

ISLE OF MULL GUIDE

FÀILTE OR WELCOME

Everything you need for your perfect break on the Isle of Mull, Scotland



Fàilte chridheil oirbh uile - a warm Gaelic welcome to you

Mull is the most sought after and one of the easiest to reach of the Scottish Hebridean Islands, accessible from the mainland via 3 ferry crossings, Oban, Lochaline and Kilchoan.

Located on the west coast of Scotland, Mull is the second largest of the Inner Hebrides, 25 miles long by 20 miles wide, with a coastline of over 300 miles. It's population is only about 3,000, many of whom are descendants of Mull's ancient clans. There are signs of prehistoric peoples, Celts and Norse; there are standing stones, duns, brochs and castles. The island is steeped in history. More recently the island was also used to film the CBeebies favourite TV programme 'Balamory'.

Meanwhile Mull's abundance of wildlife and spectacular scenery makes it a paradise for any visitor with a vast array of activities available from walking to diving to pony trekking. Regardless of the weather and your age there are loads of things to do and see on Mull.

So read on and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to THE BELLACHROY.

HOW TO GET HERE

Turas math leibh - have a good journey

BY FERRY: From Oban take the Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry or Calmac to Craignure. It is advisable to pre-book both ways in advance in summer. The journey takes about 40 minutes. Reservations: 08705 650 000 or visit www.calmac.co.uk Alternatively, coming by way of Glencoe, Ballachulish Bridge and Corran Ferry, you can use the Lochaline - Fishnish car ferry. From Kilchoan ferry takes 35 minutes to Tobermory.

BY CAR: From Glasgow M8, take the across Erskin Bridge then follow the A82 Crainlarich. Keep following the A82 onto (and Oban) until you reach a sign to the LEFT for A85 to Oban. Upon reaching Oban, follow signs for the town centre, then for the Calmac Ferry terminal. You must check in at least 30 mins before your ferry departs.

On leaving the ferry at Craignure turn RIGHT towards Tobermory on A849. After passing through the village of SALEN follow a sign to the left for DERVAIG. Follow this road for about 11 miles until you reach a T-junction. Turn right go up the hill, you will see THE BELLACHROY on your left. Follow the road round the back of the hotel where there is a large car park.

From Tobermory – follow the B8073 signed to Dervaig, follow the winding road into the village where you will reach THE BELLACHROY is directly in front of you as you descend the hill, turn right to reach the large hotel car park. For detailed travel information from your home including estimated journey times visit: www.theaa.com/travel

BY TRAIN: Take the train from Glasgow Queen Street Station to Oban, there is a short walk of 200 yds to the Calmac ferry terminal. You can cross as a foot passenger then take a local bus or taxi from Craignure. For information on train times see www.thetrainline.co.uk

BY AIR: Nearest airports are Glasgow International or Glasgow Prestwick.

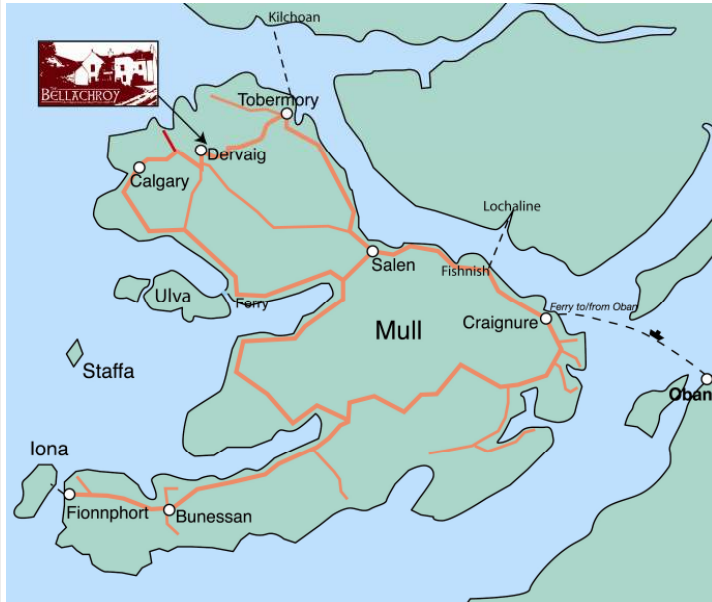
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GETTING AROUND

Dervaig is approx 7 miles from the main town of Tobermory and only 23 miles from the ferry terminal at Craignure (40 minutes away).

BY BUS: You can get to most parts of the island by bus. Bus timetables can be found at the Mull and Iona community trust website at: www.mict.co.uk/travel There's a bus from Tobermory Post Office to Dervaig and Calgary, 5 times a day Mon-Fri and twice on Sat (operated by RN Carmichael, Tel. 01688-302220).



BY CAR: The island's 140 miles of roads are almost all single-track, so allow plenty of time to get from place to place. Passing places are a plenty and are used for allowing other cars to overtake you if you are going at a more leisurely pace. Petrol stations can be located in Craignure, Salen and Tobermory, or fill up before leaving Oban (its cheaper!)

CAR HIRE: From MacKay's Garage in Tobermory, or at the Bay view Garage just outside Craignure, on the road to Toronsay Castle. Expect to pay around £32-35 a day.

CYCLING: Is a good way to get around and there are a number of places to rent bikes. In Tobermory there's Tom-a' Mhuillin on the Salen Rd, Tel. 01688-302164, Brown's Hardware shop on Main St, Tel. 01688-302020, or try the Youth Hostel. In Salen there's On Yer Bike, Tel. 01680-300501 in Craignure, Tel. 01680-812487. Expect to pay around £8-10 per day.

Happy and safe travels!

View of Loch na Keal



ISLAND ACTIVITIES

There are loads of things to do on Mull here are just some of the main activities: There are also many free or cheap days out. To find out more visit our website: www.thebellachroy.co.uk

Wildlife Expeditions including Land Rover Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover Mull: Tel: 01688 400415, www.discovermull.co.uk • Wildlife & Bird watch Safaris: Tel: 01680 300441 • Wildlife Expeditions: Tel: 01688 500121
Whale watching Boat trips Inter-Island Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Life Surveys: Whale watching trips Tel: 01688 302916/400223, www.sealifesurveys.com • Inter-island Cruises to Staffa, Iona & Trishnish isles (inc. Lunga): Tel: 01688 400297 www.turusmara.com • Ecocruz: Tel: 01688 302916, www.ecocruz.co.uk • Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust: Tel: 01688 302 620, www.hwtdt.org • From Iona and Fionnphort Tel: 01688 700358/700338/700362 • Boat hire Fionnphort: Tel: 01688 700537 • From Ulva Ferry Tel: 01688 858786/400242/400297
Bird of Prey Conservation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying displays Tel: 01680 812 594, www.wingsovermull.com
Diving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information visit: www.scotsac.com
Fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle and Books Tobermory: Tel: 01688 302336 • Browns Tobermory: Tel: 01688 302020
Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craignure: Tel: 01688 300402 • Tobermory Golf Club, contact Browns: Tel: 01688 302020
Pony trekking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit: www.mullponytrekking.co.uk, all ages & abilities welcome

Puffins on Lunga






Dervaig is located at the head of Loch Cuin between Tobermory and Calgary Bay and is renowned as being one of the prettiest villages on the island. There are plenty of spectacular scenic walks to do in the area and excellent food and drinks are obviously available from THE BELLACHROY itself.

Dervaig is also the focal point for many popular local events and forms both an ideal rural retreat and convenient base for touring and exploring around Mull.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan	Aurora Borealis- Northern Lights Forest Rally	
Mar	Mull and Lorn Drama Festival	
Apr	Mull Music Festival Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	<i>Lismore Lighthouse</i>
May	Mull Wildlife Week Mull Rugby Sevens Mull Genealogical Gathering Rhododendron Show	
Jun	West Highland Tennis Week	<i>Views over Loch Frisa</i>
Jul	Mendelssohn on Mull Music Festival Fisherman's Gala Day, Fionnphort Tobermory Highland Games Taynuilt Highland Games West Highland Yacht Week	
Aug	Argyllshire Gathering	
Sep	Isle of Mull MOD (Equivalent to the Welsh Eisteddfod) Mull and Iona Food Festival Fiddlers' Rally The Sound of Mull	
Oct	Tour of Mull Rally	
Nov	Loch-side Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display Shooting season—ideal for woodcock and snipe	<i>Nearby Calgary Beach</i>
Dec	Festive season, Christmas and Hogmanay!	
Year Round	An Tobar Arts Gallery—year round events and exhibitions	

For more information on all of these events please visit our website:

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USEFUL CONTACTS

- Calmac Ferries: 01631 566688 www.calmac.co.uk
- Route planning: www.theaa.com/travel
- Train times: 08457 484950, www.thetrainline.co.uk
- Scottish Tourist Board: email: info@mull.visitscotland.com, www.visitscotland.com
- Hotel recommendations: www.tripadvisor.co.uk
- Mull Chamber of Commerce with useful local information: www.mull.zynet.co.uk
- More useful Mull information: www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/areamull
- Latest events: www.wildisles.co.uk/diary.htm
- Weather: www.bbc.co.uk/weather
- Local news: The Oban and West Highland Times www.obantimes.co.uk
- Isle of Iona: www.iona.mull.com
- Currency converter: www.xe.com
- Balamory website with children's activities: www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/balamory



Fingall's cave—on nearby Staffa



THE BELLACHROY is the oldest Inn on Mull and your perfect retreat on the island. A historic drovers Inn dating from 1608 where you will receive a warm welcome and genuine hospitality. We are renowned for our quality home cooked food including many local seafood specialities. We are open year-round and offer packages and lots more information if you visit our website.

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We look forward to your visit!