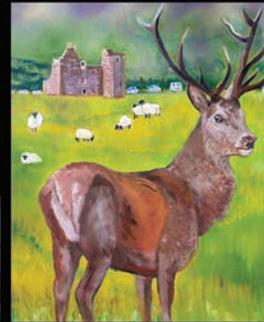
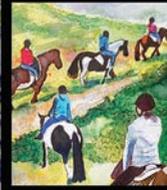
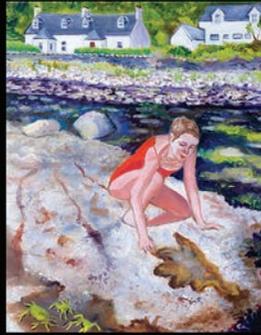
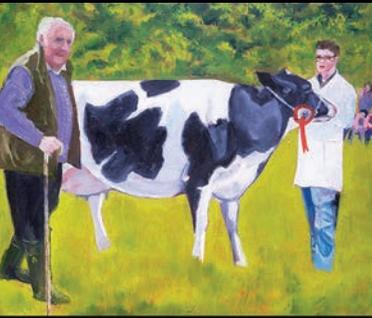


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... a warm Arran welcome to the 15th edition of the VisitArran magazine!

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This Island Guide is just the beginning of your journey. We hope it inspires you to plan, explore, and make the most of your time on our beautiful island. You might just visit for a day, or you might stay for weeks, but almost everyone returns to enjoy more of their special island-time. We hope you'll become - if you're not already - one of our many returning friends.

Arran is now proud to be a UNESCO Global Geopark! This was announced in April 2025 - but what does it mean? Well, our remarkable geology has shaped dramatic landscapes, created habitats rich in wildlife, and nurtured a unique microclimate that makes our local produce truly outstanding. But more than that, it's been home to the people of Arran, the Arranachs, for thousands of years. We are only stewards of this incredible place, and we all share the responsibility of keeping it safe for future generations. Being a UNESCO Global Geopark means we all recognise the value of our fabulous island environment. Find out more here: www.arran-geopark.org.uk

Part of that is to encourage responsible tourism, and we ask that you help us to care for our environment during your visit: leave only footprints, take away lasting memories, and if you'd like to do even more, consider supporting The Arran Trust, our visitor gifting charity. Through donations and fundraising, the Trust helps community groups improve paths, protect habitats, and fund conservation projects, ensuring the places you love on Arran remain beautiful for years to come. Look out for collection points, sponsored products, or become a **Friend of the Arran Trust** at www.arrantrust.org

Wherever you go, whatever you do, we know you'll really get to feel, and enjoy your island time in no time - Arran welcomes you!



Sheila Gilmore
Chief Executive, VisitArran



ARRAN TIME

your time

getting about

getting to Arran

Arran couldn't be easier to get to – on a map of Scotland, we're first on the left across the border!

Unless you have your own yacht, most people sail with **CalMac Ferries** into Brodick. In 2026 & 2027 ferries should be running to Brodick from both Ardrossan and Troon in Ayrshire, unless the former is getting a wee facelift. Both ports are close to Glasgow International and Glasgow Prestwick airports, so you'll be island-bound in no time. Summer sailings can be busy though, so it's worth booking ahead at www.calmac.co.uk/en-gb#

Not bringing the car? No bother! Hop on the train at **Glasgow Central** and in under an hour you'll be

stepping off at Troon (where you can get a free shuttle to the ferry terminal) or Ardrossan Harbour, ready to walk straight onto the ferry. From city centre to island, you can be here in less than two hours - easy peasy!

If you're travelling from the north or west, the **Lochranza-Claonaig** ferry is a cracking wee 30-minute crossing to Argyll. And here's a local tip - keep your eyes on the water while you sail. Dolphins, porpoises, and sometimes even a minke whale like to put on a show. Not a bad way to start your island adventure...!

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by air

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Flying into **Glasgow Prestwick Airport**? You're in luck - the airport has its own train station, with services to Troon and to Kilwinning (where you can switch for Ardrossan Harbour).

by train

Glasgow is well connected by train to most parts of the UK, so getting to Arran is simple no matter which direction you're coming from. There's a direct and frequent service from **Glasgow Central** to Ayrshire, linking up with the ferry terminals at Ardrossan and Troon. For train times and ticket information, check out www.scotrail.co.uk

You can also plan your entire journey around Scotland on public transport with the handy Traveline Scotland journey planner: www.travelinescotland.com/journey-planner

by car

Driving to Arran is straightforward, too. From London, take the M6/M74 to Glasgow, then the M8/A737 or M77/A77 to Ardrossan or Troon respectively. Don't forget - if you're bringing your car on the ferry to Brodick, you must **book in advance** with CalMac.

Typical drive times to Ardrossan Harbour:

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...

Getting around Arran is part of the fun! Buses are a great way to see the island. Three main routes (322, 323, and 324) run return journeys and generally line up with ferry times at Brodick. Timetables and more info are available at **Stagecoach West Scotland**.

If you prefer more freedom, car hire is a great option. Or, why not book a personal tour guide? Pre-booked taxis and private hires can pick you up almost anywhere on the island, drop you off where you like, and can offer guided tours. Wheelchair-accessible taxis are also available.

Some accommodation providers can help with transport to and from Brodick Pier. And if you're bringing an electric car, there are charging points in Brodick and at various businesses across the island – check **Zap-Map Isle of Arran** for locations.

Biking around Arran is a fantastic way to explore and really feel the island. Bike hire is available in Brodick, and if you'd like a little extra help, e-bikes are on offer too.

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(page 27) for more details.
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- Studio Softbox** - photography & media
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Brodick Castle

Explore the castle, which is teeming with history, on a self-guided tour that focuses on the fascinating stories of the Dukes of Hamilton and Montrose. There are also several interactive activities, including our Victorian arcade where you can race a horse on our roll-a derby or play other traditional Victorian games.



Woodland café

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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 Scotland's island gem!

From rolling hills and dramatic peaks to sandy beaches and hidden coves, Arran has something for everyone. But Arran isn't just about scenery. It's an 'island in balance': Environment, Community, Economy. We want you to really 'feel' our island, and we want to offer a genuine and authentic island experience. VisitArran's mantra is if something is good for the community, it will be good for the resident; if it's good for the resident, then we know it will be good for our visitors.

Whether you're climbing Goatfell, strolling along Blackwaterfoot Beach, or simply soaking up the views (and perhaps sampling a wee dram of whisky), our landscapes are sure to captivate. This landscape also supports our world-class local produce. From cosy cafés to bustling restaurants, you'll find fresh, local ingredients in every bite - and don't miss our luxurious toiletries and candles, perfect for a bit of pampering! Check our **Retail and Arran's Food Journey** (pages 49 & 54) for the best local treats.

Arran's community spirit is just as warm as its scenery. From sheepdog trials to school fairs and village events, there's always something happening - and locals love to welcome visitors of all ages. Make a community event one of your 'must-dos', and don't be afraid to ask a local for advice if you're wondering where to go or what to do!

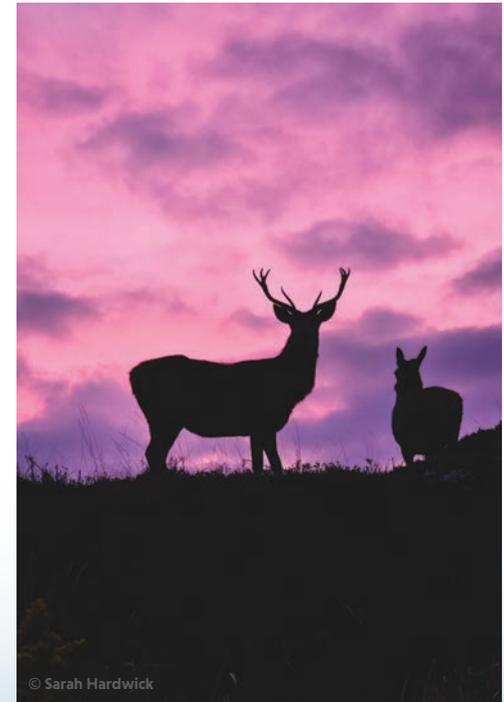
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Nature lovers are also in for a treat. Arran is home to Scotland's Big Five: red deer, golden eagles, common seals, otters, and the cutest wee red squirrels. And if you're bringing your own animal friend, many of our partners are pet-friendly and accessible, and VisitArran businesses participate in our annual pet audits. Check out our **Pets on Hols** (page 23).

Adventure seekers will also find plenty to do: gorge walking, cycling, kayaking, abseiling, quad biking, horse riding, golfing, and hill walking - with trails suitable for all abilities. See our **Outdoor** (page 26) for more info. And of course, after all that adventuring you might relax in one of our mobile saunas, or with a holistic wellness treatment, or simply chill in accommodation that meets your every need; from simple campsites to luxury retreats, we have it all.

Everything comes back to Arranology - the magic of our island's geology, wildlife, produce, and culture. As a UNESCO Global Geopark, Arran's landscapes and microclimate have sustained life and industry for generations - and yes, you may even spot palm trees alongside snowy hills, thanks to the Gulf Stream!

So why not plan your next holiday here? Look for the VisitArran logo at partner businesses to guarantee a quality experience. Adventure, relaxation, and unforgettable memories await - come and experience the magic of Arran for yourself!



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a perfect day on arran

Morning: Scenic Start

Goatfell or a Coastal Walk - If you're up for a challenge, a short hike on just part of Goatfell gives incredible views. Allow 5 hours if you do decide to go all the way up, and be sure and tell someone you're going and when you expect to be back! If you prefer something gentler, try a stroll along one of the villages and take in the coastline, or head up one of the many forest trails.

Wildlife Spotting - Keep your eyes peeled for red deer, seals, or even a golden eagle while exploring. Check out the woodlands for little red squirrels, or perhaps catch an otter on the shore! Raptors are prevalent on the hills, and the seashore is literally alive with seabirds!

Late Morning: Local Flavours

Grab a coffee and a delicious cake at the local bakers or one of Arran's many cafés, or maybe pick up some rolls, Arran cheese, chocolate, whisky, or beer and make up your own picnic.



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Afternoon: Adventure or Relaxation

Outdoor Activities - Kayaking, cycling, horse riding, or perhaps a round of golf – Arran has options for every level. Many trails are accessible for families or beginners, and the local providers offer excellent tuition.

Cultural Stop - Visit one of Arran's many historical sites, such as Arran Heritage Museum, Torrylinn Cairn or just explore villages for local crafts, markets, and our community in action.

Late Afternoon: Scenic Cycle

Cycle around parts of the island on the coastal roads, stopping for photos at Lochranza Castle or, Auchengallon Stone Circles, or one of the many other viewpoints.

Evening: Dinner & Sunset

Dinner - Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant or pub, tasting Arran produce before heading back home.

Sunset - Catch the sunset behind Arran from the ferry, for the perfect end to your day.

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Immerse yourself in the island's vibrant community. Visit local craft shops, galleries, and farmers' markets.
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Tips for a Day Trip

Ferry - Catch an early ferry from the mainland to maximize your time, and check bus timetables if you're relying on public transport - the 322, 323, and 324 buses connect most main spots.

Photography - Bring a camera and binoculars for wildlife spotting!

Scran - Have a locally made sandwich or soup somewhere for your lunch, and buy local souvenirs to remind you of your day out.

Guided Tour - 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...

Arran offers the perfect balance of adventure, relaxation, and local culture.

- Start your stay by taking a gentle stroll around your village base to get your bearings, and enjoy a welcome meal featuring local Arran produce - perhaps fresh seafood or a filled roll from the local bakery.
- Spend some time exploring further, wandering the coastal paths and up into the forestry trails to soak up the island views, or discover the shops and cafés in the neighbouring village.
- For the more adventurous, Arran has plenty to offer. Cycle off-road, kayak along the coast, quad bike on the hills or go horse riding. Walkers can explore forestry tracks or ridge trails, keeping an eye out for the island's flora and fauna!
- Head north to Lochranza to explore the historic Lochranza Castle and perhaps visit Hutton's Unconformity.
- Don't miss the many standing stones or chambered cairns that offer a glimpse of the island's prehistoric past. The beaches, glens and lochs also provide peaceful spots for a stroll or picnic.
- Discover the west coast and its sandy coves. Enjoy short strolls or cycle routes for dramatic cliff and sea views, and drop in at a local hostelry for a light refreshment – or two!
- Immerse yourself in the island's vibrant community. Visit local craft shops, galleries, and farmers' markets. Take part in a pub quiz, or you might take part in a workshop or tasting to learn more about Arran's food, drink, and crafts.
- Finish your stay with some leisure time, revisiting your favourite pub or trail, enjoying a relaxed lunch with local produce, and picking up souvenirs before heading back on the ferry.

Och, how can we 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 – The island wakes up fresh from the winter dearth! Flowers bloom, wildlife is busy, and farm animals are starting their new families. Keep a safe distance and remember to keep dogs on leads around livestock and nesting birds.

Summer - June, July, August - Our hills and gardens are a riot of colour with purple heather and vibrant flowers. Perfect for trying new activities or joining outdoor events. Wildlife is plentiful, and furry friends should stay on leads.

Autumn - Sept, Oct, Nov - Arran turns golden! The hills glow with russet and orange, the crowds thin, and you can enjoy peaceful walks and crisp autumn air. October often brings surprisingly warm days – perfect for exploring.

Winter - Dec, Jan, Feb – Snow-dusted hills, quiet beaches, and magical landscapes make winter a special time to visit. Some businesses may close in January for a refresh, so check ahead to plan your adventures.





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what's on 2026-27

Things to do on Arran!

From cosy village coffee mornings and pub quizzes to international hill races and even conker championships, Arran's events are as diverse as the island itself! We do our best to keep the VisitArran website updated, but not every event makes it online. For the latest on fêtes, dances, community fundraisers, concerts, craft fairs, farmers' markets, cookery competitions, and more, the **Arran Banner's 'What's On'** pages are your best bet.

Our community loves to come together – and fundraising is something we do brilliantly. Check out our **Village** page 21 to see community life in action. Don't be surprised if a simple cake sale tempts you into buying tombola tickets and heading home with an armful of home made jams... that's the **Arran Effect!**

You'll find some of our key events listed here, but as this Island Guide spans two years, we haven't included fixed dates. Instead, keep an eye on our **website, social media, and local posters** for up-to-date details.

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

Spring Farmer's Market
FACEBOOK: Arran Farmers Market Bellevue

may

Arran Rock N Blues Festival
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Arran Mountain Festival
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Goatfell Hill Race, Ormidale Pavilion
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june

Arran Folk Festival
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Arran Rugby 7s
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Craft Day at Arran Heritage Museum
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Arran Skiff Regatta
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Malt and Music Festival
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Arran (Shiskine Valley) Half Marathon & Glen
Rosa Horseshoe Trail Race
FACEBOOK: Arran Runners for both

july

Arran's Classic Motorbike Show
at Arran Heritage Museum
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Kildonan Fun Week

FACEBOOK: Kildonan Hall

Whiting Bay Fun Week

FACEBOOK: Whiting Bay & District Improvements

Summer Farmers' Market

FACEBOOK: Arran Farmers Market Bellevue

Feis Arainn - Ceilidh

VISIT: www.feisarainn.com

Children's Day, Arran Heritage Museum

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august

Arran Open Studios, Around Arran

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Arran International Festival

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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

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Blackwaterfoot Beer Festival

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september

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Autumn Farmers Market

FACEBOOK: Arran Farmers Market Bellevue

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 Drama Association

Christmas Concerts – island-wide

Arran truly has something for everyone

For those people who enjoy attending organised events, we have a wide variety. Many are annual and most are community-led, meaning you get a real flavour of the island! If you're in the mood for some peace and quiet, take yourself on a walk off the beaten track, perhaps up some of the forest trails (be sure and take account of any felling signage) or up one of the quieter glens or stunning beaches? Whatever your preference is, we've got you covered!

A wee reminder when you're out exploring, that Arran's roads aren't quite like the mainland! Surfaces can be bumpy, sheep, deer or cattle might be around the next bend, and with views this stunning it's easy to get distracted. Remember, Arran is a working island: farmers move livestock, and buses keep to tight schedules. If you see a bus or tractor, please pull in and let them pass - it keeps things safe and avoids any tailbacks. A little patience and friendliness goes a long way to making the roads happy for everyone!

Arran is also home to a variety of warm and welcoming churches across different denominations. Some services are held in traditional kirks, while others take place in village halls or more unusual settings. To find out service times and locations, check the **Arran Banner** for the latest details.

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villages

Arran doesn't have any towns - just a string of welcoming villages, some small and some larger, but each with its own unique character and charm.

From lively pubs to cosy community halls, there's always something going on, and you'll often find locals organising events, markets, or even cutting hedges!

Pop into a pub, join a village event, or simply stop for a chat - it's the best way to meet islanders and enjoy the craic. Wherever you go, you'll find that warm Arran welcome waiting.

Brodick is the lively heart of Arran and the first stop for visitors arriving by ferry from Ayrshire. It's full of welcoming cafés, shops, and restaurants - perfect for a coffee, a bite to eat, or a bit of local shopping. With sandy beaches, stunning views, and easy access to Goatfell, the Heritage Museum and Brodick Castle, it's a brilliant place to start your island adventure.

Lamlash is a lovely, laid-back village, with a beautiful bay and calm, sparkling waters. Stroll along the waterfront, check out boats in the bay, or pop into cosy cafés, local shops, and friendly restaurants. From here, you can explore the Marine Discovery Centre, visit **Holy Isle**, wander scenic coastal paths, or just relax and soak up the village's warm, welcoming vibe

Whiting Bay spreads south from Sandbraes, with a lovely beach and stunning sea views. Wander along the promenade, and browse the small shops. With nearby walking trails and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, it's the perfect spot to unwind and take in island life. From here, you can access the scenic Glanashdale Falls and the Giants' Graves.

Kildonan is a peaceful village at Arran's southern tip, with beautiful views of the tiny Isle of Pladda. The shores are often visited by seals and otters, and Silver Sands is a favourite beach. Nearby, **Kilmory** is home to the island's newest whisky distillery at Lagg and a quiet, stunning beach - not to be confused with Cleats Shore, our nudist beach! Heading north along the west coast, you'll pass the charming wee clachans of **Sliderry** and **Corriecravie**, eventually reaching the scenic Shiskine Valley. This area forms the island's farming heart, with rolling pastures meeting dramatic sea cliffs.

Blackwaterfoot is the largest village on the island's west side, and has so much to enjoy! Beautiful

beaches, great accommodation, riding stables, a famous 12-hole links golf course, tennis courts, and charming local shops make it a perfect spot to explore. You can even take a scenic walk along the shoreline to King's Caves.

A little further along, the spread-out community of **Machrie** may be small, but it's rich in history. Don't miss the Standing Stones on Machrie Moor, the lesser-known Auchengallon stones, and the Druid Stone at the Old Byre. There's also a lovely circuitous forest and cliff walk that leads down to King's Caves.

Heading north, you'll reach **Pirmill**, the village closest to mainland Kintyre. The sunsets over Kilbrannan Sound here are breathtaking. Next is **Catacol**, a quaint village famous for its Twelve Apostles, also called The Row.

Finally, you'll come to Lochranza, home to the ferry to Kintyre, the Lochranza Distillery (the older sister of Lagg Distillery), and Lochranza Castle, which is definitely worth a visit. From here, adventurous walkers can take the Coastal Way to **Sannox**, one of two twin villages (the other being **Corrie**) that share a village hall, golf course, and strong community spirit. And keep an eye out for the famous seal perched 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 is packed with activities the whole family will love! From stunning beaches and spacious glens to secret forest libraries, there's plenty to keep everyone entertained. Try horse riding, kayaking, alpaca trekking, highland cow grooming, tennis, or farm tours. Build sandcastles, go crabbing, search for dinosaur footprints, or take a refreshing swim and discover the sea's secrets. Maybe even have a photoshoot to mark your family holiday!

Top family-friendly attractions include **Brodict Castle**, the **Arran Heritage Museum**, the **Marine Discovery Centre**, and **The Playbarn** at Auchrannie. And if a little rain appears? Don't worry – it's just fairy rain! Occasionally big fairies make an appearance too, adding a touch of magic to the island!

A quick heads-up: when dining in pubs, licensing laws mean children may need to leave by a certain time.

where to play...

Arran Alpacas

T: 01770 465095

Arran Heritage Museum

T: 01770 302636

Auchrannie Leisure & Playbarn

T: 01770 302234

COAST Marine Discovery Centre

T: 01770 600656

Bellevue Farm Tours

T: 01770 860251

Brodict Castle

T: 01770 302202

Cairnhouse Stables

T: 01770 860466

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

T: 01770 860226

Ursula Kelly Family Photoshoots

T: 07752 942803

The Parks Disc Golf

Just turn up with a frisbee and play!

The Playbarn

T: 01770 302234



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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!

The island is very dog-friendly, with a wide choice of pet-friendly accommodation, along with restaurants, cafés, and bars where dogs can relax, often with fresh water and the occasional doggy treat.

To make sure everyone has a good experience, please note that some eateries may offer designated seating areas for guests with dogs.

Arran's beautiful landscapes are ideal for long dog walks and outdoor adventures, and the island is also well suited to horse riding, with livery available by arrangement. While exploring, we kindly ask that dogs are kept on a lead around livestock. Even the best-behaved dog can be tempted to chase when sheep are nearby.

We want you, your family, and your pets to have the best possible time on Arran. Following the Scottish Outdoor Access Code will help you enjoy the countryside responsibly, with useful guidance to protect wildlife, livestock, and the special places that make Arran such a wonderful destination.

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 **Arran Vets: 01770 302511**.

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

www.visitarran.com/plan-your-trip/useful-downloads

pup treats...

Arran Dog Baker T: 01770 465095



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celebrations

Arran is simply the best place to celebrate your special occasion with your loved ones, whether it's a birthday, a wedding, or an anniversary!

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, 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.

Arran has everything you need to make your special day unforgettable – so come and party on Arran!

who can help you?

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T: 01770 302142

Book & Card Centre

T: 01770 302288

Harbour Shop

T: 01770 860215

The Boathouse at Dougarie

T: 01770 840259

Arran Gift Box Company

T: 0788 3302021

Arran Aromatics

T: 01770 302595

Arran Botanicals

T: 01770 302513

Lochranza Distillery

T: 01770 830264

Lagg Distillery

T: 01770 870565

Sarah Pomfret - family celebrant

T: 07590 832993

Ursula Kelly Wedding Photography and Video

T: 07752 942803

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

wellness

Arran's stunning natural surroundings make it the perfect place to unwind, restore balance, and focus on wellbeing.

who to contact

Aspa at Auchrannie Resort

T: 01770 302234

Green Goddess Sauna

W: www.wildsauna.scot

Heather Lodge Holistic Therapies

T: 01770 302827

Stonesthrow Sauna

W: www.stonesthrowsauna.co.uk

Arran's stunning natural surroundings make it the perfect place to unwind, restore balance, and focus on wellbeing. For those seeking a little extra care, the island offers a wide range of holistic therapies for mind and body, including art, sound, hypnotherapy, reiki, reflexology, hot stone massages, beauty treatments, and more. Local therapists can also provide support for emotional and social wellbeing.

For a truly unique experience, try one of Arran's two mobile saunas, then take a refreshing dip in the island's clear coastal waters.

Pre-booking for all wellness is recommended, especially during busy periods, though some drop-in appointments may be available. Arran is full of ways to relax, recharge, and feel your very best, so take a deep breath...and remember you deserve this.



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outdoors

This fabulous island has something for everyone, young, young-at-heart and not-so-young!

This fabulous island has something for everyone, young, young-at-heart and not-so-young! As 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, and from stunning views and amazing wildlife to thrilling adventures, Arran has it all. Just in case our 'fairy rain' catches you (remember that all our rainwater goes into making fabulous products), kit yourself out at a local shop, or discover some of our indoor. So pack the flip flops, and the wellies, and really get to feel our island by getting outdoors!

walking

Arran invites you to explore and offers a unique experience that you simply won't find anywhere else. There's walks for everyone, offering stunning views and amazing wildlife that you wouldn't see otherwise.

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 income for the island's estates, and both employ many local people. 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, make use of the Hillphone facility – see the inside back cover for more details.

As part of being a **UNESCO recognised Global Geopark**, various trails are being managed and we're always looking for more volunteers. To learn more, check out www.arran-geopark.org.uk

Forestry & Land Scotland offers 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**.

The **Arran Coastal Way** is designated as one of Scotland's Great Trails. It's a 67-mile long path that showcases the diverse habitats of the island, and it's marked with 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. If you want to learn more about this path, www.coastalway.co.uk

To support development of Arran's paths and trails, consider donating to our visitor gifting scheme, the Arran Trust at www.arrantrust.org

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

who to walk with...

Lochranza Centre CIC
T: 01770 830637

NTS Ranger Service T: 01770 302462

Otter's Tail Adventure T: 01770 700590

Adventure

Arran is the perfect adventure island for those seeking a little excitement. So step out of your comfort zone and try something new! You could take a leisurely kayak trip, go diving, try your hand at SUPing, quad bike up a hill, or go for a refreshing swim in loch, sea or river. You could even test your limits with some abseiling or canyoning!

The hills of Arran are just waiting to be explored, and trust us, it's well worth the effort. If you've not got the gear, Arran's shops will make sure you are well kitted out! Remember to always 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 unique Mogabout, an ultimate 16-seater 4x4 that'll provide safe and stress-free access. Or, if you fancy taking the controls yourself off road, you could take a quad bike up above Shiskine Valley. Cruising around Holy Isle can get you close up and personal with sealife, 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!

the adventure providers...

Arran Bike Hire
T: 01770 302377 /
07717 845755

Wild Food Arran
T: 0737 6625 851

Cairnhouse Riding Centre
T: 01770 860466

COAST Arran -
T: 01770 600 656

Green Goddess Sauna T: 07493 732445

Kayak Arran
T: 07931 803799

Lamlash Cruises
T: 07904 846765

Lochranza Centre
T: 01770 830637

Mogabout
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

Stonesthrow Sauna
W: www.stonesthrowsauna.co.uk

The Arran Quad Centre
T: 07900 954347



Brodict Castle gardens

Our walled garden features plants that are rarely seen growing outdoors in Scotland. Built in 1710, it's the oldest part of the gardens and has stunning views over Brodict Bay. We care for three National Collections of rhododendrons across our gardens.



Isle Be Wild play park

Perfect for explorers of all ages, our adventure play park features zip wires, high towers, bridges across burns and jungle-style walkways. The play park also includes the Red Squirrel Kiosk, offering hot/cold drinks and snacks.



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cycling

The exciting new pump track at **Dyemill (in Lamlash)** was set up by Arran High School MTB Club, and this fantastic facility is open for all to use. More info is on **Facebook: Dyemill**.

If you're planning on cycling around the island with a group, it's best to contact **www.calmac.co.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. Remember that 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, and we hope you enjoy your cycling adventure on Arran!

holy isle

Just off Arran's east coast, Holy Isle feels like a little world apart. A short boat trip from Lamlash brings you to this peaceful, car-free island where time seems to slow down the moment you step ashore.

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It's best known as a place of retreat and reflection, but you don't need to be spiritual to enjoy it.
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Wander the paths through quiet woodland, spot seals lazing on the rocks, or climb gently uphill for cracking views back to Arran and across the Firth of Clyde. There's a calm, welcoming atmosphere here, helped by the friendly community who look after the island and its wildlife – which includes wild Eriskay ponies, Soay sheep and Saanen goats. Bring sturdy shoes, a packed lunch, and a sense of curiosity. Whether you stay for a few hours or a full day, Holy Isle offers fresh air, big skies, and a rare chance to properly switch off.

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Community of Arran Seabed Trust

On Arran, the sea shapes everything - from the views you wake up to, to the wildlife that shares our shores. For visitors keen to experience the island from a different perspective, the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) offers a chance to explore these waters in a hands-on, memorable way.

For 30 years, COAST has worked at the heart of the island, bringing together local knowledge, science and community action to care for Arran's seas. In 2008, COAST were proud to establish the Lamash Bay No Take Zone, a small area of the bay where recreational and commercial fishing of marine life is prohibited. As COAST looks towards the next 30 years, the focus is on welcoming more families and visitors into that story - and sparking a lifelong connection with the ocean.

Aboard the RV COAST Explorer, you're invited to step into the role of marine scientist for the day. This floating classroom takes you beyond the shoreline, where learning happens through doing. You'll help catch plankton - the tiny creatures that support everything in the sea from fish to whales - from the surface, lower a Secchi disk to measure water clarity, and assist with cetacean surveys using the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust Whale Track app - all while keeping watch for dolphins playing in the distance.

One of the most memorable moments comes when the drop-down camera is deployed. Gathered around the screen, you'll watch Arran's seabed come into view: swaying sugar kelp forests, glowing pink maerl beds, and, if you're lucky, the long trailing tentacles of a lion's mane jellyfish drifting past. It's a shared moment of discovery that stays with many visitors long after they've stepped back on land.

Back in Lamash, the COAST Discovery Centre offers a welcoming place to explore where it all began, alongside snorkel tasters and guided sessions, creative activities and a varied programme of events throughout the summer months.

COAST believe there's an ocean explorer in everyone - and Arran is the perfect place to discover yours.



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golf on arran

Known as Scotland's Golf Island, Arran is a wonderful destination for golfers of all abilities. With seven very different courses set among stunning island scenery, Arran offers memorable golf for everyone, from low-handicap players to those just starting out.

The island boasts three 18-hole courses at Brodick, Lamlash, and Whiting Bay, two 9-hole courses at Machrie Bay and Corrie, an 18-tee par-3 course at Lochranza, and the famous 12-hole course at Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, widely regarded as one of the most enjoyable short courses in the world.

Each course has its own character and challenge. Golfers can enjoy classic parkland fairways at Lamlash or take on traditional links golf at Brodick, where sea breezes and blind holes add to the test. Wherever you play, expect breathtaking views, fresh island air, and courses that are as enjoyable to walk as they are to play.

Most clubs offer excellent catering either on site or nearby, perfect for relaxing after your round. Club and buggy hire are available, and booking tee times in advance is recommended during busy periods. Some courses welcome dogs, and children can often play for free when accompanied by a paying adult.

For those keen to sample them all, the Arran Golf Pass offers discounted golf across all seven courses and is valid for 12 months. Information on the courses and Arran Golf Pass can be found here: www.golfonarran.com

Golf Courses:

Brodick Golf Club
T: 01770 302349

Corrie Golf Club
T: 01770 810223

Lamlash Golf Club
T: 01770 600196

Lochranza Golf & Campsite
T: 01770 830273

Machrie Bay Golf Club
T: 07769654966

Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club
T: 01770 860226

Whiting Bay Golf Club
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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!

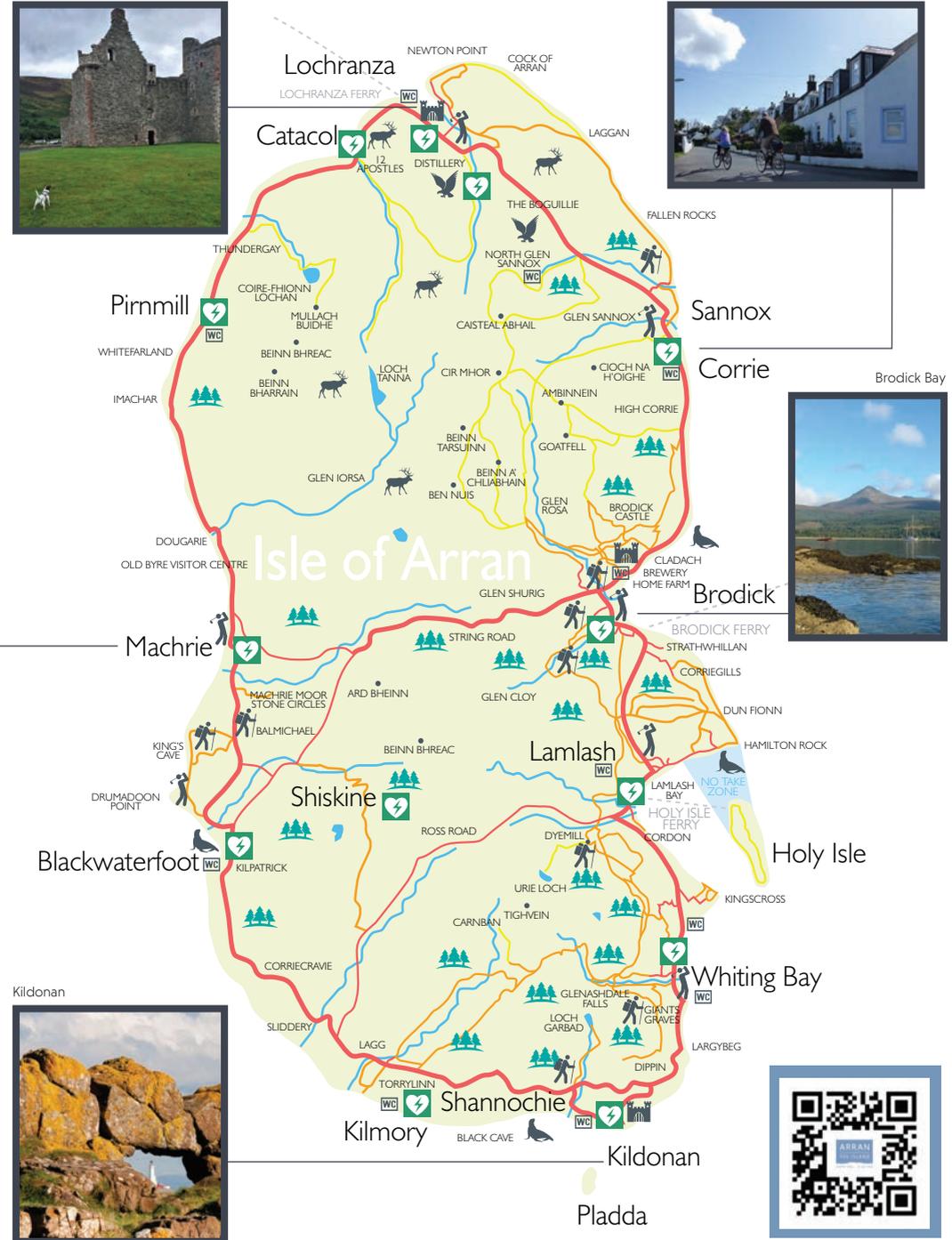
CPAD's can be found in the following locations

- 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



Corrie



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arranology

Discover the magic of Arran UNESCO Global Geopark

As a UNESCO Global Geopark, we invite you to explore the island's unique tapestry woven from an extraordinary blend of geology, archaeology, ecology, and botany; all working together in perfect harmony – Arranology as we like to call it!

It's amazing to think that the spectacular mountains and rock formations we see today laid the foundation for the thriving communities that have lived here for thousands of years. This stunning natural environment is the foundation that supports Arran's diverse flora and fauna; creating the beautiful, interconnected ecosystem we cherish.

The island's history, landscape, and wildlife are all part of this beautiful, continuous story. It is the very soul of the island, and we are proud to call it home.

To delve deeper into Arran's remarkable story, visit the Arran Geopark hubs at the **Lochranza Centre** and the **Arran Heritage Museum**. You'll also find a wealth of knowledge shared by friendly locals. We can't wait for you to come and explore!



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HOME FARM (Businesses 8 - 12 opposite) is on the main road, also with two parking areas.



Route Video:



From the pier, you can simply drive to Cladach and Home Farm on the main road, heading towards the castle. On foot, there is the choice of using the 'Fisherman's Walk' if the weather suits, or you can use the road and shortcut path from the museum to Home Farm. Allow 30 mins average for either walk.

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<p>1. saltwatergallery.co.uk</p>	<p>2.  @wineportarran</p>	<p>3. arranbrewery.co.uk</p>
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creative arran

Arran's stunning landscapes and vibrant colours inspire creativity in all forms, from drama and music to visual arts.

You'll find talented local artisans in nearly every village, many welcoming visitors to see and buy their work from home. Wander the island and discover paintings, knitting, jewellery, felting, ceramics, and so much more!

visual arts

Taking cognisance of the important role Arran has played in art over the years, with many famous artists gathering inspiration from our island, twenty key locations have been identified for the island-wide **Arran Arts Heritage Trail**, a great way to celebrate Arran's rich cultural arts heritage. www.arranartsheritagetrail.com

Every August, **Arran Open Studios** offers a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists, watch them at work, and take home something truly special. Whether you're an art lover or just curious, Arran is full of creativity waiting to be explored: www.arranopenstudios.org

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Look for local artisan products and displays and catch live drama and music performances in local halls and pubs. You can usually find posters in local shops or check the Arran Banner for information. Enjoy exploring!

isle of arran artists

- Just some of our talented Artists....
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drama and music

Arran has a wonderfully vibrant performing arts scene! Despite being a small island, it's home to some truly talented performers. Each spring, the **Arran Drama Festival** brings together the island's drama clubs for a fun and friendly competition. It's heartwarming to see the support and camaraderie shared between the groups, making it a highlight of the island's cultural calendar.

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If music is more your style, there's loads of music events on Arran - **Isle of Arran Music Festival** offers classes for both school pupils and adults, and showcases verse speaking, singing, music, and even country dancing, and yes, the little ones join in too! **The Arran Folk Festival** is well established, and the **Arran Rock n Blues Festival** packs a punch too. Arran even has an **International Festival of Chamber Music & Song** - so there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Autumn brings more opportunities to enjoy performance arts as the **McLellan Arts Festival** celebrates the life and work of Scots playwright and poet Robert McLellan OBE, who lived at High Corrie, and based many of his works on Arran. You can hear some of his poetry recited by our CEO, Sheila, on the Geotourist Arran app.

Throughout the year, there are plenty of one-off performances in village halls, pubs, and at local events. For a full listing, check the **Arran Banner**, and for festival dates, visit our website. Come and enjoy some unforgettable performances on Arran - you're always guaranteed a warm welcome and plenty of talent!



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A group of arts organisations fostering the visual, literary and performing arts on Arran. Check out our social media to find out about arts and creative events happening on Arran.

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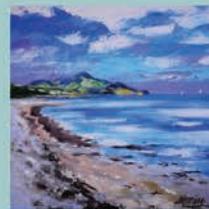
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mainland getaways

explore argyll

Set off from Lochranza for a day trip to Argyll and enjoy history, charm, and stunning scenery! Stroll to Skipness Castle (just 3 miles from Claonaig), savour local seafood, explore Oban's waterfront and shops, or visit Campbeltown for whisky and coastal views. Delicious bites and unforgettable landscapes await on this island-to-mainland adventure.

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!

explore ayrshire

A day trip from Arran to Ayrshire also offers plenty to enjoy. Explore historic Ayr and Alloway, home of Robert Burns, stroll along sandy beaches, visit charming villages, or tour stately homes and gardens, such as Culzean Castle. Don't miss local cafés, artisan shops, and stunning coastal scenery that makes Ayrshire perfect for a day out.

did you know?

- There's only one dairy farm on Arran, and that provides Arran Milk, is used in the Arran soft cheeses and also Arran Ice Cream!
- The Wishing Well at Brodick Pier is a great way to support the Arran Trust! Throw in your coin and make a wish!
- There's a tidal bath cut out of sandstone in Corrie - see if you can find it! Would you go in it if Dr McCredy had told you to back in 1835?
- Edwin Rose, the victim of the notorious Goatfell Murder, is buried at Sannox Cemetery. John Watson Laurie was convicted of the murder in 1889 but always plead innocence.
- At the time of writing, Arran has two distilleries and three breweries - Arran Brewery, Seagate Brewery and Rock Brewery!
- We have two VisitArran Geotourist trails you can access on your phone: one for Arran and one specifically for the Geopark! Check out www.geotourist.com
- Did you know that The Twelve Apostles has thirteen chimneys? Which house got two we wonder?
- The public toilets on Arran are all run by community volunteers. So donate a penny, when you spend a penny!
- 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.
- Arran has seven golf courses. With just one ticket, you can play 93 holes of golf. Check out www.golfonarran.com for more details.



shoparran

Arran offers a truly unique shopping experience, perfect for those seeking something a little different.

The island is full of independent outlets - artisan workshops, and quirky gift shops, where you can discover locally made treasures you won't find anywhere else.

Villages are full of charming shops selling everything from bespoke clothing to traditional Scottish crafts.

Whether you're looking for a unique souvenir, a special gift, or simply a leisurely browse, shopping on Arran is more than just a trip to the shops - it's an immersive, personal experience where creativity, craftsmanship, and local charm come together. Take something home that will remind you of your Arran-time!



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arran's food journey

Arran is a paradise for food lovers, offering the very best of Scotland's culinary culture with incredible local produce at its heart. Whether you're a casual diner or a dedicated foodie, the island has something to delight every palate. Cozy cafés serve up home-baked treats and freshly brewed coffee, while restaurants and pubs offer everything from hearty traditional dishes to takeaway options, perfect for enjoying a picnic with stunning island views.

One of the joys of Arran's food scene is that much of the produce such as cheese, whisky, bread, and more can be taken home. Treat yourself or bring a taste of Arran back as a gift for friends and family - they'll be sure to love it!

The island also hosts exciting foodie events throughout the year, including the **Whisky Festival**, **Beer Festival**, **Farmers Markets** and the **Arran Festival of Food & Drink**, offering a perfect opportunity to sample local specialties.

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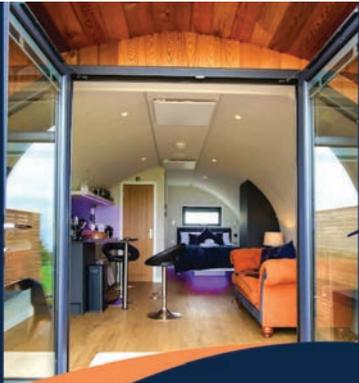



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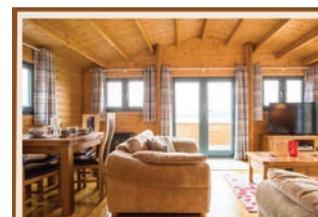
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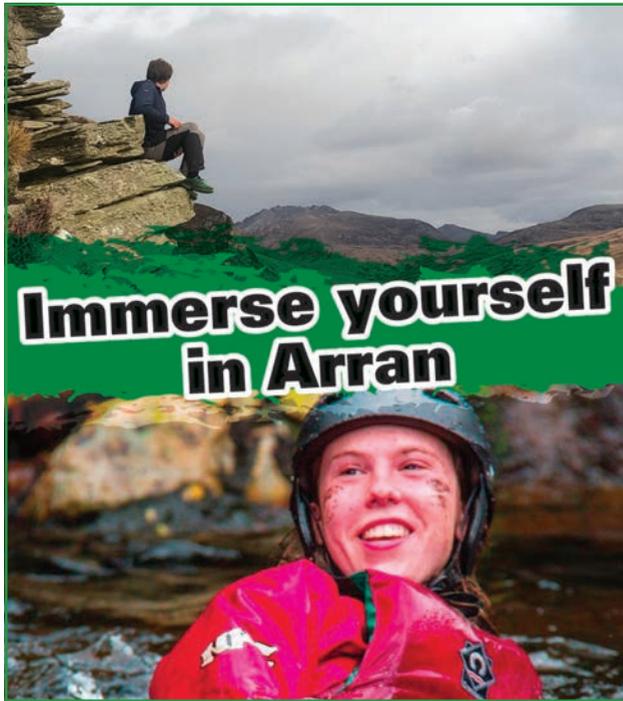
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Responsible tourism means more than just enjoying the scenery, it involves respecting the island and its people. Stick to marked trails to avoid damaging sensitive habitats, follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, and dispose of litter thoughtfully. Supporting local businesses, from cafés and shops to accommodation and tour operators, helps sustain the island's economy and community.

Volunteering can be another way to give back. This could be helping conservation projects or participating in a local beach clean. Even small actions, like keeping dogs under control around

livestock or taking care on fragile coastal paths, make a big difference. **The Arran Trust** supports community groups working tirelessly to care for the island's natural and historic sites; you can show your commitment by signing up for the **Arran Pledge** here (it's free by the way!) www.arrantrust.org/the-arran-pledge

By embracing responsible tourism, we can all help to ensure that Arran's beauty and heritage are preserved while still being accessible for us all to enjoy - ensuring the island remains a magical place for everyone. Because, at the end of the day, it's all about respect. If we respect Arran and its incredible resources, we can all enjoy the island even more. So help us to work together to preserve this amazing place for generations to come!

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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us, and we'll do our best to help you out. Although the VisitArran team is small (but perfectly formed!), our friendly local staff are always happy to help with any questions you might have about your holiday, and if we don't know, we'll probably know someone who will! info@visitarran.com

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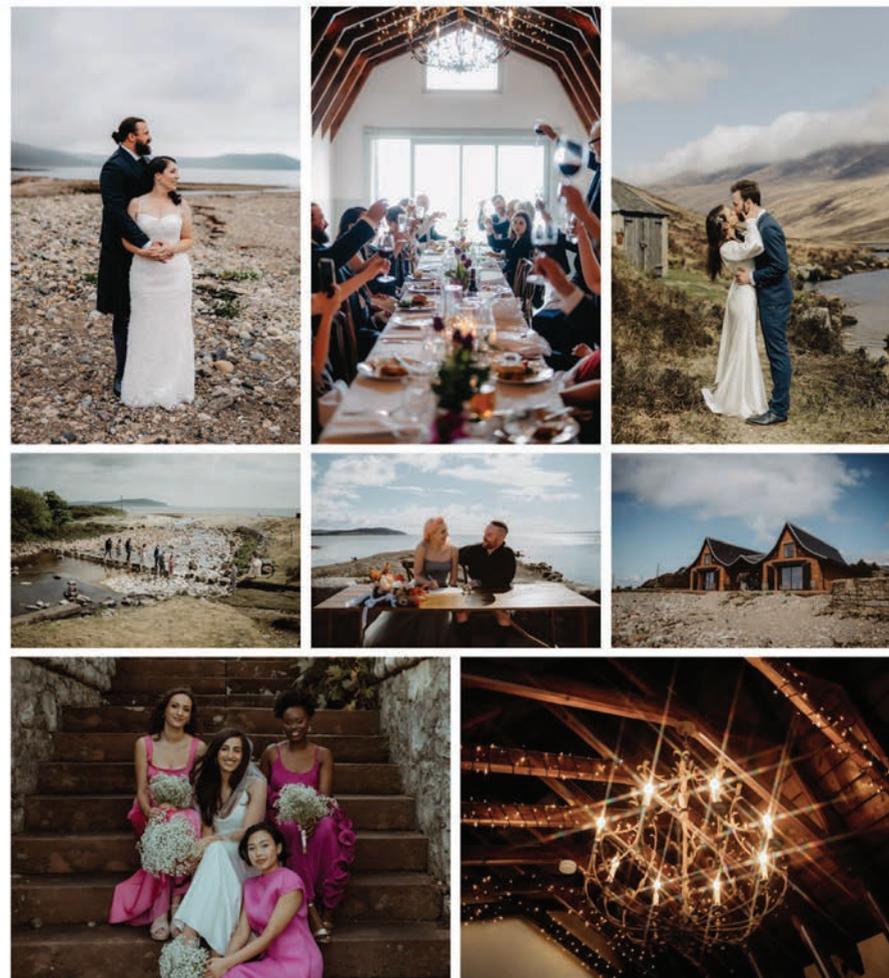
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