

## Things to see and do on Skye

There is so much to see and do, Here are some to get you started, some might be of interest in helping to plan your visit:

### Travel

- Caledonian MacBrayne - Hebridean and Clyde ferries
- Glenelg Ferry - a turntable ferry ,the oldest ferry on skye, great fun
- Traveline Scotland - public transport links for Scotland

### Walks

- Watnish point and the light house, passing the two Duns-Leave from the door
- Biod an Athair (20 min drive) - highest sea cliffs on Skye and early religious settlements
- Coral Beach (20 min drive) - a great short walk with an amazing beach and seal colony adjacent.
- Dun Hallin (5 min drive) - an amazing lookout point, with views of the Outer Isles and mainland, good remains give impression of true size.
- Fairy Pools (40 mins drive) - mesmerising aqua pools and waterfalls, in the foothills of the Majestic Cuillin
- Fasach - Aros Bay, Watnish (10 min drive) - walk over the forestry tracks with wonderful wild summer flowers to the peaceful white sands at Aros Bay. Great for sea eagles
- Greshornish Forestry (15 min drive) - good footpaths through forestry to headland and shore, with good shelter in wind or rain – adjacent to above
- Greshornish Point (15 mins drive) - forestry, coastal, wildlife, a bit of everything.
- Loch Coruisk (60 min drive) - Skyes classic Cuillin walk, boat in walk out.
- MacLeods Maidens (30 min drive) - everchanging panoramic horizons, from the mainland, to the Cuillin and the small isles, wildlife includes seabirds, deer, and sea eagles!
- MacLeods Tables (30 min drive) - read the legends, do the walk, then rest a while!
- Neist Point (40 mins drive) - wild and fabulous in calm or storms, and great for whalewatching and seabird diving!

- Ramasaig to Lorgill (40 min drive) - a tranquil and eerie clearance glen with echos of voices past, 13 waterfalls lead to a boulder shore where the clear restless ocean calls
- The Old Man of Storr (40 mins drive) - an otherworldly, supernaturally dramatic landscape.
- magical moments
- Beach Barbeque - the restless ocean, a driftwood fire on the beach and a wee dram with someone special.
- Embrace the child inside. - and fly a kite on Coral Beach and let your imagination soar.
- Go whale-watching - with Divers Eye Boat Trips!
- Midnight Madness - Midsummer Walk to Neist Point Lighthouse - selkies and sunsets!
- Visit Fairy Pools - and take a swim on a clam warm summer day to explore their mesmerising shimmering colour - CAUTION - the pools are deep in places and can be cold!
- Watch the sunrise - with someone special on your favourite mountain or hilltop, truly invigorating - be inspired here!
- weather days
- 30 years of records - the sun and rain, the facts, a balanced overview, see where the sun shines most!
- Castles and crofts - visit the Museum of Island Life (Kilmuir) & Dunvegan Castle (Dunvegan) to experience island life from both perspectives see visitor attractions above.
- Check out the dinosaur fossils! - Europe's dinosaur fossil capital in Staffin.
- Enjoy a 'Wet 'n' Wild' day out! - gully running or coasteering at one of the Outdoor Centres listed above!
- Fly fishing with a local ghillie. - they say its most succesful in the rain!
- Follow a Studio Trail - in one of Skye's 5 Penisuslas - craft workshops, galleries and shops to explore.
- Linger at Lunch - see our favourites under eating out!
- Relax your on holiday.
- Retail Therapy - for some, shopping never fails and we have a great choice of art and galleries above.

## **Trips and Stuff**

- wildlife outdoors
- Bella Jane Boat trips - to famous Loch Coruisk
- Divers Eye Boat Trips - Castaway Days, wildlife trips, snorkelling and sunset trips
- Flora & fauna - a guide to the plant life you may see
- Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust - fascinating resource on the marine mammals of the Hebridean Minch
- Kylerhea Otter Haven - try some otter spotting
- Misty Isle Boat Trips - award winning trips to Loch Coruisk and as seen on TV
- Seaprobe Atlantis - watch the life in the kelp forest
- Skye Birds - friendly local expert and author of 'Skye Birds'
- SkyeSeafari Adventures - whalewatching in the Sound of Sleat

## **Eating out**

- The Old School Restaurant - 'well worth a visit' Phone:01470 592421
- Lochbay Seafood Restaurant - enjoy seafood in the village of Stein
- Caledonian Café - in Portree all home made, and spoilt for choice
- Marmalade - great for a bite and kids welcome
- Stein Inn - the oldest inn on Skye, by the shore with a sunset
- The Three Chimneys Restaurant - Skyes finest

## **Get active**

- Blaven Guiding - professional and friendly experience on the hills
- Cioch Outdoor Clothing Company - mountain clothing tested and made on skye
- Cuillin Guides
- Guiding on Skye and the Cuillins
- Highland Council Ranger walks - enthusiastic guides who know the island well
- Lochend Llama Treks - very popular, with a selection of packages
- Shinty - the islands traditional wild game
- Skeabost Golf Course - 9 hole course at Skeabost Country House Hotel
- Skyak Adventures - fabulous kayaking for all experience levels
- Skye Ghillie Fly Fishing - try your hand at guided river fishing
- Skye Walking Holidays
- Whitewave Activities - try a new activity and take the kids too

## **Visitor attractions**

- Armadale Castle - the seat of the Clan MacDonald in Sleat
- Divers Eye Boat Trips - Castaway Days, wildlife trips, snorkelling and sunset trips
- Dunvegan Castle - the Clan Macleod ancestral home
- Eilean Donan Castle - the best known Scottish Castle
- Skye Serpentarium - an amazing collection of serpents and reptiles
- The Croft Museum - traditional croft house by The Three Chimneys
- The Giant Angus MacAskill Museum - over 7ft tall, see this man's croft cottage
- The Isle of Skye Brewing Company - Skye's own beer
- The Isle of Skye Toy Museum - the biggest kids like it best
- The Skye Museum of Island Life - an incredible insight into island life in times past

## **Historical sites**

- Trumpan church yard - 500 meters from cottage
- High Pasture Cave - an excavated archaeological cave
- Historical Sites & Archaeology - an online database of archaeological and historic sites

## **Arts & crafts shops, studio and trails**

- Aird Old Church Gallery - captivating island watercolour scenes
- Brae Fasach Studio - exploratory potting
- Dandelion Designs - gallery and shop of local craft and art, with pyrography speciality
- Diana MacKie Artist - contemporary and dramatic landscapes of skye
- Duncan Curries Images of Skye - boats and wildlife speciality
- Edinbane Pottery - Skye's longest established potter, both functional and extravagant
- Halistra Pottery - very affordable, popular and just a wee bit quirky
- Isle of Skye Soap Company - really pure local soap with wonderful choice of scents - great gift
- Marion MacPhee Printmaker - expertly crafted illustrated prints of local myth and legend
- Over The Rainbow - an eclectic range of knitwear and jewellery
- Phil Gorton Studio - dramatic and graphic photoimages of skye
- Shilisdaire Yarn Company - traditionally made wool and knitwear in fabulous colours
- Skye Batiks - funky clothing inspired by celtic design
- Skye Knives - beautiful traditional knives
- Skye Silver - silver jewellery locally inspired

- Skyclight Images - wonderful images of skye, thanks for our home page banner + others
- Skyeskyns - traditional yet contemporary luxury
- The Croft Studio - beautiful celtic calligraphy gifts and illustrated myth and legend
- Woodrising Gallery - amazing sunrise and sunset images

### **Music, events & whats on**

- Accordion & Fiddle Club - events all summer long
- Aros - film, drama, music events
- Cuillin FM - the local radio station
- Isle of Skye Highland Games - a great highland day
- Peatbog Faeries - eclectic, celtic, modern.
- Runrig - this music calls you home to Skye
- Skye Scene Highland Ceilidh - a ceilidh show, regular schedule
- The Skye Pipe Band Festival - attended by 13+ pipebands this is an amazing sight and sound