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Are you ready for an island adventure unlike any other? The Isle of Skye and the area of Lochalsh (the part of mainland just to the east of Skye) is a dramatic landscape with miles of beautiful coastline, soaring mountain ranges, amazing wildlife and friendly people. Come and be enchanted by fascinating tales of its turbulent history in the ancient castles, defensive duns and tiny crofthouses, and take in some of the special events happening this year.

Inspire your creative spirit on the Skye & Lochalsh Arts & Crafts Trail (SLACA), cross the beautiful Skye Bridge and don’t miss the chance to sample the best local produce from land and sea in our many award-winning restaurants. Don’t forget to make the most of the great outdoors with a gentle walk – or maybe something more thrilling such as rock climbing or sea kayaking.

Come and see why the Highlands and Islands have been named a top region in Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2019. Make some new friends as you soak up the rich Gaelic music and culture and embrace the warm Scottish welcome of Skye & Lochalsh.
Whether you’re craning your neck in wonder at the magnificent sight of the Cuillin mountains or cooling your toes in the glistening waters off our coastline, in Skye & Lochalsh you can dive into our treasure trove of natural wonders. Roam the region to discover its colourful harbour villages, wealth of wildlife, majestic castles and fascinating landscapes.

The Cuillin and North West Skye
Razor-ridged, fierce and moody, the Cuillin mountains are a paradise for walkers and a spectacular backdrop for everyone who visits Skye. The town of Dunvegan lies in the north west in a wild land of rocky promontories and long sea lochs. Nearby you can visit the Talisker Distillery, Skyeskyns, the Giant MacAskill Museum, and Dunvegan Castle.

Portree, Trotternish and Isle of Raasay
Snuggled safely in its picturesque natural harbour is Portree, the main town on Skye with a superb range of shops and leisure facilities. You don’t have to go too far north of Portree to be in a fantasy landscape. The extraordinary rock pinnacle of the Old Man of Storr is part of the Trotternish Ridge – 20 miles of jaw-dropping rock formations. On Raasay, take a walk from the pier of Suisnish and head to the unique flat-topped peak of Dun Caan, or try a dram from the Isle of Raasay Distillery.

South Skye
With its rolling woodland and pastures, the Sleat Peninsula is known as the ‘garden of Skye’. Wander around the 20,000 acre of Highland estate of Armadale Castle & Gardens and take a moment to seek out the ruins of Armadale Castle. Then stop to smell the roses in the beautiful gardens and visit the award-winning Museum of the Isles. In nearby Broadford, you can browse through the range of whiskies at Praban Na Linne (Gaelic Whiskies) in Armadale, or visit the Torabhaig Distillery in Teangue.

Lochalsh
Discover a land where high peaks wash their toes in stunning sea lochs - Lochalsh and Kintail. Scramble up the hills beyond Glenelg, including Ben Sgritheall, for some of the best viewpoints in the west Highlands. The north side of the glen includes the Five Sisters of Kintail, while south of the glen is the South Glen Shiel Ridge, commonly known as the South Cluanie Ridge.

The Isle of Skye is best experienced slowly. Stop planning every last bucket-list minute and allow yourself breathing space, that’s what #skyetime is all about. Stay longer, see less and experience more!

If you are feeling romantic, why not spend an evening stargazing in Skye’s stellar Dark Sky? This is one of the best places in the UK to see the remarkable Northern Lights.

The attractive village of Plockton curves around a sheltered east-facing shore on outer Loch Carron in Lochalsh. Catch a boat out to the loch to make friends with the resident seal colony.

Visit the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland, Dunvegan Castle on Skye, the stronghold of the chiefs of Clan MacLeod for over 800 years.

If you fancy going sea kayaking or rock climbing, head to the Isle of Raasay. The island is also criss-crossed with waymarked paths, making it a hotspot for walkers and mountain bikers.
AMAZING ACTIVITIES
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It's thrilltime. Skye & Lochalsh is a sensational area to try out some exciting outdoor pursuits. Over 30 Munros are standing there waiting for you to conquer them. Bring a bike and enjoy the fresh air whilst soaking in the scenery. Or get your outdoor fix in a gentler style by fishing in the many lochs and clear coastal waters.

See the coastline as few people ever do by taking to the beautiful waters around the Isle of Skye in a sea kayak. Contact South Skye Sea Kayak or Sea Kayak Plockton for an unforgettable adventure.

For adventure and excitement, head to Raasay House and Activities or try your hand at axe throwing, archery or clay target shooting with A.C.E. Adventure.

Tee off for a round to remember at Skeabost Golf Club with spectacular views of Loch Snizort. Savour the views from the location of the Isle of Skye Golf Club – Red Cuillin hills, Ben Tianavaig and the Isle of Raasay are truly sensational. Pedal your way through the peaceful old roads, rough paths and beautiful forests of Skye & Lochalsh – it promises an unforgettable day for the family exploring a truly beautiful corner of Scotland.

If you fancy a challenge hire an experienced guide to escort you to the dozens of sensational peaks and trails, their wealth of local knowledge will astound and educate you.

Why not spend a day in Kintail and Morvich and take a guided hill walk up the Five Sisters of Kintail? Look out across the stunning mountain scenery along one of Scotland’s most famous ridges and learn about mountain plants. While you won’t find a more dramatic or inspiring location, remember sudden changes in the weather can take place, so make sure you go prepared.

Try a more unusual adrenaline activity such as mountain boarding with Whitewave Activities, or go coasteering with Skye Adventure.

Make sure you’re fully prepared before attempting to climb any Scottish mountain www.mcofs.org.uk www.visitscotland.com

REMEMBER BE SAFE!

DON’T MISS...

- The Plockton Regatta – an exciting fortnight of sailing around Plockton bay and Loch Carron in July and August.
- The Isle of Skye Half Marathon – a challenging route starting and finishing in Portree in June.
In one visit you can roam over lush landscapes of southern Skye, scale the peaks of Glenshiel, the Cuillin and Trotternish Ridge and see how the wonderland of Skye & Lochalsh has inspired artists and adventurers, and provides a living haven for wildlife.

Awe is the only suitable response to the power of Mother Nature that you’ll see on display here. The Trotternish Ridge is a massive 20-mile long stretch of extraordinary rock formations that appear to have been carved on a whim by some gargantuan sculptor. Which, in a way, it has been. Tour around from Portree towards Staffin and passing the Old Man of Storr and the Quiraing.

Hop aboard a wildlife boat trip around Skye and keep your camera at the ready for that once-in-a-lifetime photo of dolphins leaping, a basking shark easing by or a sea eagle snatching some lunch.

Trumpan on the Waternish Peninsula is just one of the island’s prime spots for spectacular sea views. Walk around the coastline and you might even see porpoises, dolphins and minke whales from the shore. Basking sharks start to arrive in late April and drift around these waters feeding until the end of the summer.

Go to the Isle of Raasay for an adventurous day trip (and some of the best views of Skye!). Head to the Raasay House Activity Centre for some unforgettable experiences such as sea kayaking, climbing, sailing or coasteering.

Explore the seas and islands up close on skippered boat rides for family fun. You can even take courses to learn how to captain the charter boats yourself.

Look to the skies as well as the sea, to spot peregrine falcons (the fastest creature on the planet at 200 mph), nesting seabird colonies of shags, kittiwakes, fulmars and golden and sea eagles.

Explore the wilds of the Minginish Peninsula, home to the Cuillin mountains and miles of cliffs. See how humble rain becomes a peaty burn flooding down through the mountains before it is finally miraculously transformed into whisky!

Go beachcombing on the coral strand of Claigan and you’ll soon discover the beach is not made from coral but from pieces of calcified algae known as maerl.

A drive over the majestic Skye Bridge which opened in 1995.

Leaving from Uig, uncover the island’s northern peninsula with Skye Cruises. Witness a variety of wildlife, including puffins and sea eagles, the rugged sea cliffs and outcrops of Trotternish, and much more.

Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2019, named the Highlands and Islands, including Skye, one of its top regions to visit. Come and explore the Cuillin and more.

Why are the rock formations of the Quiraing called ‘the Needle’ and ‘the Prison’? – one glimpse of them in real life and you’ll soon see why.

Kintail and Morvich with the Five Sisters of Kintail, one of Scotland’s most famous ridges. Follow one of the many trails leading you passed the mountains, lochs, glens and coastline. National Trust for Scotland rangers offer a range of guided walks or kayaking trips.

The wonderful nature trails of Armadale Castle Gardens.

SkyeFlight allows you the chance to ‘Take to the skies over Skye’ in a Scottish Aviation Bulldog Aircraft.
TOUCHING THE PAST
BURN RI LITHE AN O CHAN

Here kings have been toppled, chieftains betrayed and love forsaken for power – and you can still see all these trials of history around you today. Step back into our turbulent past as you walk round some of the most beautiful and romantic castles in the world. Walk along corridors and atop battlements that tell fascinating tales of Jacobite risings and clan feuds. You should also take time to visit the region’s churches and Pictish brochs to experience first-hand the history, Celtic culture, myths and magic of the Highlands.

Is there a more iconic castle in the world than Eilean Donan? Clinging to a rock in a beautiful loch, surrounded by mountains and reached only by an arching bridge, it’s a must-see on your visit. Pass through the ornate gates to explore the castle and climb the stone steps to the main rooms of the castle keep and the Banqueting Hall with its flags, shields and trophies and the kitchen all laid out for a meal. Imagine the panic and disappointment in the heart of Bonnie Prince Charlie as he escaped to Skye by boat after his army’s defeat at the Battle of Culloden. He was rowed across the Minch by Flora MacDonald and his journey took him throughout the island. Bonnie Prince Charlie left legends that are still around today, including his gift of the recipe for Drambuie to the Chief of Clan MacKinnon.

You can pay your respects to this gutsy Jacobite heroine, Flora MacDonald, at the memorial in Kilmuir Graveyard. Take a trip one morning to Armadale Castle Gardens & Museum, a 20,000-acre Highland estate which is full of charming walks with views out across the Sound of Sleat to Knoydart and out west to the Cuillin mountains. Stop to smell the roses and admire the romantic ruins at Armadale Castle Gardens. In the afternoon, visit Dunvegan Castle, a mighty stronghold built on a rock and skirted by the sea. The massive exterior is made up of six separate buildings surrounded by defensive battlements running the whole length of the roof line. Then explore the grand rooms, which are full of priceless heirlooms and items thought to have belonged to Flora MacDonald.

Whizz 100 years back in time on a visit to the Skye Museum of Island Life. Seven thatched cottages, full of household items, tools and photographs, explain how the islanders used to live. See farm tools, a busy workshop with three types of spinning wheels, a hank-cross, carders and dyepots.

Don’t miss Eilean Donan Castle, near Dornie, a magical place, full of legend and deep history. Dating from the 13th century, this is one of the most easily recognised castles in Scotland standing proudly on an island where 3 lochs meet.

DID YOU KNOW?

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- The ruins of Duntulm Castle can still be seen perched on the cliff edge.

DON’T MISS...

- Did your ancestors once roam this land? Find out by researching your family tree with visits to the archives, local registrar, Museum of the Isles that’s situated at Armadale Castle and Gardens and local churchyards.
- The two Glenelg Brochs: Dun Telve and Dun Troddan – both outstanding 2,000 year old round towers standing just 500m apart; noteworthy for their design, scale and quality of build.
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- Enjoy a spot of Jurassic fun on the “Dinosaur capital of Scotland”! Go dinosaur hunting at Staffin beach or at Brother’s Point and discover rare giant dinosaur footprints dating back 170 million-years.
Innovation and creativity combine to produce a number of unique ranges of work. Every item is handmade and unique.

On the Waternish peninsula, Skyeskyns is Scotland’s only traditional exhibition tannery. Discover the story of leather making on the tour, then have fun browsing in their extensive shop.

Island at the Edge, near Edinbane, rear native Hebridean and Black Cheviot sheep. From fleece to wool and weaving to knitting, discover this specialist producer of yarns, tweeds and designer apparel and knitwear. They also offer traditional skills training for knitting, crochet, spinning and crofting skills. Also on offer is land-based skills courses including local history and archeology.

The best way to discover Skye & Lochalsh’s flourishing culture is to follow one of the arts and crafts trails. The wild and wonderful landscape means that many galleries, studios and workshops are situated in beautiful and out of the way places not always on the tourist routes. Ask at any arts and crafts shop that you visit and they’ll set you on the trail of more local talent.

Is it any surprise that a place as magical as the Isle of Skye fills people with the passion to create wonderful and beautiful things? For filmmakers, including Justin Kurzel who directed the recent adaptation of Macbeth, Skye itself is a scene-stealing backdrop. And for the many sculptors, painters, jewellers, weavers and potters who call this area home, it’s a living, breathing land of inspiration.

Ever seen a sporran being made? You can watch skilled craftsmen at work creating these traditional Scottish pouches, as well as belts and bags in the Leather Shop, at the very end of Armadale Pier where the ferry goes to Mallaig. You could even try your hand at crafting your own armband, belt or keyring.

Island, including Love From Skye in Broadford which makes and sells traditional Celtic jewellery. Or head to the south of Skye to the Nigel Grounds Gallery to see many of his paintings and displays on show, as well as seeing how the surrounding landscape inspires his work.

Step into Duncan House for traditional Celtic jewellery in the finest precious metals. Every piece is painstakingly made by hand, and you can have your own unique design custom-crafted by Garth Duncan himself.

You can smell the tang of the ocean… The wood-fired and salt-glazed ceramics of Edinbane Pottery in Edinbane reflect the colours and textures of the sea, the landscape, wildlife and the feelings they inspire. Inspiration, isle of skye & lochalsh

ARTS, CRAFTS AND CULTURE

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DONT MISS…

If you’re heading to or arriving from Harris at the Uig ferry terminal, you must pop into Uig Pottery next door. Marvel at the potters working in their fascinating studio as they craft their distinctive stoneware with vivacious designs inspired by the local landscapes and wildlife. They’ll be only too happy to chat to you about their work.

The area is an artistic haven at all times of year, but in July and August the creative atmosphere turns positively electric. The Skye Festival: Fèis an Eilein draws artists, musicians and actors to showcase their talents and make new friends. Why don’t you join them?

Creating your own candle with a class at Skyelight in Staffin, and whilst there why not purchase a few of the studios’ unique candles?

HIGHLIGHT

To discover more information on artists and craftspeople visit the Skye and Lochalsh Arts and Craft Association website www.art-skye.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

Sabhal Mor Ostaig is Scotland’s only Gaelic college, keeping the Gaelic heritage alive by way of a variety of courses on both the spoken word and music.

Share your stories to inspire others on arts, crafts and culture in this area register on www.community.visitscotland.com
Blending the best flavours of land and sea, Skye & Lochalsh provides the ideal environment for producing fine local food and drink. Come and sample delicious produce for yourself; from fresh, delicious seafood, which is widely available in restaurants, to venison and game birds which are brought in from the region’s hills.

Wind your way down the scenic road to the shores of Loch Harport to visit the Talisker Distillery. Master distillers have been producing the ‘water of life’ in the same way here for over 175 years. Some of its renowned whiskies are double distilled to create a rich, deep character. Take a tour to discover the distilling process before enjoying a dram at a nosing and tasting session.

Or travel to the Isle of Raasay 5 Star Distillery, where you can enjoy some of the best views from any distillery in Scotland. Experience first hand the exciting journey from converting a disused Victorian building to handcrafting the first Isle of Raasay single malt in Scotch whisky history. Or visit Torabhaig Distillery on the Sleat peninsula for an educational whisky experience.

During your break, make sure you head to the fantastic Kinloch Lodge in Sleat, which is the home of one of Scotland’s best-loved cooks, Lady Claire Macdonald. Another favourite is the excellent Three Chimneys Restaurant. Dine in the 100-year-old crofter’s cottage and soak up the intimate atmosphere as you enjoy three courses of creative, modern and exciting food with a traditional twist.

For the freshest, succulent seafood, stop off at the Oyster Shed in Carbost for mouthwatering delights from the sea. Or book a table at the Michelin starred Loch Bay Restaurant in the picturesque village of Stein offering contemporary Scottish cuisine with classic French influences.

Choose your meal from an innovative menu created by a passionate head chef at the Islay Restaurant of Toravaig House Hotel, Sleat. Savour the flavours whilst gazing out at the breathtaking views over the gardens towards the Sound of Sleat and the mountains of the mainland.

Try simple yet luxurious dishes at the Red Roof Café and Gallery, Glendale. Sample homemade breads, salads, soups and homebaking during the summer months.

Don’t Miss...

- Sample the delights of Skye & Lochalsh’s plentiful table, from venison and seafood to whisky and chocolate.
- Seafod fans can get a mouthwatering taste of the ocean, including crab and langoustines, at the family-run Waterside Seafood Restaurant in Kyle of Lochalsh.
- Enjoy the mouthwatering 10 course tasting menu at the beautiful 16th century Edinbane Lodge.
- The Skye Food & Drink Festival in June is a showcase of the stunning variety and quality of food and drink grown, produced and served on the island and surrounding area.
- If you’re getting thirsty, don’t miss a warming warming whisky from the Raasay Distillery or a refreshing local ale from the Skye Brewery.
Scotland’s coasts and waters have shaped our history. From fishing and textiles, to whisky and wave power, they have influenced our culture, our stories, our way of life. Skye & Lochalsh boasts a hugely diverse coastal scenery, ranging from dramatic cliffs and sea stacks to gleaming white beaches, and a rich offering of inland waters, rivers, loch and waterfalls.

**Outdoors Adventures**
Embrace the great outdoors and explore Skye’s dramatic coastline and natural water features, with an unparalleled range of adventures, from water sports to whale watching and island hopping. Head to Coral Beach, north of Dunvegan, for stunning shores, great family walking trails, and clear waters that make for a refreshing swim. There are many walking opportunities, trails and paths to follow across the island, taking in the rugged sea cliffs, scenic landscapes across the sea and natural features along the way, such as Easglais Bheugach, Rubha Hunish and Waternish Point.

Take a wildlife safari tour and experience the captivating sights and sounds of seabirds along the coast. You might also catch a sight of the magnificent white-tailed sea eagles soaring over the sparkling mountain lochs or the sea. Enjoy a boat trip across Loch Scavaig from Elgol to the very heart of the Black Cuillin for spectacular views or a seal cruise from Plockton with Calum’s Seal Trips on the waters of Loch Carron for great wildlife. The Isle of Raasay Distillery is not to be missed!

**From sea to plate**
Savour a taste of some of the freshest catch of the day in many seafood restaurants in the area. Skye & Lochalsh has two whisky distilleries for you to visit and enjoy a ‘wee dram’ of uisge beatha (‘water of life’) that is Scotch whisky. As well as locally made ales and gin in the area. Or why not have a go at fishing? Discover our salmon and sea trout rivers with superb brown trout fishing on many of the hill lochs, plus good sea angling by the coast. Take a wildlife safari tour and experience the captivating sights and sounds of seabirds along the coast. You might also catch a sight of the magnificent white-tailed sea eagles soaring over the sparkling mountain lochs or the sea. Enjoy a boat trip across Loch Scavaig from Elgol to the very heart of the Black Cuillin for spectacular views or a seal cruise from Plockton with Calum’s Seal Trips on the waters of Loch Carron for great wildlife. The Isle of Raasay Distillery is not to be missed!

**Go Wild**
The seas and waters in Skye & Lochalsh are teeming with wonderful wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for otters, seals and other wildlife that can often be spotted by the coast. Enjoy a boat trip across Loch Scavaig from Elgol to the very heart of the Black Cuillin for spectacular views or a seal cruise from Plockton with Calum’s Seal Trips on the waters of Loch Carron for great wildlife. The Isle of Raasay Distillery is not to be missed!

**Stacks to do**
Discover great attractions set amidst stunning seascapes across the Skye & Lochalsh. On the scenic Sleat peninsula, visit the magnificent Highland estate of Armadale Castle, the spiritual home of Clan Donald, with its magical gardens and woodland trails. In the north near Uig, stop in at The Skye Museum of Island Life to step back in time and experience how the islanders really lived – including thatched cottages, old tools, displays and equipment. To the east, the Isle of Raasay is a picturesque island that can easily be reached by ferry for a day of walking and searching for native wildlife. The Isle of Raasay Distillery is not to be missed!

**True hidden gems on the Waternish peninsula in the North of the Island.** Visit the ruin of Trumpan Church overlooking the sea and take a free guided tour of Scotland’s premier sheepskin supplier Skyeskyns for the highest quality sheepskin rugs, clothing and footwear.

**Don’t miss The Skye Festival: Fèis an Eilein, a 10-day celebration of island culture and performing arts with a strong focus on Scottish traditional music.** On 3-12 July, enjoy world-class performance art, exploring the relationship between the rivers, glens and coastline and the unique culture of Scotland’s most iconic island.

**Share your experiences using #ScotlandIsNow and #YCW2020**

Like music? Art? Theatre? Sport? Then you’re going to love it here in Skye & Lochalsh because our cultural scene is absolutely buzzing. Whenever you visit you’ll be able to throw yourself into events, festivals and outdoor activities, from grand celebrations of our rich Gaelic culture to an impromptu ceilidh in a cosy wee pub.

Can you hear the call of the pipes? Come in summer and you can’t miss them – the Isle of Skye Pipe Band entertains everyone in Portree Square every Tuesday evening, June to September (weather permitting).

Pop along with your family to a local gala or games day with traditional activities – you’ll be guaranteed a terrific day out. You’ll also see pipe bands resplendent in their kilts as well as Highland dancing, caber tossing and hammer throwing at the Lochcarron Highland Games held at Attadale Gardens in July and the Skye Highland Games, Portree in early August.

Set in the enchanting Armadale Castle Gardens in May is the Beò Festival, a ceilidh festival celebrating Gaelic music.

Look out for performers, touring theatre companies and workshops – some of them in Gaelic – in venues across the island. Take a short course and learn to step dance, sing in Gaelic or play the fiddle – Highland style – with the best musicians in the country at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the National Centre for Gaelic Language and Culture. The college also hosts many events such as concerts, conversation circles, music sessions and cèilidhs.

Many musicians choose to be based in Skye & Lochalsh, many record their music on the island too, supporting the tradition of musical diversity enjoyed in the area. Don’t miss an impromptu music session with the locals at the The Old Inn in Carbost or the Edinbane Inn, west of Portree. Bring your instrument or just listen. You might even be lucky to hear members of the Peatbog Faeries or Niteworks. Based on Skye, they are some of the most contemporary Celtic fusion bands of recent years, fusing Gaelic language and traditional music with electronic influences to create an exhilarating sound.

Find out more
You can get dates and listings for more events in the area at www.visitscotland.com/events

LEARN THE LANGUAGE
Many local residents speak Scottish Gaelic, a Celtic language native to Scotland. If you hear them talking, why not have fun and join in with a few everyday phrases?

Madainn mhath – Pronounced: madeeng vah – good morning
Fàilte – Pronounced: falcha – welcome
Ciamar a tha thu? – Pronounced: keemar a ha oo? – how are you?
Cò as a tha thu? – Pronounced: co ass a ha oo? – where are you from?
Tapadh leat – Pronounced: tap-ah lat – thank you
Usge-beatha – Pronounced: uska ber – whisky
Slàinte mhath! – Pronounced: slancha va – Cheers!/Good health!
Mar sin leat! – Pronounced: mar shin let-h – goodbye

For more information visit www.visitscotland.com/gaelic

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Whether you are travelling by car, bus or boat, the compact region of Skye & Lochalsh is a genuine pleasure to travel around. With the Skye Bridge, which links the island to the mainland, the fantastic ferry services, and the winding roads which thread through the beautiful landscape, each journey will reward you with breathtaking scenery.

By road
Travel around Lochalsh along the A87 which connects to smaller routes and the A890 for venturing further north.
Head to Kyle of Lochalsh and cross the Skye Bridge into Kyleakin to follow the A87 towards Broadford. From this road you can turn off to reach the Sleat Peninsula, head west onto the road to Elgol, north to the Waternish, Minginish, Trotternish, Portree or Glendale peninsulas and the villages of Dunvegan and Uig.

By bus
You can get to most of the region’s towns, villages and attractions by the good network of local buses run by Stagecoach and several smaller bus companies. For more information about driving safely around Scotland, visit www.visitscotland.com/about/practical-information/driving-in-scotland/

By ferry
Caledonian MacBrayne operates ferry services year-round between Mallaig and Armadale and Sconser to Raasay, as well as ferries from Uig to Tarbert on Harris or Lochmaddy on North Uist in the Outer Hebrides. For more information, including ferry times, visit www.calmac.co.uk

The ferry between Glenelg and Kylerhea, which runs from Easter to October, is operated by a local community trust. For more information visit www.skyeferry.co.uk

In addition, there are many tour operators who can take you on wildlife, heritage and adventure boat trips.

It is very important to plan your trip to Skye & Lochalsh in advance, and to book your accommodation ahead to ensure you can make the most of your visit to the area.
The listings within this guide have been split into the following sections:

- Places to visit
- Leisure activities
- Shopping
- Food & drink
- Tours

Businesses within these sections are listed in alphabetical order by business location then by business name. Each entry has a map reference (see example) rating to the map which appears at the back of this guide. Most entries have a postcode which can be used to pinpoint locations but it is always wise to check the actual location before making your journey.

SAMPLE ENTRY

Location
‘By’ designates that a property is within 10 miles of this location. Mileage in brackets after the location indicates the distance from the named location.

Name of business

Contact details

Business description

Quality award
Where a Quality Assurance award has been included on an entry, the business has been graded by VisitScotland and provides assurances on quality and standards. Further information on page 23 of this guide. Quality Assurance awards are correct as at January 2020.

Pricing
Prices shown in entries for admission, services and facilities are provided by the advertisers. Please note that prices are for your guidance only and include VAT where applicable (VAT as at December 2019). It is always advisable to check cost prior to booking.

Booking
Accepting a booking by telephone or in writing means you have entered into a legally binding contract with the proprietor of the establishment. If you cancel or fail to turn up, for whatever reason, the proprietor has the right to ask you for compensation. You should always check the cancellation terms in advance and, if you must cancel a booking, advise the business immediately. Online bookings are subject to terms and conditions, please check directly with the proprietor of the business.

Insurance and cancellations
Should you have to cancel for whatever reason, it is reassuring to know that you can be insured against any compensation claim. It is advisable to take out cancellation insurance prior to your trip.

Accessibility
Whether you want a cosmopolitan city break or a relaxing holiday in the countryside, you’ll find a great range of accessible accommodation, attractions, things to see and do and transport. You can stay in a bustling city centre, with great access-friendly attractions right on your doorstep, or out in the countryside, where you can enjoy accessible walks or trips to the beach. For more information go to www.visitscotland.com/holidays-breaks/accessible. Also go to www.euansguide.com for information on businesses throughout Scotland with good access reviews from disabled people, their family and friends.

Businesses with the logo (below) on their www.visitscotland.com entries have their own Accessibility Guide which will include information on their facilities such as onsite restaurants, free WiFi, hearing loop, level access and accessible parking or drop off points. It is always advisable to check the businesses own website for this information, which will be highlighted by this symbol.

Map reference
To assist you further in locating each business, this grid reference relates to the map on page 68.

Facilities and symbols
See page 23 and the page opposite for details.

Opening times and admission prices

For further information see the Scottish Access Code: www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/practical-guide-all/camping

Take extra care and follow any local advice when parking cars or campervans. Please note, responsible access rights within the Scottish Outdoor Access Code do not extend to motorised transport. If you are planning to travel in a motorhome or campervan check with the landowner before you stop or book a pitch in a nearby camping park. Across the length and breadth of Scotland there are some really fantastic camping parks in stunning locations, from beachside crofts to wooded areas lined with ancient pines. By pitching up at a proper campsite, you’ll help ensure our natural environments and their often fragile ecosystems remain intact.

Smoking
Scotland’s indoor public places, including pubs, restaurants and cafes are smoke-free by law, creating a healthier and fresher environment for residents and visitors to our beautiful country.

Drinking and driving
Scotland’s drink drive limit is 50 mg (of alcohol per 100 ml of blood). The Scottish Government recommends the best approach is to have no alcohol at all, if you are intending to get behind a wheel in Scotland.

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5 star Visitor Attraction

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Places to visit

**Museums**

Also check Visitor attractions

**KILMUIR, ISLE OF SKYE**

Skye Museum of Island Life
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Raasay is an island rooted in centuries of illicit distilling and the Isle of Raasay Distillery is making history with the first legal Isle of Raasay Gin, launched in 2019, and the first Isle of Raasay Single Malt, launching in 2020.

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- Scotch Whisky & Gin Distillery
- Tours
- Visitor Centre
- Shop
- Accommodation

Visitor Attraction

Open: Open all year. Please see website for up to date opening times.

Admission: Tours: Adult £10, Child £5. Advanced booking recommended at www.raasaydistillery.com

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**DUNVEGAN, ISLE OF SKYE**

Dunvegan Castle & Gardens
Dunvegan, Isle of Skye IV55 8WY
T: 01470 521206 info@dunvegancastle.com www.dunvegancastle.com

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Visitor Attraction

Open: 1 Apr-15 Oct: 10am-5.30pm (last entry 5pm).

Admission: Adult £14, Child (5-15 years) £9, Concs £11, Family £35.

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**STEIN, WATERNISH, ISLE OF SKYE**

Dandelion Designs & Images Gallery
Cathy Myhill, The Captain’s House, Stein, Waternish, Skye IV55 8GA
T: 01967 431506 M: 0749553706 info@dandelion-designs.co.uk www.dandelion-designs.co.uk

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**STRONTIAN**

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Visitor attractions
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STEIN, WATERNISH, ISLE OF SKYE

Skyesyns
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Places to visit

Wildlife, nature and natural attractions

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Arts & Crafts

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