

65 Frederick Crescent, Port Ellen, Islay

Luxury holiday accommodation sleeping six in the centre of Port Ellen

A traditional Hebridean stone built terraced cottage fully modernised but retaining the original open beams and many features

On the shores of Loch Leodamais looking onto the beach and village green

Walled terraced garden with private gated parking to rear

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Loch Leodamais



Within the proximity of the cottage it is possible to walk to the 'point of the Ard' the headland which is located directly opposite the Calmac Terminal, to the old Coastguard lookout hut directly across the bay from 65, or to the tranquil Swans Pool where many local fishing boats are berthed and fishing sheds are scattered amongst the rocks.

To Claggain Bay and beyond



From Port Ellen and proceeding in an easterly direction along the A846, the walk along the coastline with its many inlets, islands and skerries takes you past Laphroaig, Lagavullin and Ardbeg Distilleries to Claggain Bay where the public road ends. On the way you can also visit Dunyvaig Castle by Lagavullin, Loch an t-Sailein (Seal Bay) by Ardbeg and the 8th century Kildalton Cross and Chapel by Tallant. At Claggain Bay a farm road continues to Ardtalla Farm from where a rough track leads to McArthur's Head Lighthouse at the Southerly entrance to the Sound of Islay from where it is possible to walk further along the coastline past the ruined settlement at Proaig to Port Askaig or via an old drover's track from Proaig to Kynagarry on the Glen Road and on to Bridgend or Keills (not for the faint hearted). Watch out and listen for the red deer as darkness falls.



From Claggain Bay you can also climb Beinn Bheigier, the highest point on Islay, from where you have magnificent views of the rest of Islay, up the sound of Islay to Mull, to the paps of Jura and to the mainland and the Arran hills to the south east. You can of course also spend the day on the beach at Claggain bay or in one or more of the distilleries on the way. At night lighthouses in Kintyre and Ireland twinkle in the distance.

Near Ardbeg, a track leads to the ruined cholera village of Solam, a walk worth the effort.

Round the Crofts



A short distance past the 30 mph signs on the A846 leaving Port Ellen on the Claggain Bay road a 'farm road' goes off to the left. This road leads past Brahunisary farm and past the road end to Kilbride farm before rejoining the A846 at the Exciseman's house a half mile or so before Laphroaig. The fields beside the road contain standing stones.

To Kilnaughton and the Mull of Oa



From Port Ellen and proceeding in a westerly direction along an unclassified road past the old distillery and the Maltings, the walk along the coast line leads to Kilnaughton Bay with its golden sands. From here a track goes to Carraig Fhada Lighthouse and on to the Singing Sands. Alternatively a road climbs the hillside leading to Lurabus with magnificent views of the Islay coastline, the Mull of Kintyre, Northern Ireland and Rathlin Island. At night lighthouses in Kintyre and Ireland twinkle in the distance. Just past Lurabus a track leads past a ruined settlement to Port an Eas where a waterfall plummets to the sandy beach below and otters can be seen, if undisturbed. The track continues to Stremnishmore on the Oa peninsula.

The American Monument



It is also possible to visit the RSPB circular walk which leads past the American Monument to the lives lost in the Otranto and Tuscania troop ship sinkings in 1918 at the Mull of Oa, where the vertical sea cliffs are navigated by wild goats. The walk follows the cliffs in places and care should be taken not to go too close to the edges.

Soldiers Rock



From Kintra farm on Laggan Bay, a circular walk leads past the ruined village of Ghrasdail to "Soldiers Rock", a vertical stack on the coastline at Slochd Maol Doiridh. The route back follows the coast at an elevated level from where it descends to the starting point at the farm.

The Central Hills



From Port Ellen it is necessary to drive a little way to access the starting points for the hills in Islay lying to the west of Beinn Bheigier. The 'peat road' off the B8016 (High Road) leads to the starting point for walks which include Beinn Bhreac, Beinn Urraidh and Beinn Bhan. From the opposite directions access can be gained from the Glen Road and of course, from Beinn Bheigier.

Rubh a Mhail and Bholsa

A rough track leads across the hillside from Bunnahabhain to the lighthouse at Rubh a Mhail. This walk has outstanding views of Jura across the sound of Islay. An alternative walk to the caves at Bholsa on the north coast of the island leads from this track through Gleann nam Meirleach to Bholsa. Bholsa can also be accessed from the Killinallan road end by Loch Gruinard - room for a circular walk for the fit. From Bholsa the islands of Mull, Colonsay and even Staffa can be seen on a good day. An added attraction is to visit Caol Ila and Bunnahabhain distilleries on the way to or from the walk.

Killinallan, Gortantaoid and Bholsa

From the road end at Killinallan on the east side of Loch Gruinart the farm road leads past the now derelict farm house to Gortantaoid, a derelict steading once inhabited by shepherds. Retracing one's footsteps a short distance and cutting across the machair takes you to Traigh Baile Aonghais, a beautiful unspoilt beach looking out to Colonsay, Nave Island and the Balach rocks. Walking along the beach to Loch Gruinart and round Killinallan Point takes you past the Islay Oyster Beds owned by Craigens farm, and back to the starting point.

An extension of this walk is to continue on a track past Gortantaoid to Rubha Bholsa. The coastline is rocky and there are many caves dotted along its length. From Bholsa you can retrace your steps to Killinallan or continue (perhaps by Rubh a Mhail) to Bunnahabhain.

Ardnave Point & Kilnave Church

From the road end at Ardnave farm on the west side of Loch Gruinart a circular walk runs in an anticlockwise direction along the beach to Ardnave Point and on to Traigh Nostaig from where a farm track returns to Ardnave farm. Excellent views can be had across Loch Gruinard of Killinallan and Traigh Baile Aonghais and at Ardnave Point of Nave Island, once inhabited by monks.

The chapel at Kilnave is now ruined but worth a visit for the serenity of the location and the views across Loch Gruinard.

RSPB

The RSPB have a centre at Aoradh and a nearby watch with parking and disabled access facilities.

Sanaigmore

It is possible to walk along the pebble beach areas at Sanaigmore and also to visit Traigh Bhan where the Irish victims of the Exmouth of Newcastle shipwreck were buried in 1847. A memorial dedicated to the memory of the 241 Irish emigrants who were lost in this shipwreck on their way to North America has been erected at Sanaigmore. There is also an art gallery and tea room at Sanaigmore which is worth the short car journey alone.

Loch Gorm and Kilchoman

There are beaches at Saligo and Kilchoman which offer fine walking. The burial place of the Exmouth of Newcastle victims at Traigh Bhan is also accessible from Saligo. From Kilchoman you can walk along Traigh Mhachair and up a track to the communication masts on the hill above from where excellent views of the coastline can be seen. You can retrace your steps to Kilchoman or continue down a rudimentary road to Kilchiaran in the Rinns of Islay. The road to Kilchoman also passes Kilchoman Distillery, Islay's newest distillery.

The Rinns of Islay

From Port Charlotte take the back road to Portnahaven which leads to Kilchiaran from where there is the possibility of the connecting walk to Kilchoman. The ruined church at Kilchiaran is worth a visit.

Further along the road, the farm road to Lossit Farm leads to Lossit Beach, a beautiful location where the



Atlantic Ocean meets the land and where Irish monks are reputed to have landed by coracle in the 8th century.



A walk along the circular minor road to Claddach can afford majestic views of Atlantic breakers crashing onto the rocks below. There is also a little beach. A walk along the cliffs to Eilean Cam leads you to the site of another shipwreck (the west coast of Islay is strewn with them) fortunately this time without loss of life.

On the road back from Portnahaven you pass through Bruichladdich, another Islay distillery.

Islay and Dunlossit Estates

Both Islay and Dunlossit estates contain large wooded areas with paths and estate roads. It is generally possible to walk in these locations, however unauthorised motorised traffic is not permitted on Dunlossit estate roads. The Bridgend Woods offer pleasant walking and are open to the public.

A walk from Ballygrant through Dunlossit estate to the Sound of Islay gives a memorable day out and may be continued to Claggain bay or to the bothy at the foot of Beinn Dubh (run by the Bothy Association).

Jura - Lealt to the Corryvreckan

"The" walk to do on Jura is the return trip from Lealt to the Gulf of Corryvreckan, the most northerly tip of Jura. On the way you pass Barnhill where Eric Blair (George Orwell) wrote 1984 and the last farm on Jura at Kinuachdrachd. The walk is a full day enterprise and not for the unfit. Islay Jura ferry times should be checked as missing the last ferry to Islay necessitates an overnight stay in Jura, but on the other hand that is no bad thing. Jura has many delights and a single day outing to do a walk leaves no time to enjoy them.

Jura - The Paps of Jura.

There are three Paps, though the annual fell race held in May extends the route to take in 7 tops. The Paps are rocky and rugged and consist largely of steep scree slopes, but with sudden drops and overhangs. There are limited paths and climbing the Paps is confined in the main to experienced hill walkers and fell runners. Best ask for local advice before setting out. Access can be from Craighouse (start and finish point of the Bens of Jura fell race), from the bridge at the Corran river and from Inver Cottage near Feolin. On a good day the views from the tops are magnificent, and rumour has it that one can see the Empire State Building in new York.

Jura - Evan's Walk

This path connects the east to the west coast where it ends at the mouth of Loch Tarbert. It is quite a peaty and wet walk but the views on the west coast should be magnificent. Several Bens of Jura fell runners decided to try the path when coming off the last top at Corra Bheinn as an alternative to the direct cross country route through wet ground and the river to the bridge at the Corran River. They quickly decided that the cross country route was preferable....

Jura - Ardfernal

Ardfernal is a quiet little settlement located behind Knockrome. There are several pleasant walks to be done in this area, including that along the track and path to the Light Houses on Lowlandman's Bay via Ardmenish.

The Distilleries

There are eight working distilleries in Islay and one on Jura. The distilleries encourage visitors and have reception centres. In close proximity to and in easy walking distance of Port Ellen are Laphroaig, Lagavullin and Ardbeg distilleries. Bowmore distillery is located in Bowmore, adjacent to the Mactaggart Swimming Pool. Bruichladdich distillery is located in Bruichladdich. Kilchoman Distillery is located at Rockside farm near Loch Gorm. Caol Ila distillery is located in Caol Ila and Bunnahabhain distillery is located in Bunnahabhain. The Isle of Jura distillery is located in Craighouse.



