

ISLE OF ARRAN - ITINERARIES



Itinerary 5 - Food Trail to Paterson Arran Kitchens, James' Chocolates, The Island Cheese Company, Arran Brewery, Isle of Arran Distillery

Estimated Time - Half Day

Paterson Arran Kitchens

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Start the day in Lamlash at the Paterson Arran visitor centre at the home of the aptly named Arran Fine Foods. The company has been making jams, mustards and quality preserves since its beginnings in a local kitchen in the 1970's. The range of products today makes use of traditional methods to develop foods of distinction. The visitor centre provides an opportunity to buy the products.

James' Chocolates

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A relative newcomer to the Isle of Arran's culinary scene is James' Chocolates in Brodick. The shop, choc full of luxury goodies, provides a window on the chocolate making process which is carried out on the premises. Visitors can see the smooth molten chocolate being crafted into the delicacies which are on sale in the shop, and elsewhere on Arran.

The Island Cheese Company Ltd.

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Dairy products have an important place in Arran's history, and the finest traditions of cheese making are continued at the Island Cheese Company at Home Farm, just outside Brodick. Visitors can get an insight into the processes involved in making the various cheeses in which the factory specialises before sampling the produce at the factory shop.

Telephone : 01770 302788

Open all year

The Arran Brewery

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A more recent addition to Arran's culinary heritage is the Arran Brewery, where three distinctive ales are produced; Arran Blonde, Arran Light and Arran Dark.

There's a visitor centre to explain the whole process, starting with the raw ingredients of barley, wheat and hops. A viewing gallery and observation windows give visitors a chance to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the brewing process, and there's an opportunity to sample the finished products at the gift shop.

Telephone : 01770 302353

Open Mon - Sat 09.30-17.00 Sun 12.00-17.00

Isle of Arran Distillery

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Malt lovers will be impressed by the Arran Distillery visitor centre. The tour starts with an audio visual presentation about the origins and production of the 'water of life', in the mock eighteenth century crofters inn, before moving on to a guided look around the distillery itself, and best of all there's a chance to sample the produce itself at the end of it all.

The distillery was set up in 1995, and already the whisky it produces is attracting international acclaim, with experts predicting that its single malt, when mature, will rival the great classics.

There's also a restaurant on the distillery premises which provides excellent food and is part of the award winning Arran Taste Trail.

Telephone : 01770 830264

Open all year. Mar - Oct, shop 10.00-18.00, tours 10.00 -17.00, restaurant 11.00-22.00. Nov-Dec see press.