

DESTINATION GUIDE

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Unhurried, unspoiled and unforgettable. Explore Kintyre and Gigha to experience a place like no other. The beautiful Kintyre peninsula is swept by the warm Gulf Stream and is one of the sunniest and driest areas on the west coast of mainland Britain, especially in May and June. So why not make here part of your plans for next year, or any time of year?



Studded with small villages, pre-historic and Celtic archaeology, abundant wildlife and remarkable beaches, Kintyre and Gigha retains natural beauty, character and peace, with an impressive variety of Highland, Lowland and Hebridean scenery. This beautiful peninsula is packed with great things to see and do, from whisky distilleries to world-class golf courses. Walk the Kintyre Way, visit ruined castles, catch some waves on the surfing beach at Westport and feast on fresh seafood. You can enjoy all of Kintyre's highlights on the new Kintyre 66 route.

Kintyre is also a great base from which to explore some of Argyll's islands. Sitting three miles west of Kintyre, Gigha is an enchanting small island. It's the most southerly of the Hebridean islands, famed for its white sandy bays and offers walking, cycling, kayaking and golf. You can also visit the isles of Arran and Islay from Kintyre.

CAMPBELTOWN

Once proclaimed the whisky capital of the world with 34 distilleries, Campbeltown is the main town on the peninsula. Built around Campbeltown Loch there are a number of distinctive buildings and the waterfront is lined by palm trees and floral displays. There are now three distilleries for the whisky enthusiast to savour, many independent shops, a museum,

heritage centre, swimming pool and cinema, so there's something for all the family.

MULL OF KINTYRE, SOUTHEND AND DUNAVERTY

Brought to life in song by Sir Paul McCartney, the southern tip of Kintyre is a wild and genuinely remote place with the Antrim coast of Ireland visible on a clear day. Enjoy the tranquillity of the stunning beach at Southend and nearby Dunaverty – a haven of calm. Make your own memories by going the extra mile to discover this remote yet beautiful place.

MACHRIHANISH AND WEST KINTYRE

Are you a fan of amazing coastlines? The west coast of Kintyre is rugged and exciting with raised beaches, glorious sands, crashing surf, the blue Atlantic ocean and stunning sunsets over the islands of Gigha, Islay and Jura. Machrihanish is synonymous with links golf and is home to one of the best opening holes in the world. Nearby Westport beach is one of the top mainland beaches in Scotland for surfing, and simply blowing away the cobwebs to reconnect for the mind, body and soul.

THE ISLE OF GIGHA

If you're seeking out a true sense of tranquillity, Gigha is the place for you. The community-owned

Hebridean island of Gigha is just a short three mile ferry from Tayinloan. It basks in higher than average sunshine hours with exotic gardens, bleached white beaches and vast clear skies. When you visit you'll understand why it was named 'God's Isle' by the Vikings.

CARRADALE, SADDLELL AND EAST KINTYRE

Going the extra mile to travel along the single track B842 is well-rewarded by stunning scenery and so much more. The charming villages of Skipness, Grogport, Carradale and Peninver will spark your interest with many important archaeological sites, medieval castles, great walks, seafood and gin experiences, ample opportunities to spot wildlife and constant panoramic views over the Kilbrannan Sound and the peaks of Arran.

TARBERT AND WEST LOCH TARBERT

Scotland's greatest natural harbour overlooked by Robert the Bruce's Castle is the gateway to Kintyre and Gigha. The narrow stretch across to West Loch Tarbert is where Magnus Barfot, King of Norway dragged his Viking longboat in his successful bid to claim Kintyre. Fresh catches are landed daily in the harbour and served in local eateries and there is a great choice of galleries, gift and coffee shops to while away an afternoon.

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KINTYRE GIN

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CAMPBELTOWN MUSEUM

The museum tells the story of Kintyre through its collection of archaeology, fine art, natural sciences and social history.

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CAMPBELTOWN PICTURE HOUSE

This beautifully-restored, Glasgow School Art Nouveau style cinema is one of the earliest surviving purpose-built cinemas in the UK.

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PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY

The main way to travel to and from Kintyre is by car or by bus via the A82 and then the A83 - with a short ferry trip to Gigha from Tayinloan on the Kintyre peninsula.

Or if you are travelling from Southern Scotland, why not sail from Ayrshire to Campbeltown using the CalMac ferry link? This connects with the Glasgow train service.

Or cross by ferry via Arran or Cowal to Kintyre - allowing you to explore much more of the west coast.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Go the extra mile and visit some less well-known hidden gems and places. They are well-worth exploring to make the most of your post-lockdown trip.

- Achamore Gardens, Gigha
- Ballochroy Standing Stones
- Davaar Island
- Killean Church & Grave Yard and A'Chleit Beach
- Saddell Bay, Castle and Abbey
- Skipness Castle and Woodland Walks
- Southend Beach and Dunaverty Rock
- St Columba's Footprints and Keil Caves
- The Twin Beaches, Gigha
- Westport Beach, Machrihanish

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From Left to right.
Antony Gormley Statue at Saddell
Whisky experience at Glen Scotia Distillery
West Port Beach

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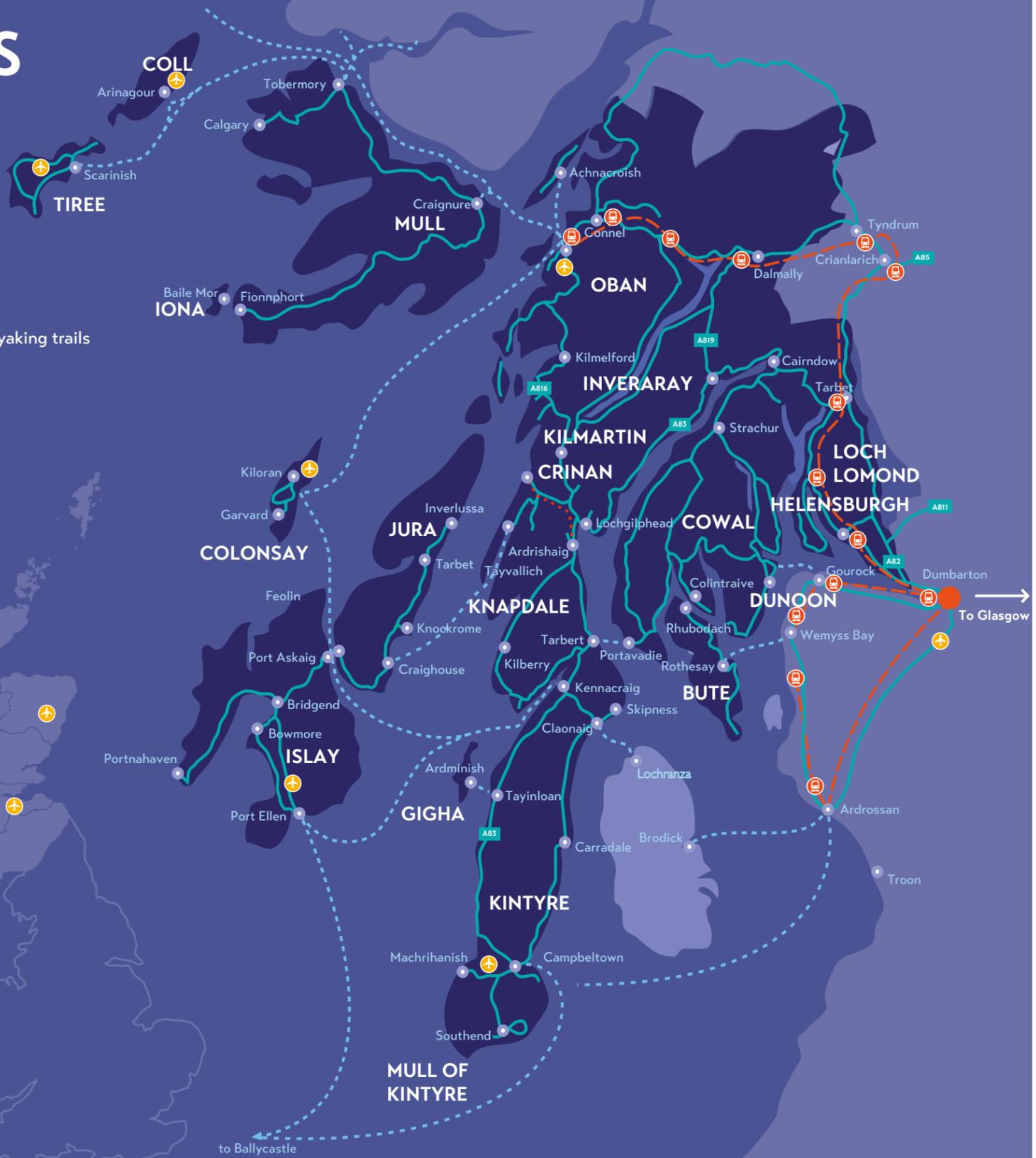
ARGYLL & THE ISLES

SCOTLAND'S ADVENTURE COAST

-  **3723km** of coastline
-  **1555km** of hiking, biking & kayaking trails
-  **61** medieval castles
-  **24** gin and whisky distilleries
-  **23** inhabited islands
-  **4** national nature reserves

-  Main Roads
-  Vehicle Ferry Routes
-  Passenger Ferry Routes
-  Canal
-  Airports
-  Train Stations

Transport links are changing regularly as lockdown lifts. Please always check before travelling and book ahead where possible.
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GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR TRAVEL

 Pack up the car and bring all your gear with you, ready to explore by land or sea with a ferry crossing. Plan your route and prepare your car for the weather.

 Take advantage of great bus services with West Coast Motors from Glasgow and the central belt, with connections throughout Argyll and the Isles with all other modes of transport. Sit back and enjoy the views or hop on and off as you please. Plan ahead at westcoastmotors.co.uk

 With a direct rail link from Glasgow to Oban, The Gateway to the Isles, you can make your journey in good time, and less stress. The ScotRail Highland Explorer launched early 2021, has cycle carriages so you can be as active as you like once you arrive. Plan ahead with scotrail.co.uk and check out the Rail and Sail tickets with CalMac Ferries too.

 If you are moving in and around areas within Argyll and the Isles, make the most of the great outdoors in all its

beauty, by exploring on foot. There are an abundance of walk trails to discover, inland or via the coastline. To get those legs moving check out wildaboutargyll.co.uk

 Argyll and the Isles has as many waterways as it does road and rail links. Ports and harbours are spread throughout the west coast, our islands and peninsulas to give you access to amazing sailing routes.

Or start by land at any of the many ferry ports and start your journey with a unique CalMac experience. For sailing routes visit sailscotland.co.uk and plan with ferry timetables at calmac.co.uk

 Cycling really is one of the best ways to actively travel throughout Argyll and the Isles. With carefully designed cycle routes soaking up the best landscapes and places of interest, you can enjoy a gentle pedal or step it up a gear on a more intense ride on one of our many long distance cycle routes with the **Wild About Argyll bike packing trail**.

Day trips, short breaks and longer holidays all start with the journey. The joy of Argyll and the Isles is that all routes to and from all areas enjoy beautiful scenery, stop off places, and points of interest.