

SCOTLAND'S ADVENTURE COAST

WHISKY, GIN & RUM

GUIDE



A SPIRITED TASTE OF ARGYLL

Argyll and the Isles produces a range of spirits all with distinctive characters, shaped by the local history, culture and landscape.

With fourteen world-class whisky distilleries dotted along our coastline, Argyll and the Isles is known as Scotland's 'Whisky Coast.' The global growth in the popularity of single malt Scotch whisky has seen the industry explode in Scotland with new micro-distilleries producing whisky, gin, and rum.

So, what is it about Argyll and the Isles that makes our drinks so special? Perhaps it's the water, the pristine environment or the skills that have been passed down through the generations. There is something for everyone to enjoy!

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THE WHISKY COAST

Argyll and the Isles is a whisky lover's heaven, with 15 world-class distilleries dotting what's known as the 'whisky coast'. Follow this journey across Argyll, from Campbeltown in Kintyre, over to the Hebridean islands of Islay, Jura, and Mull, and then to Oban to discover the region's whiskies. Along the way, you'll discover how the history, culture and landscapes of Argyll have shaped the distinctive whiskies. There's nothing quite like sampling the product in the historic distilleries themselves, and most offer guided tours ending with a large dram.

FEATURED PRODUCTS

The Whisky Coast

LAGAVULIN DISTILLERY

Founded in 1861 within view of Dunyvaig Castle once a stronghold of the Lords of the Isles. It is thought that as many as a dozen illicit stills once operated in the Port Ellen area where Lagavulin distillery still stands on Islay's southern shore. Over time, they slowly merged to form the modern version which, by as early as the 1870s, was producing over 75,000 gallons of Whisky a year!

Lagavulin Distillery,
Port Ellen, Isle of Islay,
PA42 7DZ, UK
01496 302749
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LAPHROAIG DISTILLERY

For nearly 200 years a small team of dedicated islanders have worked at Laphroaig to create what is the most distinctive single malt in the world. Of course, over time the people change, but their traditional methods, ancient skills and absolute dedication to quality remain the same.

Laphroaig Distillery, Port Ellen,
Isle of Islay, PA42 7DU
01496 302418
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OBAN DISTILLERY

Oban Distillery is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland, established in 1794. Oban Distillery is situated in the heart of the town, a stone's throw away from the sea.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street,
Oban, PA34 5NH
01631 572004
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ARBEG DISTILLERY

Follow your nose along the famous road from Port Ellen and you will eventually come to the most welcoming distillery on the Isle of Islay. Ardbeg's white-washed walls can be found nestling in a rocky cove on Islay's southern coast.

Ardbeg Distillery, Port Ellen, Isle
of Islay, PA42 7EA
01496 302244
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CAOL ILA DISTILLERY

Caol Ila (Pronounced 'Cull-eela') is situated just south of Bunnahabhain on the eastern coast of Islay close to Port Askaig and the ferry to Jura and is named after the narrow strip of water separating the two islands.

Caol Ila Distillery, Port Askaig, Isle
of Islay, PA46 7RL
01496 302769
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GLEN SCOTIA DISTILLERY

Glen Scotia is one of the smallest Scotch whisky distilleries in Scotland but is one of the biggest names in Campbeltown's illustrious past- dating back to the beginning of the 19th Century.

12 High Street, Campbeltown,
Scotland, PA28 6DS
01586 552288 or **01389 752781**
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MORE DISTILLERIES TO DISCOVER...

BOWMORE DISTILLERY

Founded in 1779 on the eastern shore of Loch Indaal, Bowmore is the oldest distillery on the island and is situated in the village from which it is named.

01496 810441

BRUICHLADDICH DISTILLERY

Bruichladdich Distillery was built in 1881 and is located on the west shore of Loch Indaal. This fascinating little distillery, with a chequered career, has always been at the heart of the community on the Rhinns of Islay.

01496 850190

Jura Distillery

The Isle of Jura is the only Malt Whisky to be distilled on the island of Jura, one of Scotland's most spectacular yet least well-known of the Islands.

01496 820385

KILCHOMAN DISTILLERY

Kilchoman distillery is the most westerly of Islay's distilleries and was established in 2005, as a farm distillery, and was the first to be built on Islay for 124 years.

01496 850011

BUNNAHABHAIN DISTILLERY

Bunnahabhain Distillery is the most northerly of Islay's distilleries situated on the eastern coast of Islay, overlooking the Sound of Islay and the Paps of Jura.

01496 840646

SPRINGBANK WHISKY DISTILLERS

Founded in 1828 on the site of Archibald Mitchell's illicit still, the Springbank Distillery is now in the hands of Chairman Hendley G. Wright – the fifth generation of the Mitchell family to own and manage Springbank

01586 552009

TOBERMORY DISTILLERY

Tobermory distillery is situated at the end of the pier in an area of Tobermory, known as 'Ledaig' which means 'Safe Haven' in Gaelic. Established in 1789, the Tobermory distillery is the only one on the Isle of Mull.

01688 302647

MITCHELL'S GLENGYLE DISTILLERY

Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery is owned by the same company as Springbank distillery and is where Kilkerran single malt is distilled.

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ARDNAHOE DISTILLERY

Ardnahoe Distillery is one Scottish family's dream unfolding as well as being the next chapter in the captivating story of the whisky of the Isle of Islay. The spirit being produced is sweet, smoky, and smooth yet peaty and spicy – unique and dynamic to its very core.

01496 301430

LOCH FYNE WHISKIES

Loch Fyne Whiskies is more than just a shop. It's a whisky workshop where we create and bottle a range of Scotch products, from the classic Loch Fyne Blend and delicious Loch Fyne Liqueur to our unique Living Cask creations and even some special guest whiskies.

01449 302219

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Gin & Rum

ISLE OF ISLAY GIN

Islay Gin Visitor Centre is situated in Islay House Square where you can taste and purchase the Nerabus Islay Gin. We also stock other products like our Crystal Gin Goblets, Home Made Gin Truffles and Nerabus Gin Marmalade.

Islay House Square, Bridgend, Isle of Islay, UK, PA44 7NZ

01496 810111

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ISLE OF BUTE DISTILLERY

The quaint Scottish island is the inspiration behind our small-batch gin, crafted with care in the heart of Rothesay using a traditional copper still. Our gin embodies the very best in craft production. We source botanicals from across the island and nearby areas to create a best-in-class gin that lends itself to life on the Scottish isles.

55A High Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute PA20 PAX

01700 501872

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LUSSA GIN

In 2015, three women began distilling a premium gin at the north end of the Isle of Jura using fifteen botanicals they could grow or gather on the island with a unique distillation process. The result is a zesty, aromatic, award-winning dry gin.

Lussa Gin Distillery, The Stables, Ardlussa, Isle of Jura, PA60 7WX

01496 820196

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WILD THYME SPIRITS

The multi-award-winning gin is made in small batches in a traditional copper still and is a London Dry style gin, classically juniper-forward. They produce a Bramble Liqueur, an Old Tom Gin (Cait Sith), a navy strength gin (Tonn Mor) and Colonsay Vodka.

Tigh Na Uruisg, Upper Kilchattan, Isle of Colonsay Argyll, Scotland, PA61 7YR

01951 200082

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BEINN AN TUIRC DISTILLERY

Kintyre Gin is made on the east coast of Kintyre. The copper still, lovingly named Big Don, is powered by a hydroelectric scheme and fed by spring water from the hill. The gins are made with 12 botanicals, many of which are foraged from the surrounding estate.

Lephincorrach Farm, Torrisdale, Carradale, Argyll and Bute Scotland, PA28 6QT

01583 431528

DEER ISLAND DISTILLERS

Jura's first and only Rum company producing spiced rum in small batches in their distillery based in Craighouse. Their hand-bottled rum is inspired by this place that they call home.

Unit 3, The Pier Garage, Craighouse, Isle of Jura, PA60 7XS

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WHITETAIL SPIRITS

Whitetail Spirits is a family-run distillery, shop, and café on the Isle of Mull where we distil our award-winning range of spirits including Whitetail Gin. Our micro-distillery is the first distillery on Mull in over 220 years and was formerly an old dairy on our small estate.

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GIN, RUM & BEER EXPERIENCES

Argyll & the Isles craft gin are making waves right now, some of which are award-winning! They are infused with locally foraged botanicals which come in beautiful hand-crafted bottles and make for a perfect Gin and Tonic or cocktail. Rum distilleries and breweries are still very much up and coming within Argyll & the Isles, there are a few craft Breweries and Distillers within the area, that are a must-visit, when in the region.

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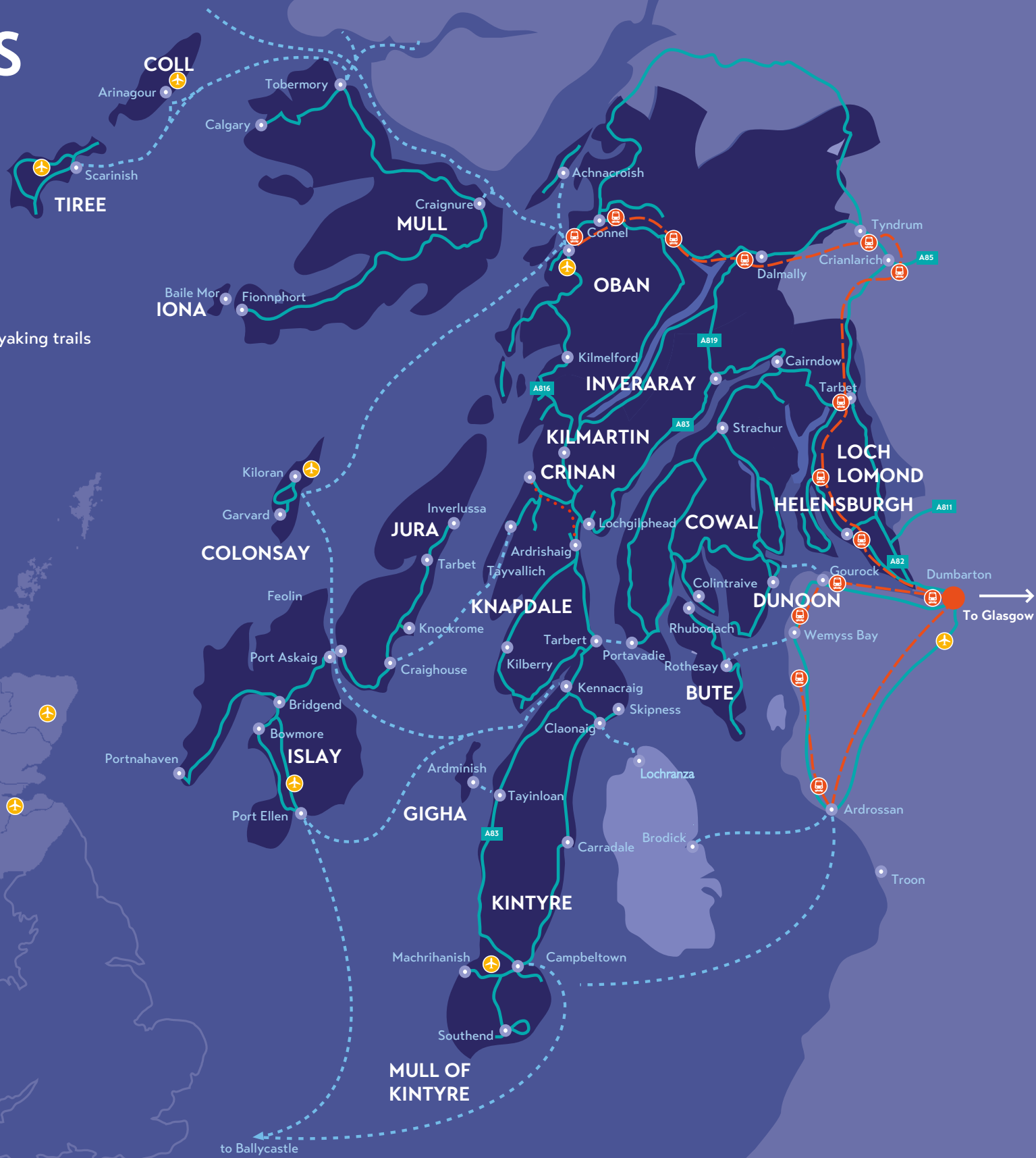
ARGYLL & THE ISLES

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.