

GREAT DAYS OUT



This is the place for a great day out, any day of the year! Pick and choose what takes your fancy whether you are here on holiday, a short break, live here, or travelling out from the central belt. That's the best part - its all within easy reach so there's no excuse for you not to enjoy Scotland's adventure coast.

Make a day of it...

IN OBAN & LORN

Oban

Explore the shops, cafes and restaurants. Stroll along the esplanade, watch the fishing boats land their catch, climb McCaigs Tower or Pulpit Hill for outstanding west coast views and sunsets. It is an ever popular 'wet weather' destination with the Atlantis Leisure Centre, the Phoenix Cinema (later in August) and Oban Distillery all in the heart of the town.

Dunollie & Dunstaffnage

Pre-book a visit to the ancestral home of the Clan MacDougall at Dunollie. Nearby Dunstaffnage Castle is one of the oldest stone castles in Scotland with stunning grounds to stroll around.

Glorious Gardens

Take a day trip south of Oban to explore Ardmaddy Castle Gardens, An Cala and Arduaine. Drive north to Kinlochlaich House Gardens near Appin and then to visit Ardchattan Priory Garden. Or travel east and visit Achnacloch Garden, Angus Garden and Ardanaiseig.

Boat Trips, Wildlife Spotting & Outdoor Activities

A choice of boat trips from Oban, Easdale and Craobh Haven including diving excursions, fast RIB experiences, fishing charters and whale and wildlife spotting trips. There are also many operators offering kayaking, gorge walking, canyoning, coastering, sailing and cycling.

IN INVERARAY, KNAPDALE, KILMARTIN & CRINAN

Inveraray & The Head Of Loch Fyne

With the Castle and Gardens, the Old Town Jail and interesting shops, restaurants and cafes there is plenty on offer. There are two glorious gardens at Ardkinglas and Crarae. Auchindrain Township brings an historic farming community back to life. At the Head of Loch Fyne there are many treats available such as seafood, ale, gifts and plants.

Kilmartin Glen

One of Scotland's richest prehistoric landscapes. Climb to the top of Dunadd Fort where our ancient kings were crowned, explore the Linear Cemetery and the many chambered cairns, standing stones and stone circles. A visit to Kilmartin Museum is a must - where these intriguing monuments and local history is brought back to life.

Nature Walks

Visit the Argyll Beaver Centre at Barrandaimh and then Barnluasgan early evening or just after dawn when you may spot a beaver. Explore Taynish National Nature Reserve with various walks and chances of spotting otters, deer and butterflies. Nearby Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve, is a great place to learn about bugs, beasties and dragonflies.

Take To The Water

A number of boat operators offer wildlife tours some following timetables and others available to charter. A classic trip is out to the Corryvreckan, the world's third largest whirlpool. From Crinan, Ardfern and Seil or take the passenger ferry from Tayvallich to Jura for the day.

IN KINTYRE & GIGHA

The Kintyre 66

New for 2020 - The Kintyre 66. A circular drive or cycle around the peninsula with the east road being single track with ever changing views of Arran and Kilbrannan Sound and the A83 along the west coast offering a more rugged landscape with stunning beaches and views of the Inner Hebrides. Lots of heritage sites, distilleries, producers and eateries to explore!

God's Isle

The Isle of Gigha, just a 20 minute ferry trip away offers a great day out. There are 12 different walks to do discovering Achamore Gardens, the natural wonders of the island and taking in the historic sites too. A perfect island to explore by bike - or kayak - being 7 miles long and relatively flat.

Tarbert Historic Fishing Village

A great day out with lots of interesting shops, cafes, restaurants and galleries to explore, a circular walk up to Bruce's Castle, a scramble across to the shell beach and a wooded walk to the White Shore. The Harbour is always busy and you can watch the catch being landed or stroll along the pontoons lined with yachts, cruisers and traditional boats.

Kintyre Golf

Kintyre packs three of Scotland's best links golf courses within 20 miles of each other - Dunaverty, Machrihanish and Machrihanish Dunes. A great day out from Kintyre is to take the ferry to Islay for a round on the traditional links course at Machrie.

IN COWAL

In and around Argyll Forest Park

Something for everyone; drive scenic lochside roads, visit fine beaches, villages and gardens; explore the middle slopes by walking forest trails or cycle a network of forest roads; or climb up to the ridges and hilltops for panoramic views.

Cowal's Glorious Gardens

A garden lover's dream day out visiting Benmore with its 150 year old Redwood Avenue in a majestic mountain setting and then Ardkinglas Woodland Gardens where you'll find Europe's mightiest tree and the Gruffalo Trail.

On The Hills & Mountain Tops

For a unique experiences explore the hills above Ardentinn with Quadmania. The Arrochar Alps are a great day out for the experienced hill walker. Or discover Lochgoilhead - with hill routes to Ardgarten and Strachur, and a trail around the remote Ardgoil Peninsula.

Take To The Water

Get out on or even in the water with Wreckspeditions, join Lochgoil Cruisers for the day or book a sailing lesson with Tighnabruaich Sailing School. Explore the Argyll Sea Kayak Trail,

from Portavadie through the Kyles of Bute to Dunoon. Later in the summer Portavadie's leisure pools will be back open for a more relaxing experience.

IN BUTE

The West Island Way

A 25 mile walk to do as an epic day trip or simply enjoy short sections. Running the full length of the island the route embraces a variety of landscapes; seashore, moorland, farmland and forest. Connecting numerous heritage sites, it feels like every stone has a tale to tell.

Cycling

Perfect for cyclists, Rothesay is a great base to start from. Choices include a 10 mile loop to Ettrick Bay with a 5 mile detour taking in Scalpsie Bay, or the loop to the south taking in Kingarth. Whatever route you choose you must challenge yourself to cycle up the Serpentine!

Getting on the Water

If you get the chance you will never forget a sail around the stunning Kyles of Bute to Tighnabruaich. Alternatively explore the 57 miles of beaches and coastline by kayak. Hire a boat on Loch Fad or, new for 2020, arrive in style in a sea plane landing on the Loch.

Historic Sites

Mount Stuart is normally a must visit on Bute but as yet does not have a date for re-opening, but there are several standing stones, cists, Iron Age forts and memorabilia from WWII to explore tying in a visitor to Bute Museum.

IN LOCH LOMOND & THE CLYDE SEA LOCHS

The Three Lochs Way

34 miles of track linking Loch Lomond, the Gareloch and Loch Long via Balloch, Helensburgh, Garelochhead, Arrochar and Inveruglas and with train stations along the way.

The West Highland Railway Line

Join one of the world's most scenic train journeys at Helensburgh Upper, Garelochhead, Arrochar/Tarbet onwards to Ardlui, Crianlarich and Tyndrum and take a trip to Oban or Fort William and Mallaig – why not combine with a walk, climb or lunch?

The Clyde Sea Lochs Trail

A driving route that guides you round the history and heritage and stunning view points around Dumbarton, Helensburgh, Rosneath Peninsula, Gareloch and Loch Long route, with many stop off places for lunch or afternoon tea.

Glorious Gardens

Three very different gardens, close to each other. Geilston – intimate and tranquil. Glenarn – the 'Himalayas on Glasgow's doorstep'. Linn Botanic Garden – a horticultural treasure trove from around the globe.

IN ISLAY, JURA & COLONSAY

Islay Distillery Tour

You'll struggle to do them all in one day, so do take time to decide which to visit as our world class distilleries each offer a different experience as well as taste! You can 'walk the distilleries' from Port Ellen visiting Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Ardbeg.

Islay Heritage

Do a self guided tour at Finlaggan, followed by a visit to the Museum of Islay Life at Port Charlotte, finishing with a walk around the planned village of Bowmore making sure you visit the beautiful 'round church' (with no corners for the devil to hide in).

Isle of Jura

A must for any outdoor enthusiast is the strenuous circular walk taking in the three Paps of Jura. An alternative equally scenic delight is to cycle north to the end of the road and back with a trip to Lussa Distillery and Beach

Isle of Colonsay

Take a picnic and walk across the strand at low tide to Oronsay Priory and Beach to enjoy the birdlife and archaeology. Equally stunning is to walk along Kiloran Bay and onwards to Balnahard Beach at the north of the island.

IN MULL & IONA

Iona Abbey

For anyone visiting Mull, or even Oban on the mainland, a great day out is a trip to the Isle of Iona. Iona, the Cradle of Christianity, attracts around 130,000 people a year but you'll struggle to know where they all go as you invariably leave Iona with a sense of peace and solitude.

Ulva, Staffa & The Treshnish Isles

Community owned Ulva offers a great day from Mull with several way marked trails leading from the boathouse to features of interest. Alternatively, take a boat trip out to Staffa to explore Fingal's Cave or to the Treshnish Isles for excellent bird and whale and dolphin spotting.

Wildlife Spotting

Mull has more wildlife operators than anywhere else in Argyll & the Isles and a great day out is a wildlife tour either on land or sea with expert guides – and invariably increasing your chances of spotting whales, dolphins, sea eagles, otters, red deer and much more.

IN COLL & TIREE

Coll

A day out on Coll is simple – pick a beach, pack a picnic and simply while away the hours – then treat yourself to a drink and supper at the Coll Hotel. Coll has 23 individual beaches some easier to get to than others. A great night out on Coll is star gazing with an expert on a clear dark evening.

Tiree

Start from scratch or brush up on your surfing or paddleboarding skills with Wild Diamond or Blackhouse Watersports or hire a bike from Tiree Fitness to explore the numerous beaches, galleries and giftshops. Book a trip with Tiree Sea Tours to Skerryvore lighthouse or the nearby Treshnish Isles.

Just some inspo to spark your interest this summer taking into account who is open and able to welcome you. Much more at wildaboutargyll.co.uk

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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. And with the launch later this year of cycle carriages from Scotrail, 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.