

DESTINATION GUIDE

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Known as Scotland's natural playground and the 'bonnie, bonnie banks', Loch Lomond and the nearby Clyde Sea Lochs is a fascinating part of Argyll and the Isles that straddles the Highland Boundary Fault Line and is less than an hour from the centre of Glasgow, so it's right on the city's doorstep ready to explore.

Loch Lomond is the UK's largest freshwater loch and sits at the heart of Scotland's first National Park - Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, set within a stunning backdrop of rolling hills and the famous peak of Ben Lomond. The Clyde Sea Lochs stretching from Helensburgh around Rosneath Peninsula and up to Arrochar have been delighting visitors for centuries. There's so much more to this area than the lochs... where will you venture to discover a new hidden gem?

ARDLUI AND INVERARNAN

At the very north of Loch Lomond, Ardlui and Inverarnan are old drover settlements and both are very popular with West Highland Way walkers. Stop at the marina at Ardlui and try some water sports or even anchor up if you're travelling by boat. The West Highland Railway Line stops here too, so you have all the connections you need by rail, car or boat.

ARROCHAR AND TARBET

The highland village of Arrochar nestles in the shadow of The Cobbler and the other peaks of the Arrochar Alps at the head of Loch Long. Less than a

mile away across a narrow area of land is Tarbet on the banks of the iconic Loch Lomond. What better base for boat trips, cycling and walking - either at low level or at height to satisfy your adventurous spirit.

LUSS

The picturesque lochside conservation village of Luss is the ancestral home to the Clan Colquhoun. It was originally built to house workers for the nearby slate quarry in the 18th and 19th centuries. Visit to browse great coffee shops, restaurants, a sandy beach and views across the loch to the glorious Ben Lomond. The ideal place for a day trip or to stop off on the A82 for a wander along the bonnie banks or to take a cruise on the loch to explore some of the loch's 37 small islands. Perhaps you'll even take part in a water sport activity too?

HELENSBURGH

Don't miss the opportunity to visit Helensburgh; with broad avenues, the pier and promenade, independent shops and excellent eateries, it's a great place to spend a day and is home to Charles Rennie Mackintosh's fascinating Hill House, now

enclosed in a protective 'The Box'. The town is a 50 minute train journey from Glasgow - the service runs half hourly and is an early stop on the stunning West Highland Railway Line which snakes its way north along the banks of Loch Lomond and towards to the west coast.

CARDROSS AND RHU

Cardross is a large village on the banks of the Clyde to the east of Helensburgh with a farm shop, nature walk, golf course and the beautiful Geilston Garden nearby. Rhu to the west of Helensburgh has excellent sailing facilities and the stunning Glenarn Garden.

GARE LOCH AND THE ROSNEATH PENINSULA

Garelochhead originally grew in the 1820s to cater for tourists on the steamers from Glasgow and later when the West Highland Railway Line opened in the 1890s - and today you can still see and enjoy this. The Rosneath Peninsula and the small delightful villages of Cove and Kilcreggan boast magnificent architecture from the Clydeside shipbuilding and Glasgow merchant's heyday in the 19th and 20th centuries, and have stunning views across the Firth of Clyde and the Sea Lochs.

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PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY

The traditional road route into Argyll and the Isles takes you along the A82 either as far as Tarbet where you can head west on the A83 over the Rest & Be Thankful or continue further north on the A82 to Crianlarich.

However, there is a lot more to discover by following the A814 along the Clyde from Dumbarton to Helensburgh and then following the A814 northwards to Arrochar with a detour on the B833 to explore the stunning Rosneath peninsula. The A817 linking Loch Lomond to Garelochhead is a stunning drive in either direction offering panoramic views to the east and west. Or why not access this area by train and bus, or by walking the Three Lochs Way or using the cycle routes - and leave the car behind.



Boat Trips & Watersports



Food & Drink



Shopping



Hill Climbing



Walking & Cycling

From Left to right.
Cruise Loch Lomond
The Sugar Boat in Helensburgh
Wakeboarding on Loch Lomond

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Friendly local Visitor Information Centre with a gift shop and gallery.

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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.

- Ardgartan Forest Walks and Trails
- Falls of Falloch
- Firkin Point picnic area and shoreside walk
- Goukhill Muir Viewpoint on the John Muir Way
- Helensburgh Promenade and Henry Bell Monument
- Inveruglas View Point
- Loch Lomond Faerie Trail
- Rosneath Peninsula Heritage Trails
- The Hill House and the Hill House Box, Helensburgh
- West Loch Lomond Cycle Path



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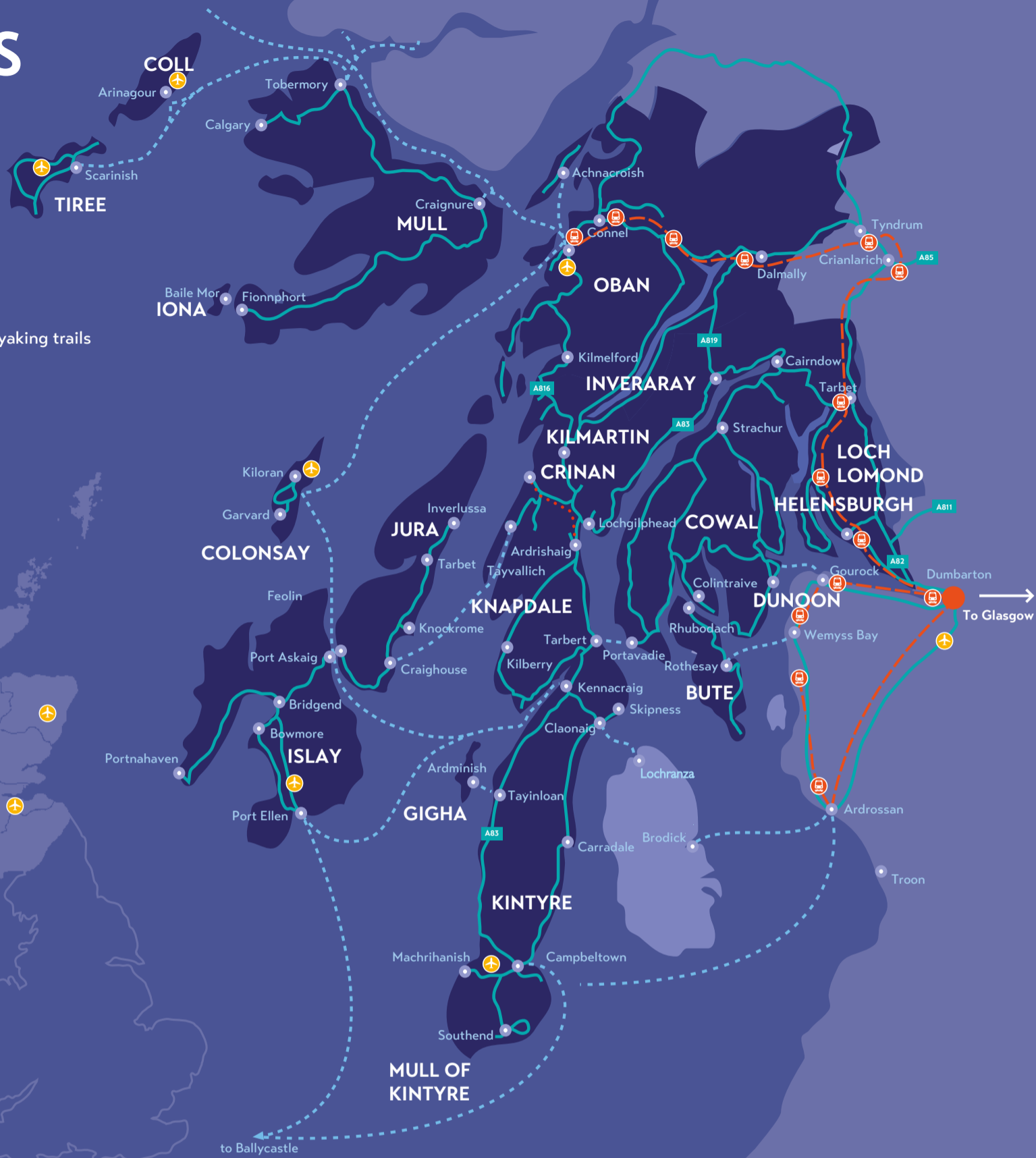
ARGYLL & THE ISLES

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.