be a piece of hand made silver jewellery, beautiful pottery or some delicious cheese, coffee or beer! To make it even easier to shop, we've got the ArranCard, a prepaid gift card that can be used

at almost 60 businesses island-wide! It's also going digital so no need for paper vouchers anymore - just check out **www.arrancard.com** for more details and enjoy!

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!

### where to shop

Island-Wide Iconic Reserve Art T: 0780 1234588

Blackwaterfoot

Arran Butcher T: 01770 860354

Blackwaterfoot Post Office T: 01770 860220

**Harbour Shop T:** 01770 860215

Jess MacDonald Brass, Jewellery T: 07961 866255

On a Roll T: 01770 860220

Brodick

Ad Astra T: 01770 302400

Angela Elliott-Walker, Artist T: 01770 303906

**Ann Hume Jewellery T:** 07975 589432 **ArCaS Charity Shop T:** 01770 302928

**Arran Active T:** 01770 302113

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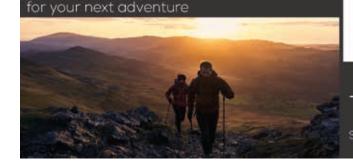








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### where to eat

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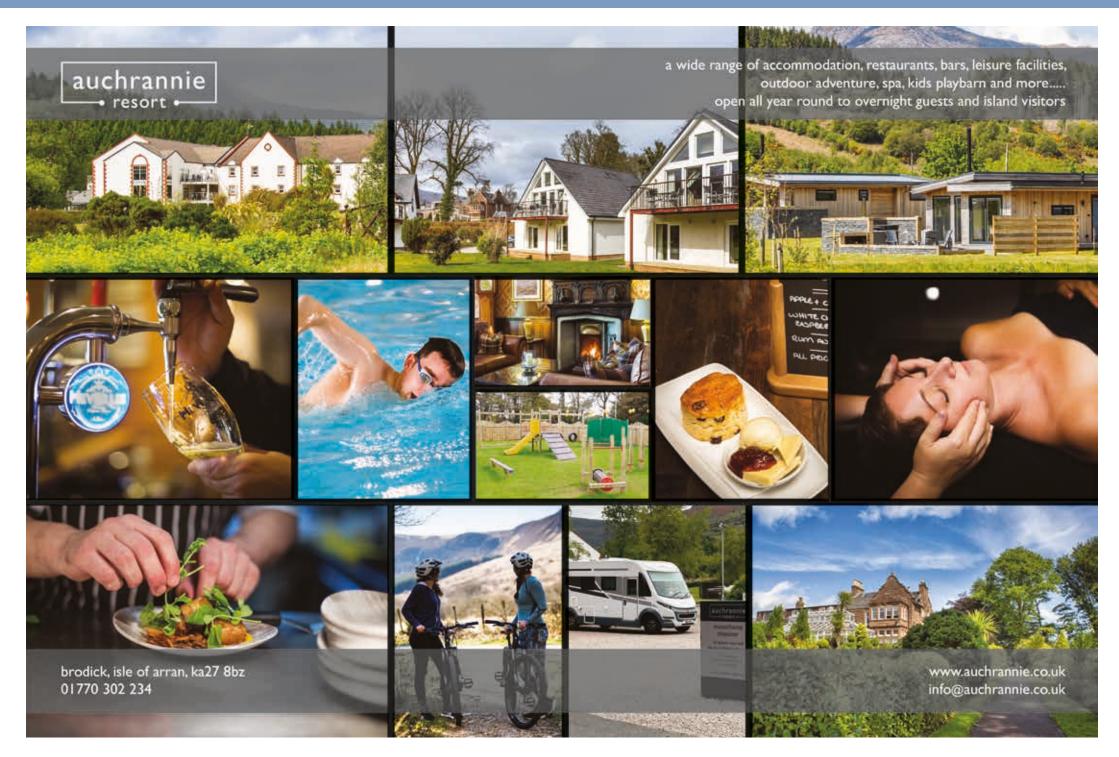
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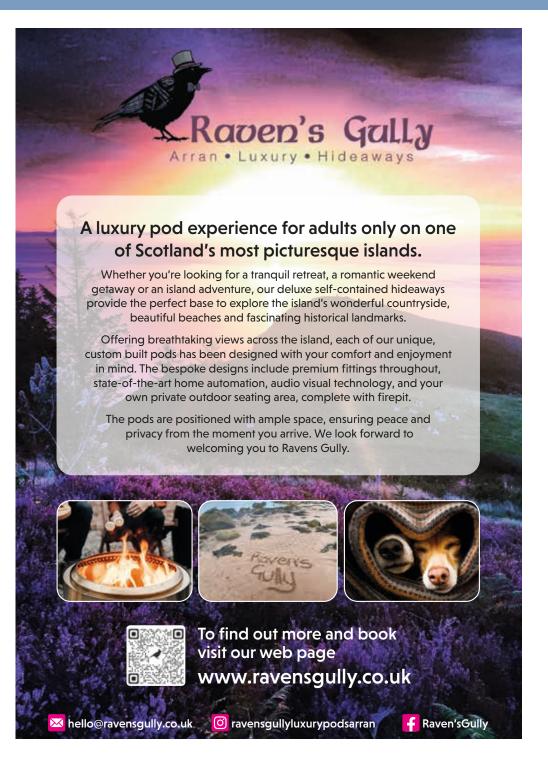


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I shall follow trails excitedly into the unknown, exploring Arran responsibly, taking photos to die for, without doing harm.

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For new (and old) visitors to Arran, the first stop might be the VisitArran ferry desk on the MV Caledonian Isles. As well as free copies of this Island Guide magazine, you can get lots of other information on accommodation providers, retailers, attractions and activities. You can also take your pick of island maps and leaflets/quides to some of the island villages. If you have any gueries, then contact us and we will do our utmost to assist - and if we don't know, we'll know someone who will!

At VisitArran, although we work from home and are not based in the VisitScotland iCentre, we work closely with our colleagues in VisitScotland. The iCentre is located at Brodick Pier - you can't miss the unusual 'peaked hat' roof of the building! Throughout the summer, the office is usually open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm (with a one hour closure for lunch variable around boat times). During the winter months the office is closed on Sundays, and is open reduced hours. The friendly local staff will be able to assist with any queries you may have relating to your holiday.

### visitarran board

VisitArran's day to day operations are managed by a small staff team, who work from home and are supported by a voluntary Board of Directors.

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### useful numbers

### **Emergency:**

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Fire, Police, Ambulance, Coastguard,	
Mountain Rescue)	999
Local Police (non-emergency)	101
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