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Located to the west of the Kintyre Peninsula and southern-most of the Western Isles, Islay is accessible by daily flights from [Glasgow](#) and [Oban](#) or [ferry](#) from Kennacraig.

Employment comes mainly from agriculture, whisky, fishing and tourism, and the island is well served by facilities including [GPs](#), a [sports centre](#) and shops.

The island is supported by several primary [schools](#) plus [Islay High School](#) for secondary aged students while a range of higher and further education is delivered through [Argyll College UHI](#).

Islay is an island internationally renowned for its major export – whisky. Despite being only 25 miles by 15 it is home to eight working distilleries including [Bowmore](#) and [Laphroaig](#), and each year hosts the Festival of Malt and Music. It is also home to one of only two round churches in Scotland – so designed in order that there be no corner in which the Devil could hide.

The islands scenery and mild climate have earned it the title “Queen of the Hebrides” and it is an ideal place to seek the regions abundant marine wildlife including sea birds, minke whales, basking sharks and golden eagles. Additionally, there is opportunity to participate in the [stalking and shooting](#) of game, while the Islay Natural History Trust displays many exhibits relating to the geology and wildlife of the area.

Islay – links to further information

- [Islay Airport](#)
- [Ileach newspaper](#)
- [Argyll and Bute Council](#)
- [Sold house prices for Islay, plus links to property searches and estate agent details. Enter postal code PA42 or 43 to search.](#)
- [Next 7 days weather forecast plus tide predictions](#)
- [The cost of living on a Scottish Island](#)
- [The Islands Bill](#)
- [Average annual weather information](#)
- [Islay tourist website](#) includes a blog with links to events
- [Sights, activities and contact details](#)
- [Golf on Islay](#)
- [Islay Woollen Mill](#)

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- [Islay Airport](#) [Islay community website](#)