

SCOTLAND.ISLE OF SKYE & LOCHALSH,

a photographic tour of the island and things to see & do

Welcome to...

skye and lochalsh



This map highlights some of many things there are to see and do in Skye and Lochalsh. **The numbers on this map relate to the listings opposite.** For information on attractions further afield, please see the national map and "Things to See and Do across Scotland" listing at the centre of the folder.



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...Things To See and Do in Skye and Lochalsh

Leaflets on many of the attractions in Skye and Lochalsh can be found directly after this page.

Locations are shown on the map opposite. (HS) Historic Scotland (NTS) National Trust for Scotland (FCS) Forestry Commission Scotland

1 Kylerhea, Isle of Skye (FCS)

The Kylerhea otter haven is in a spectacular location with fantastic views across to Glenelg and the Kintail mountains. Observe wild otters in their natural environment, you might also spot grey and common seals.
www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland

2 Isle of Skye Ferry

A great day out! Take the original ferry crossing to the Isle of Skye for your chance to see eagles, otters, seals and dolphins. No need to book. Open Easter to mid October.

3 Gallery - An Talla Dearg

Come and visit artwork by new and established artists on a rolling programme of exhibitions throughout the summer season, from April to September, Mon - Sat (check Sundays). Tel: 01471 833 439.

4 The Gaelic Whisky Collection

Award-winning, unchillfiltered whiskies. Visit our shop where all our brands are available to buy, or call in for a free tasting at any time. Open Mon - Fri 10-5, plus weekends in summer. Tel: 01471 833 496.
www.gaelicwhisky.com

5 Clan Donald Skye

Visit our 40 acre Woodland Garden, ruins of Armadale Castle and Museum of the Isles. Gift shops, garden shop, restaurant. Open 7 days Easter - Oct 9.30-5.30 (last entry 5pm). Tel: 01471 844305.
www.clandonald.com

6 Sea.fari Adventures - Skye

Skye's Original 'Eco Tour'. 10th year - New Boat & New Trips for 2010. Also our favourite and fast open boat. Whales, seals, birdlife, scenery, evening cruises. 4 star rating...
Call 01471 833316.

7 Ragamuffin: On the pier@Armadale

Wonderful knitwear • beautiful clothes • gorgeous gifts. Summer 9am - 6pm 7 days. Winter Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 12pm - 5pm. Tel: 01471 844217.

8 Misty Isle Boat Trips

Spectacular scenery and great wildlife sighting opportunities with the only locally owned and run trips from Elgol to the seals and the breathtaking Loch Coruisk.
Tel: 01471 866288.

9 AquaXplore

Exhilarating wildlife and sightseeing adventures to the remote Small Isles. Regular sightings: whales, dolphins, sharks, puffins, eagles, seals. Fantastic value from £20. Open 7 days. Booking Essential. Tel: 0800 731 3089.



10 Bella Jane Boat Trips

Experience the Unforgettable. Loch Coruisk, the seals, the dramatic Cuillins with Skye's premier classic boat trip. Trips from £12.50(1.5hr), £15(3hr). Choice of time ashore. Open 7 days. Booking Essential. Tel: 0800 731 3089.



11 Talisker Distillery Visitor Centre and Whisky Shop

Visit the only distillery on the Isle of Skye, enjoy a dram and the dramatic views of the Cuillins and Loch Harport. Open All Year. Tel: 01478 614308. www.discovering-distilleries.com

12 Brilliant Boat Trips

Wildlife, islands, discovery, adventure, freedom. Explore by sea with Fast-Boat Charter. We sail everywhere, whenever you want. Call now for details: 0845 224 2219. You'll love it!
www.fast-boat.net

13 Cioch Outdoor Clothing

High performance outdoor clothing made on the premises. We specialize in "made-to-measure". Visit our shop, open Mon - Sat all year. Tel: 01470 572707. www.cioch-direct.co.uk

14 Orbst Gallery

A long-established gallery near Dunvegan exhibiting paintings and prints by respected professional artists celebrating the landscape of Skye and adjacent Highlands. Monday to Saturday: Open 10am-5.30pm, Sundays by appointment. Tel: 01470 521207. www.orbstgallery.co.uk

15 Diana Mackie

The gallery, home and working studio of Diana Mackie, contemporary landscape artist. Original works and giclee prints available. Please telephone before visiting. Tel: 01470 511795. www.diana-mackie.co.uk

16 Dunvegan Castle & Gardens

Dunvegan Castle has been the home of the chiefs of clan MacLeod for 800 years. Open 1 April - 15 October, 10am-5.30pm (last admission 5pm). Open by Appointment 16 October - 31 March. Tel: 01470 521206. www.dunvegancastle.com



17 Shilasdair Yarns

Glorious natural dyed yarns: Scottish softspuns, cashmere blends, handspun cashmere, silks, organic cotton. Designer garments, knitkits, felted textiles. Visit the dyehouse. Four star visitor attraction. Tel: 01470 592297.

18 Skyeskyns Exhibition Tannery and Showroom

Visit Scotland's only traditional exhibition tannery. Discover leather-making skills. See our unparalleled range of natural and specialist lambskin fleeces and sheepskin goods. Open daily 10-6 all year. Tel: 01470 592 237. www.skyeskyns.co.uk

19 Visit Waternish

Visit Waternish, for great food and drink, a variety of fine arts and crafts, breathtaking natural beauty and scenery, wonderful wildlife and a warm welcome.
www.visit-waternish.co.uk



20 Edinbane Pottery

Workshop & Gallery Open: All Year 9am-6pm (7 days Easter - Oct). Specialists in both Woodfired & Saltglazed handmade functional pottery. Portree 14 miles, Dunvegan 8, the Bridge 48. Tel: 01470 582234. www.edinbane-pottery.co.uk

21 Uig Pottery

"Open all year. Distinctive pottery with decorations inspired by the surrounding land and seascapes. Also Celtic knotwork range including ceramic quichs. Well worth a visit." www.uigpottery.co.uk Tel: 01470 542421. margaret@uigpottery.co.uk

22 Whitewave - Skye's Outdoor Centre

Kayaking, open canoeing, windsurfing, climbing, abseiling, archery and walking - 1/2 day sessions, activity holiday packages, coaching. Individuals or groups welcome. Tel: 01470 542414.

23 Skyelight Candles

Hand crafted, heather scented candles plus other local crafts, cards and home made preserves. Open Monday to Friday: 10-5 (Easter to end September plus December). Tel: 01470 562738.

24 Isle of Skye Crafts

Scottish Counted Cross Stitch Kits designed and produced on the Isle of Skye. Haberdashery and hand knitting wool also available. Tel: 01478 612361.

25 Skye Batiks

The world famous, multi-award winning craft shop with a difference. Do not miss the Skye Batiks experience. Tel: 01478 613331. www.skyebatiks.com

26 Raasay House Activities

'A unique island experience' - renowned café/restaurant, fun & exciting activities, friendly qualified instructors, sailing, canoeing, coasteering, climbing, mountain biking & hire and much more. Spectacular views, amazing wildlife. Tel: 01478 660266.

27 Isle of Skye Golf Club

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...Things To See and Do

28 Beinn Na Caillich Cafe

The cafe is open all year. Serving home baking and home cooked meals and snacks, in family friendly surroundings.
Tel: 01471 822616.

29 Skye Jewellery Ltd

Established since 1993, with stunning showroom and viewing workshop, our exquisite hand-crafted jewellery is a joy to behold and will last a lifetime. We specialise in celtic wedding rings. Tel: 01471 820027.
www.skyejewellery.co.uk

30 Seaprobe Atlantis Semi-Submersible Glass Bottom Boat Trips

See Spectacular Scenery, WWII Shipwreck, Beautiful Kelp Forests, Fish, Jellyfish, Seals, Otters... Regular trips daily from the Marine Conservation Area at Kyle of Lochalsh.
Tel: 0800 980 4846. www.seaprobeatatlantis.com



31 White Island Tours @ Saucy Mary's Lodge

Tours of the White Island under the Skye Bridge running Mon-Fri Mar-Oct: Enter the Stevenson Lighthouse, Wildlife Hide, the Gavin Maxwell Museum and Bright Water Visitor Centre.
Tel: 01599 530040.

32 Favourite Things

From socks to diamonds... from Skye to Kathmandu... Funky - practical - elegant - cosy - gorgeous. Curious? We are open: Mon - Sat 10am-5pm (4pm winter). Tel: 01599 618111.

33 Kyle Art Market

Paintings, prints and cards by Judy Currie. Landscapes, seascapes, flora and fauna of the Highlands and much more. Prices to suit all pockets. Tel: 01599 530039.
www.kyleartmarket.co.uk

34 Calum's Boat Trips

Plockton. Unique Guarantee - Free if no seals. Winners of Highland Tourism Awards - Best Value for Money & Warmest Welcome. Regular otter sightings from the conservation village of Plockton. 2010 Fares - £8/£5. Tel: 07761 263 828.
www.calums-sealtrips.com

35 Balmacara Estate & Lochalsh Woodland Walk (NTS)

Open: all year. Tel: 0844 493 2233.

36 9-1-4 Outdoor

Providers of quality outdoor clothing & equipment for life's natural highs, to suit all abilities of budgets - OPEN ALL YEAR!
Tel: 01599 555362.
www.914outdoor.co.uk

37 Sea Discoverer semi-submersible Glass Bottom Boat Trips

Discover the sea on board the sea Discoverer and enjoy our stunning scenery. Operating from Dornie Pontoon - opposite the castle or Kyle Pontoon at times. Tel: 07769 968990.
www.sea-discoverer.com



38 Kintail & Morvich (NTS)

Open: estate, all year, daily.

39 Lochcarron Weavers

40 Torridon (NTS)

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Information Centres where our friendly experts can offer advice on all things local as well as sharing their wider knowledge of Scotland. We don't just advise either. We can sort out your accommodation and all your travel needs, as well as tickets for events across Scotland.

DUNVEGAN

(2 Lochside, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, IV55 8WB)

See symbols on map

PORTREE

(Bayfield Road, Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9EL)

denotes open year round denotes seasonal



Find all you want to do in Skye and Lochalsh, in one place. Call into one of the following VisitScotland

Quality Assurance

Tourism businesses are inspected by the national tourist board, VisitScotland, and are graded on the quality of service and standard of facilities provided.



Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- take responsibility for your own actions
- respect the interests of other people
- care for your environment

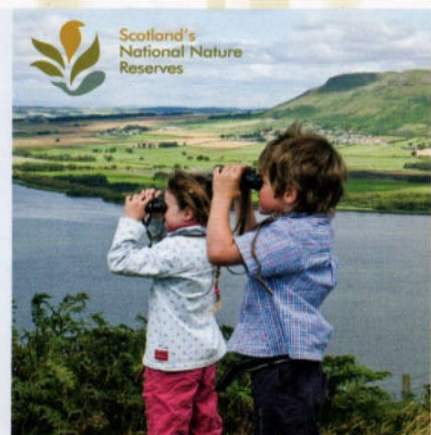
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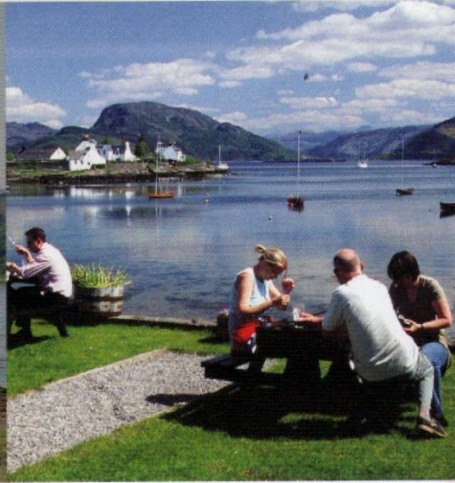
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Loch Duich, near Dornie



Plockton



Old Man of Storr and Trotternish Ridge

trips, a railway station, shops and even palm trees to confirm the prevailing mildness. Nearby are lots of points of interest, including Lochalsh Woodland Garden and the much photographed Eilean Donan Castle. The famous landmark peaks of the Five Sisters of Kintail are part of the Kintail estate in the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

An Island Geology Lesson

Skye has landscape spectacle even beyond the Cuillin. North of Portree, the Trotternish Ridge - the edge of an ancient lava sheet - stretches for around 20 miles (31 km) in a line of continuous cliffs. In places, landslips long ago have created fantastic rockforms and pinnacles. These include the Old Man of Storr, easily visible from the main road. Further on, the weird rock shapes of The Quiraing above Staffin are perhaps the most extraordinary of all, with intriguing features such as the Needle, the Prison and the Table.

Crafts and Shopping

Kyle of Lochalsh, Broadford and Portree are the main population centres and have a good selection of shops. Both in these little towns and in rural settings, visitors will find a wide range of craft businesses, drawing inspiration from their magnificent surroundings. Track down fine hand-made jewellery (and even hand-forged swords), candles, pottery, sheepskins, designer knitwear, batiks and lots more.

Wildlife

The chances of spotting an otter are good in this area, especially along the sea-loch tidelines. Try the Kylerhea Otter Haven hide. Pine marten can be found in the Lochalsh woodlands. The headlands around Portree are one of the places where sea eagles can be observed - unmistakable because of their size.

Clan Castles, Ancient Brochs

Dunvegan Castle & Gardens, ancestral home of the Clan Macleod for 800 years, is just one popular venue in the north of Skye, along with, for example, the Kilmuir Croft Museum on the Trotternish peninsula. In the south, the story of Clan Donald, the Lords of the Isles, can be discovered at Armadale Castle and the Museum of the Isles on Skye's Sleat peninsula (also worth touring for the Cuillin views from the Tarskavaig coastal loop). On the mainland and pre-dating even Scotland's clans are the Glenelg brochs, with two especially well-preserved examples of these early fortresses, seen adjacent to the superbly scenic road which leads to the little ferry crossing at Kylerhea.

Need More Information?

For detailed information on things to do and events in Skye and Lochalsh visit our website welcometoscotland.com Read and post reviews on things to do and places to stay.

EVENTS

Skye Sportive - various dates, April - September

Balmacara Country Day, May tbc

Isle of Skye Accordion & Fiddle Festival, Portree, 27 - 29 May

Skye Half Marathon & Fun Run, Portree, 12 June

Skye Pipe Band Festival, Portree, June, tbc

Glamaig Hill Race, early July

Feis An Eilein / The Skye Festival, Sleat - arts festival, July, August

Dunvegan Sheep Dog Trials & Dunvegan Show, late July tbc

Isle of Skye Highland Games, Portree -

highlight of Skye sporting calendar, **4 August**

Glendale & North West Skye Annual Craft Fair, 5 - 6 August

Skye Agricultural Show, Portree, August tbc

Blas Festival, 3 - 11 September

Skye Jazz Festival, October, tbc

This is not a complete list of events being held in the area - for further details contact a local Visitor Information Centre.