

Fèis Ìle – Islay Festival 2015

<http://www.islayfestival.com>

You can find the program of the Islay Festival on the above mentioned official website. Each distillery does list their own events and so it is quite hard to figure out what is going on for a specific date. Therefore I rearranged all of the programs and put them into one document. This one.

Please go to the official website as I do not guarantee all information listed here is correct. This is only to support you. Quite a lot of events are already sold out. Last update of this document here is from 19th April 2015.

I do write a whisky blog in German. Feel free to use this “guide” as a little help for your visit of the festival. Please do not redistribute this guide. You may use a link to my article on my blog instead.

I wish us all a great festival and a lot of sun!

2015	Open Day	Book	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May
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Bruichladdich	Su May 24, 2015	TEL			OD			E	E			
Port Ellen Maltings	Su May 24, 2015	www			OD			E	E	E		
Caol Ila	Mo May 25, 2015	www				OD		E	E	E		
Laphroaig	Tu May 26, 2015	TEL			E		OD					
Bowmore	We May 27, 2015	TEL			E	E	E	OD		E		E
Jura	We May 27, 2015	www						OD	OD			
Kilchoman	Th May 28, 2015	TEL				E	E	E	OD	E		
Bunnahabhain	Fr May 29, 2015	www				E	E	E	E	OD		
Ardbeg	Sa May 30, 2015	TEL				E		E	E	E	OD	
Festival Places		www		Ram		Ram	Lag	ICCI	Bal	Ram	Ram	

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ICCI = Ionad Chalum Chille Ìle (Bowmore), Ram = Ramsay Hall, Lag = Lagavulin Malt Mill, Bal = Ballygrant Hall

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Committee // Festival Events

Tickets for all Festival Events will be available at Bowmore and Port Ellen Post Offices as well as online. Tickets purchased online will not be posted out due to the additional costs involved. Tickets to be collected at the Venue Booked. Tickets are non-refundable.

Saturday 23 May

Skipinish accompanied by Rowan Brothers Ramsay Hall 9pm – 12pm

Monday 25 May

Whisky Nosing & Ceilidh – Ramsay Hall 8pm-9pm 9.30pm -12pm

Tuesday 26 May

Folk Night – Lagavulin Malt Mill 8pm-11pm

Wednesday 27 May

Traditional Concert ICCI 7.00pm – 10.00

Thursday 28 May

Cloutie Dumpling Ceilidh – Ballygrant Hall 8pm – 11pm

Friday 29 May

Lee Mathews – Ramsay Hall 9pm -12pm

Saturday 30 May

Final Fling with the Whistlin' Donkeys Ramsay Hall 9pm – 12pm

Timetable “Other Events”

Most of the events **not** happening during the „open day“ are summarized here – sorted by date and time.

Date	Start	End	Distillery	Event
22.05.15	13:00		Lagavulin	The History in our Hills
	19:00	23:00	Lagavulin	The Skipinnish Concert / Malt Mill
24.05.15	19:00		Bowmore	A Meandering Meal
	20:00	22:00	Laphroaig	Friends Of Laphroaig Evening
25.05.15	10:00		Bowmore	Craftman’s Tours
	10:00		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
	11:00		Ardbeg	The Pillars of the Earth tasting
	11:30		Bunnahabhain	Master Distiller Private Feis Ile Launch
	14:00		Ardbeg	The Element of Surprise
	14:00		Bunnahabhain	Master Distiller Private Feis Ile Launch
	14:00		Kilchoman	Manager’s Tour with Anthony Wills
	15:30		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
26.05.15	22:00		Bowmore	What time’s your 10 O’Clock tour?
	09:00		Lagavulin	The Ultimate Islay Tour, Our Sites by Sea
	10:00		Bowmore	Walk the Lade
	10:00		Bowmore	Walk the Lade
	10:00		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
	10:30		Lagavulin	Warehouse Demonstration
	13:30		Lagavulin	An Afternoon with Colin Dunn
	14:00		Kilchoman	Manager’s Tour
	14:30		Bunnahabhain	Long John’s Warehouse Walk
	14:30		Lagavulin	Warehouse Demonstration
27.05.15	15:30		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
	10:00		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
	10:00		Port Ellen Maltings	Port Ellen Maltings Tour
	10:30		Lagavulin	Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration
	11:00		Ardbeg	The Pillars of the Earth tasting
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	14:00		Caol Ila	Managers Tour and Tasting
	14:00		Kilchoman	Manager’s Tour
	14:30		Bunnahabhain	Long John’s Warehouse Walk
	14:30		Lagavulin	Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration
	15:00	17:00	Ardbeg	Vintage tea and whisky party
	15:30		Bunnahabhain	Dr Kirstie’s Warehouse 9 Session
	15:30		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
	17:00		Kilchoman	10th Anniversary Warehouse Masterclass
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19:00	22:00	Lagavulin	A trip down Memory Lane	

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	10:30		Lagavulin	Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration
	11:00	13:00	Bruichladdich	Lunch time Session - Folk Distiller Jena
	14:00		Caol Ila	Managers Tour and Tasting
	14:00		Lagavulin	Managers Masterclass
	14:30		Bunnahabhain	Long John's Warehouse Walk
	14:30		Lagavulin	Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration
	19:00	22:30	Ardbeg	Bring your own bottle bbq – BYOB BBQ
	19:30		Bunnahabhain	Feis Ile 2015 Dinner
29.05.15	10:00		Bowmore	Craftman's Tours
	10:00		Caol Ila	Managers Tour and Tasting
	10:00		Kilchoman	Distillery Tours
	10:00		Port Ellen Maltings	Port Ellen Maltings Tour
	10:30		Lagavulin	Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration
	11:00		Ardbeg	The Pillars of the Earth tasting
	13:00		Lagavulin	The History in our Hills
	14:00		Ardbeg	The Element of Surprise
31.05.15	12:30		Bowmore	Sunday Survivors Club

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Kilchoman	Th May 28, 2015	TEL				E	E	E	OD	E		
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Lagavulin

Bookings Online: <https://www.gammabookings.com/diageolagavulin>

Friday 22nd May 2015

The warm up sessions

The History in our Hills: 13.00

The area surrounding Lagavulin is brimming with history and of course stunning landscapes. Join Georgie Crawford our distillery manager and Niall Colthart our local Lagavulin hill walker, musician and history enthusiast to see and learn more. Your main destination during the first part of our walk will be the plague village at Sholum, while enjoying whiskies, stories and possibly a song or two en route. You will eventually finish up, for a well-deserved dram, at Dunyvaig Castle which was once the southern stronghold of the Lord of the Isles. The walk will last between 3-4 hours depending on the pace of the group and as it is off the beaten track please ensure you have suitable clothing and footwear for all weathers and a good level of fitness. (No wellies provided!)

Ticket Price £20 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 24 max each Duration 3-4 hours

The Skipinnish Concert Lagavulin Malt Mill – 7pm-11pm

Lagavulin is proud to host the award-winning Scottish Ceilidh band Skipinnish. Angus MacPhail and Andrew Stevenson met while studying at what is now the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, and originally formed the band with a mission to champion classic Scottish Highland West Coast music. They built a solid reputation as a musical powerhouse over several years with their exhilarating live performances that set audience's feet stomping in venue after venue. Join us for an evening of music and dance with a dram of Lagavulin in hand.

Licensed bar available. The concert will start at 7pm and finish at 11pm

Ticket Price £15 including welcome dram

Saturday 23rd May 2015 – Open Day

Lagavulin Feis Open Day

Lagavulin Islay Festival Bottling Release: 10.00

Our very special Lagavulin Islay Festival bottling will be on sale from 10.00am.

The Lagavulin Tour: 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 14.30, 15.30

Our passionate operators have decided to join us for the day to show you how they make such high quality spirit to a modern day level of efficiency. Come and join us for a more detailed look at the methods that allow us to make our world famous whisky 24 hours of the day and of course to finish off you can enjoy a sample of our wares accompanied by some delicious nibbles.

Ticket Price £10 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 16 max each tour Duration 1.5 hours

The Managers Malt Mill Mingle: 11.00 & 14.00

As 2015 is officially the year to celebrate Scotland's finest food and drink Georgie invites you to join her in the malt mill for a tasting with a twist. Out go the tables, chairs and tasting mats this year and in comes the conversation and canapes. This slightly less formal format gives you free reign to soak up our amazing whiskies in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere where the food and drinks will be interwoven with Georgie's musings on the malts and what's been happening at Lagavulin since she saw you all last.

Ticket Price £30 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 60 max each Duration 1.5 hours

Lagavulin Warehouse Experiences: 10.00, 11.30, 13.30, 15.00

Join Ian McArthur our resident warehouse man and Douglas Murray our liquid development manager for an entertaining and educational experience in the famous Lagavulin No1 warehouse. Sample 4 different single cask samples of Lagavulin whilst learning all there is to know about the maturation experience with this charming duo & finishing off with a sample of this year's Feis Ile release.

Ticket Price £25 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 40 max each time Duration 1 hour

Nips & Nibbles Tasting: 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 (book on the day)

Join us in celebrating the year of food and drink at Lagavulin. Enjoy specially selected canapes accompanied by our fine Lagavulin whiskies. In this informal tasting session hosted by David Wood, the manager of our sister distillery Caol Ila, he will explain how interesting it is to match up some of your favourite whiskies with some appetising nibbles. You will sample 3 different expressions of Lagavulin matched up with some tasty treats to help enhance the flavours of both the food and of course the whisky. By the time you get back home youâ€™ll have all your friends queuing up to come to your house for dinner parties.

Ticket Price £15 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 15 max each class Duration 1 hour

Throughout the Day...

To keep you refreshed throughout the day we will have a selection of wholesome goodies on offer from the Seafood Shack, St John's Church and Islay oysters.

To add some education to the day Galgeal will be down by the shore displaying their highly skilled craft work in all things nautical with souvenirs available to take home and share with others.

We will also have a special quiz for our friends of the classic malts to keep your brains busy so remember to bring your journals and be ready to get your thinking caps on for our Do you know your ages? competition.

Our hard working coppers are back again to show you the craft to cask building so have your questions at the ready for these highly skilled craftsmen.

Skipinnish will be providing the perfect musical backdrop for you to enjoy a complimentary dram and maybe even a dance down in our shore side yard.

Overall we are hoping to provide a fun packed day for everyone so cross your fingers for sunshine & we'll see you soon!

The Rest of the Week...

Tuesday 26th May 2015

Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration: 10.30 & 14.30

Join Iain in the warehouse to taste some special samples from our duty paid casks. Iain will take you through these unique whiskies while mixing in a few stories from his years as Warehouse-man here at Lagavulin.

Ticket Price £25 Includes Lagavulin Glass 40 max Duration 1 hour

An Afternoon with Colin Dunn: 13.30

Spend an hour or so with Diageo Whisky Ambassador Colin Dunn. Colin will guide you through our superb range of Single Malt Whiskies from Lagavulin, including this yearâ€™s Festival bottling whilst giving you the opportunity to grill one of the whisky industries most infamous voices.

Ticket Price £25 Includes Lagavulin Glass 30 max Duration 1 hour

The Ultimate Islay Tour, Our Sites by Sea: 9.00

Join us this year for our ultimate Island odyssey. Throughout the day you will be hosted by our team of managers here on Islay for this unique experience. This trip will include visiting old favourites like peat bogs, Port Ellen Maltings and both Caol Ila and Lagavulin distilleries, but this year you will be taxied around the Island by high speed RIBs.

Begin your experience with Iain MacArthur on his Peat bank. Iain has been working for us for over 45 years on Islay and this living legend is going to show you the right way to cut our peats. Remember to leave your best dress shoes at home as this will be a hands-on Masterclass on how to use a spade!

Then it's off to Port Ellen Maltings to meet Ramsay Borthwick, the Maltings Manager where you will get the VIP treatment again with a no holds barred tour around the facility that puts the smoke into our Islay malts.

Next jump on the fast RIBs to Lagavulin Distillery where you will be treated buffet lunch in The Malt Mill. Then you will enjoy a relaxing and informative afternoon with Georgie Crawford our distillery manager, who also happens to be the Icons of Whisky Scotland Distillery Manager of the year. Georgie will share with you a behind the scenes tour of her iconic distillery.

Then you will be taxied to the north of the Islay to the beautifully situated Caol Ila by the fast speed RIBs where you will get to soak in the breath-taking views across the Island whilst enjoying some tales of the sea.

Once we arrive at our final destination, Caol Ila, you will meet David Wood for a tour of his magnificent distillery. Your experience will end in the cooperage at Caol Ila where you will be treated to a Whisky Masterclass whilst taking in some of the best views Islay has to offer and enjoying some of the greatest drams our Islay Distilleries (inc. Port Ellen) have produced.

As part of this experience you will receive a Gift Bag which includes this years Feis bottles from Lagavulin & Caol Ila

Ticket Price £350 18 spaces Duration 8 hours

Wednesday 27th May 2015

Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration: 10.30 & 14.30

Join Iain in the warehouse to taste some special samples from our duty paid casks and a taste of this year's Feis bottling. Iain will take you through these unique whiskies while mixing in a few stories from his years as Warehouse-man here at Lagavulin.

Ticket Price £25 Includes Lagavulin Glass 40 max Duration 1 hour

The History in our Hills: 13.00

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Ticket Price £20 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 24 max each Duration 3-4 hours

A trip down Memory Lane - 19.00 - 22.00

As a prelude to performing some classic Rhythm and Blues with Prince Adewale & the Endeavours, Nick Morgan and Neil Ridley will introduce some of their favourite and most memorable Lagavulin bottlings; starting with Lagavulin 16 year old and then some very special bottlings from the past, including the 2006 Special Release Lagavulin 30 year old. Nick Morgan will also introduce the first Special Release bottling of Port Ellen, the 2001 22year old bottling. Prince Adewale and the

Endeavours live and breathe for the smell of overheating vintage valve amplifiers and the sound of Old School, riff-laden classics, played with the sort of volume and intensity that others would consider inadvisable. With a set ranging from the Sonics, Robert Johnson, Albert Collins, Cream and modern day gems from the likes of Dan Auerbach and Queens Of The Stone Age, their live show is a visceral and energetic experience, despite their penchant for dressing in sharp suits. Enjoy.

Ticket Price £25 Includes a Feis Glass Max 60

Thursday 28th May 2015

Managers Masterclass 14.00

Catch Georgie Crawford, the Icons of Whisky Scotland Distillery Manager of the year, at a more intimate moment. In between the buzz of the Feis she will take a couple of hours out to show only a small selection of you around the legendary Lagavulin to let you see what makes it, and her, tick.

The tour ends in the magical Malt Mill where a handpicked selection of Georgie's favourites will await you, including the lavishly luxurious Lagavulin 37yo.

Ticket Price £40 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 16 max Duration 2.5 hours

Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration: 10.30 & 14.30

Join Iain in the warehouse to taste some special samples from our duty paid casks. Iain will take you through these unique whiskies while mixing in a few stories from his years as Warehouse-man here at Lagavulin. You will also be treated to a sample of this year's festival bottling.

Ticket Price £25 Includes Lagavulin Glass 25 max Duration 1 hour

Friday 29th May 2015

Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration: 10.30

Join Iain in the warehouse to taste some special samples from our duty paid casks. Iain will take you through these unique whiskies while mixing in a few stories from his years as Warehouse-man here at Lagavulin. You will also be treated to a sample of this year's festival bottling.

Ticket Price £25 Includes Lagavulin Glass 25 max Duration 1 hour

The History in our Hills: 13.00

The area surrounding Lagavulin is brimming with history and of course stunning landscapes. Join Georgie Crawford our distillery manager and Niall Colthart our local Lagavulin hill walker, musician and history enthusiast to see and learn more. Your main destination during the first part of our walk will be the plague village at Sholum, while enjoying whiskies, stories and possibly a song or two en route. You will eventually finish up, for a well-deserved dram, at Dunyvaig Castle which was once the southern stronghold of the Lord of the Isles. The walk will last between 3-4 hours depending on the pace of the group and as it is off the beaten track please ensure you have suitable clothing and footwear for all weathers and a good level of fitness. (No wellies provided!)

Ticket Price £20 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 24 max each Duration 3-4 hours

Bruichladdich

Sunday 24th May – Open Day

2015 FESTIVAL BOTTLE:

Black Art

1881 bottles

Hoe Down Jim's Masterclass 10.45-12.30

Bruichladdich Day, Gates open 12.30

Entry £5.00 with complimentary dram

Featuring:

- Skerryvore
- The Brian Hughes Band
- Robin Laing
- Norma Munro
- Angela Dunbar
- Isle of Islay Pipe Band
- Islay Gaelic Choir
- Ella Edgar Dancers
- Line Dancers

Cocktails by Ewald's Mixologists

Islay Ales, Food Stalls, Islay Arts and Crafts

Wednesday 27th May

Robin & Jim - The Whisky Bards 19.00

£10.00 - Laddie Shop

Thursday 28th May

Lunch time Session - Folk Distiller Jena – 11.00-13.00

Port Ellen Maltings

Bookings Online: <https://www.gammabookings.com/diageolagavulin>

Sunday 24th May 2015 – Open Day

Port Ellen Maltings Feis Open Day

Ever wondered what is going on in Port Ellen's mysterious Maltings plant? Join us on the 24th of May for our annual open day and find out.

We will be running maltings tours throughout the morning with our enthusiastic maltsters leading the way. From steeping to kilning you have the entire malting process mastered!

You'll be able to get up close and personal with all things peat in our hand cut display, learn all the secrets of one of Islay's most iconic flavours. All this new knowledge isn't to be wasted though; we'll be running a maltings quiz so make sure you are paying attention.

Souvenirs and snacks are also on the menu this year with our local butcher joining us with a smoky themed BBQ to kick start your Sunday. Port Ellen maltings merchandise will be available to purchase to complete your Feis Ile wardrobe.

Port Ellen Maltings Tours: 09.30, 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00, 12.30, 13.00

This is your chance to get a behind the scenes and in depth look at the Maltings process. Join members of our maltings production team as they explain how we convert our barley to the uniquely peated malt we use at our Islay distilleries.

Ticket Price £12 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 16 max each time Duration 1 hour

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Caol Ila

Bookings Online: <https://www.gammabookings.com/diageocaolila>

Monday 25th May, Caol Ila Open Day

Please note that there will be no parking available at Caol Ila on Monday 25th May and no vehicles will be permitted to enter the site. Parking will be available near to the village of Keills and free bus transport will run regularly between the car park and Caol Ila.

Caol Ila Islay Festival Bottling Release: 10.00

The Operators Tour: 09.30, 10.30, 11.30, 13.30 & 14.30, 15.30

Lynzie and Paul, our operators have decided to take over the tours for the day, they are offering a more detailed explanation of the day to day working lives of our operators. Come along and let them educate you in the most important aspects of the production of Caol Ila. Finish up by enjoying a couple of drams of Caol Ila paired with some delicious nibbles.

Ticket Price £15 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 10 max each tour Duration 1.5 hours

Manager Masterclass: 10.30, 12.30 & 14.30

Join David Wood our distillery manger the old cooperage far a tasting some of Caol Ila's finest wares perfectly match with some delicious canapes to enhance the flavours of the whisky. This masterclass will include 5 samples of Caol Ila including this year's Festival Edition.

Ticket Price £30 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 60 max each time Duration 1 hour

Caol Ila Warehouse Tour and Tasting: 10.00, 11.30, 13.30 & 15.00

Join Iain MacArthur and Douglas Murray for a tour of Caol Ila's our traditional Warehouse. Your experience will begin with sampling our new make spirit by the receiver followed by old tales of the distillery and the secrets of maturation. Naturally a trip round the Warehouse wouldn't be complete without a tasting of Caol Ila's fine spirit as you go, including this year's festival edition.

Ticket Price £25 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 24 max each time Duration 1 hour

Caol Ila by Sea: 11.00, 11.45, 12.30, 13.15, 14.00

Enjoy a trip up the Sound of Islay in one of our local high speed RIBs. Sit back with a dram in hand and experience our distillery from an entirely different angle. It's the perfect opportunity for some once in a lifetime shots for all the enthusiastic photographers amongst you and to see our beautiful Island only accessible by sea. A shuttle bus will run from the distillery to Port Askaig from there you will board the boats for a trip up the coast like no other. The boat trip will take approximately 30 minutes but please allow at least 40 minutes for the experience.

Ticket Price £20 Includes a Feis Ile glass 10 max

Whisky and Chocolate Tasting: 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00 book on the day

Perfect for the sweet tooth's out there this tasting experience uses exquisitely crafted chocolates to bring out some of the most delicate of Caol Ila's flavours. This experience involves 3 tastes of our fine malts accompanied by chocolates perfectly designed to show you a new side to one of Islay's most secretive whiskies.

The Monday Mix Up

Monday at Caol Ila means another chance to meet up with our Whisky Ambassadors Colin Dunn and James Hill, as they create some wonderful drinks with Caol Ila. Drop by and share their passion for the three C's, Caol Ila, Cocktails and Chocolate. Free event please book on the day.

Malt Mastermind: 16.00

Join Colin Dunn our Brand ambassador for our Malt Mastermind competition. If you think you are a malt mastermind and want to enter our completion with the chance of winning a Feis 2014 bottle, please email the distillery detailing the reasons why you think you should be selected to take part in our competition. There will be 8/10 contestants battling it out to be the ultimate Caol Ila Malt Mastermind. You will be quizzed on everything whisky in the first rounds, then the finalists will be tasked with answering a gruelling question set all about Caol Ila. If you don't want to join the competition but you would like to be a spectator, you will be treated to a dram of Caol Ila whilst you enjoy the fierce competition. You must pre book spaces.

Ticket Price £5 Includes a Feis Ile glass 80 max Duration 1,5h

Throughout the day...

Skipinnish will be there to keep you entertained on the day whilst you enjoy a dram of Caol Ila by the sea, bringing the sound of Islay to life.

To keep the hunger pangs at bay we will have a **host of local foods** for you to enjoy.

The **coopers** will also be making an appearance at Caol Ila.

The Rest of the Week

Wednesday 27th May 2015

Managers Tour and Tasting: 14.00

Spend the afternoon with our distillery Manager David Wood and enjoy a tour of his exclusive distillery followed by a premium tasting in our historic Caol Ila Cooperage. David will guide you through our superb range of Single Malt Whiskies from Caol Ila, including this year's Festival bottling and the elite Caol Ila 30 year old.

Ticket Price £35 Includes Caol Ila Glass 16 max Duration 2 hour

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Laphroaig

For reservations please contact the distillery direct on +44 (0)1496 302 418

Sunday, 24th May

FRIENDS OF LAPHROAIG EVENING, 20:00 – 22:00

THIS IS YOUR LAPHROAIG Friends of Laphroaig Evening

In the Visitor Centre Museum and New Tasting Room, John Campbell will present an exclusive Laphroaig from the archives as well as tasting this year's Friends of Laphroaig Cairdeas. We will be asking every person booking on this event what their favourite Laphroaig is and what it means to them. From this, a selection of expressions will be picked to be presented by you on the evening.

Enjoy the evening with Traditional Music and Luxury Canapés prepared by Whiskykoch.

Times: 20:00 – 22:00, Price: £40, Pre-bookings and Friends of Laphroaig only

Tuesday 26th May – Open Day – 200th anniversary

DISTILLERY TOURS - 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15 14:45 15:15 (Duration 1 hour)

Take a unique tour around the Distillery with your Laphroaig host; on the way enjoy the stories and surprises.

Price: £6 (Includes a commemorative Feis Ile glass)

Pre-bookings and **spaces available on the day.**

A TASTE OF LAPHROAIG –“ Pick and Mix” 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 14:45, 15:15, 15:45

Choose from the following zones:

- DUTY FREE
- CAIRDEAS
- 2015
- FROM THE CASK

Up to 25 spaces available on every zone at every time slot.

Check in with the team in the Visitor Centre to **buy your tickets on the open day.**

Enjoy this tasting from a commemorative glass with lanyard - available to purchase on the day for £5

Times: 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 14:45, 15:15, 15:45 (Duration 20 mins)

Price: £10 per zone (Includes 3 samples of Laphroaig). NO PRE-BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

BE PART OF THE “LEGEND OF LAPHROAIG” - 10:30, 15:00

As part of our 200 years celebration Laphroaig collector Marcel van Gils and Author Hans Offringa are currently working on a new book about Laphroaig. They will give a unique “behind the scenes” talk about their endeavours during research, writing and photography

All present will be photographed and the picture will be put in the book with your name, thus becoming part of the “Legend of Laphroaig”!

Times: 10:30, 15:00 (Duration 1 hr 30 mins)

Price: £50 (Includes pre-order of the book. Name and group photo in the book and 2 drams of Laphroaig). Pre-bookings only

200 YEARS OF LAPHROAIG - 09:45, 10:30, 11:00, 14:30

Taste at each stage of the process and hear Laphroaig stories from the past 200 years.

- **Maltman**
How did our malting floor start 100 years ago? Find out from our Maltman
- **Stillman**
In the past, uisge'beatha (whisky) was made from small stills hidden away. See a working example of this by our water source and taste our spirit.
- **Exciseman**
In days gone by – each distillery had an Exciseman on site monitoring warehouse movements. Visit the warehouse, and persuade our Excise man to offer a “wee dram”
- **Distillery Manager**
Create your own Laphroaig with John Campbell. Take this home (250ml bottle) and enjoy from a unique Laphroaig copper cup handcrafted for this bicentenary event.

Times: 09:45, 10:30, 11:00, 14:30 (Duration 3 hours)

Price: £180. Pre-bookings only

THROUGHOUT THE DAY AROUND THE DISTILLERY

“The Simon Moran Trio” with Angela Dunbar on vocals

Folk Destille Celtic Band from Germany

- **Soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and home baking** provided by St John’s Church, Port Ellen
- **Barbecue** by A S Porter Family Butchers, Bowmore
- Islay’s **Seafood** Food Shack
- **Local Stalls** - Taste and buy local confectionery and gifts.
- Friends of Laphroaig: **Collect your rent**, visit your plot of land or join Friends of Laphroaig.

Dram Stand - 10:30 – 16:00

Enjoy a dram in The Friends of Laphroaig Lounge

BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - 14:00 to 14:30

Join us in the courtyard to celebrate 200 years of Laphroaig. Everything stops to celebrate this moment in time!

Bowmore

Feis Ile Special Bottlings 2015

Feis Ile 2015, Virgin Oak, Cask Strength, 700 of 1000 bottles, 55.- GBP, 23.05./10:00

Feis Ile 2015, Virgin Oak, Cask Strength, 300 of 1000 bottles, 55.- GBP, 27.05./10:00

This years special bottling for Feis Ile 2015 has been matured in hand-selected Virgin Oak casks and was bottled at natural cask strength. 700 bottles from this special release of 1000 bottles will go on sale at the Distillery Visitor Centre from 10am on Saturday 23rd May. The remaining 300 bottles will go on sale on Wednesday 27th May. Price - £55

Bowmore 1988, Single Cask, 248 bottles, 350.- GBP, 27.05./10:00

We have also created a very special single cask bottling of a Bowmore 1988 Sherry Cask Matured whisky. Only 248 bottles of this rare and unique spirit will be available to buy from the Distillery Visitor Centre from 10am on Wednesday 27th May. Price - £350

Bottle Your Own Feis Edition, 2002 Oloroso Sherry Cask #2214, 80.- GBP, 23.05./10:00

This years Bottle Your Own Feis Edition is a 2002 Oloroso Sherry Cask No 2214. This bottling will be available from 10am on Saturday 23rd May. Price - £80

PLEASE CALL US ON 01496810441 TO MAKE A BOOKING ON ANY OF THE EVENTS

Sunday 24th May

A Meandering Meal – 19:00

Experience Bowmore like never before as we take you on a culinary journey around the distillery showcasing the very best of Islay produce. This experience is sure to be memorable and utterly delicious!

Price £125 Time - 1900

Monday 25th May

Craftman's Tours – 10:00

Price £55

What time's your 10 O'Clock tour? – 22:00

Join us for a late night liason behind closed doors with our Distillery Manager David Turner as he takes you on an indepth distillery tour in the darkest of hours between dusk and dawn.

Price £75 Time – 2200 (Duration 2 hours)

Tuesday 26th May

Walk the Lade – 10:00

Join our distillery team behind the scenes on a visit to the historic Bowmore lade, a session at peats, a bacon buttie, and a dram of something very special from the distillery flask.

Price £50

Wednesday 27th May – Open Day

Bowmore Tasting Tour – 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00

Enjoy the different tastes of Bowmore as your travel from our traditional floor maltings to our famous No 1 vaults. Bowmore glass and lanyard included.

Times – 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600 (Duration 1 hour)

Price £10

A Tale of Two Oaks – 09:30, 14:00

Learn the secrets of our traditional floor maltings, visit our very own peatbanks where you can try your hand at cutting some peat and enjoy a special tasting in our traditional stick Warehouse No5.

Times – 0930, 1400 (Duration 3 hours)

Price £50

A Pie, Pint and Peat! 10:00, 11:30, 14:30, 16:00

This informal experience in our traditional maltbarns includes a tasting of two Feis Ile ales produced by Islay Ales alongside matching whiskies. Includes an exclusive ale glass.

Times – 10.00, 11.30, 1430, 1600 (Duration 1 hour)

Price £20

Mystery Malts in the Bowmore Vaults – 10:30, 12:00, 14:00, 15:30

Join our Master Blender Rachel Barrie in our ancient warehouses – the Bowmore Vaults – where a magical mystery tasting awaits.

Times 1030, 1200, 1400, 1530 – (Duration 1 hour)

Price £55

Come Fly with Me – 09:30, 11:00, 14:00, 15:30

Welcome aboard our one way flight to Bowmore heaven with your host Gordon Dundas.. Inflight drinks, snacks and amenity packs will be provided for this sensory journey - your tastebuds will be soaring.

Times – 0930, 11.00, 1400, 1530 (Duration 1 hour)

Price £25

Sweet Sixteen – 10:30

After delving into the depths of our archives we ask you to join us to revisit this spectacular selection of sixteen year old whiskies.

Time – 1030 (Duration 30 mins)

Price £25

The Devil of all Storms – 12:00

When two strong forces collide...who wins, you decide!

Time – 1200 (Duration 30 mins)

Price £20

Ten Bowmore Bottles on the Sea Wall – 14:30

As our Bottle Your Own enters it's 10th edition we look back on the journey from Feis 2013 – Feis Ile 2015.

Time – 1430 (Duration 1 hour)

Price £30

On the day

- 'Bottle Your Own' Feis Ile bottling
- Bowmore BBQ
- Oyster Bar
- Whisky Cocktails
- Live Music: 12.30 – 17.30 Skippinish accompanied by Norrie Maclver

Thursday 28th May

Walk the Lade – 10:00

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Price £50

Friday 29th May

Craftman's Tours – 10:00

Price £55

Sunday 31st May

Sunday Survivors Club – 12:30

For those of you that lasted the week come and bid farewell to Islay in style with a hair of the dog tasting to beat your session depression

Price £15 Time – 1230

JURA

This year the much anticipated event will have a focus on bringing flavour and taste to life, with a programme of sensory tastings and tours – each offering new perspectives on ways to enjoy whisky. Highlights include an experiential dining session with pop up eatery Dram and Smoke and a unique tasting session from the rarest casks in Jura's warehouse with master distiller Richard Paterson.

Tickets are available to purchase now at: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jura-tastival-2015-wednesday-27-thursday-28-may-tickets-16411651692>

Wednesday 28th May and Thursday 29th May

#JuraTastival

Discover Two Sides of Jura (1 hr)

Join Jura Ambassador Kieran Cusker and the guys from experiential pop-up eatery, Dram & Smoke, to tuck into a whisky and food taster menu that is inspired by the sweet and smoky sides of Jura. Learn which flavours perfectly complement Jura whiskies and find out how to smoke your own food, in this shared tasting experience.

£25

Rare Cask Selection with Richard Paterson (45 mins)

Ever wondered what inspires a Master Distiller to create such distinctive maturation processes and finishes? In this unique tasting session, Richard Paterson sniffs out a very special selection of our rare and vintage whiskies from the Jura warehouse, as well as sharing his passion for fine wines and sherry.

£45

JURAFEST (45 mins)

Jura meets Oktoberfest in this beer and whisky tasting session with Ambassador, Sam Amfo-Okoampah.

He will introduce you to the new Jura Tastival 2015 whisky which will be matched with an exceptional craft beer created especially for the event by Glasgow-based craft brewery, Drygate. At this session you will have the rare opportunity to try Jura Brooklyn, an exclusive bottling for Jura's friends in the US, as well as Jura Origin which will be both paired with craft beers from Williams Bros.

£15

The Masters Tours (1 hr)

Join Jura Global Brand Ambassador Willie Tait and Jura Distillery Manager Willie Cochrane for a unique tour of the Jura Distillery and a dram Jura 21 Years Old and the recently released Jura 1984 Vintage. With over 79 years of experience between them, the Willie's will share their passion and the craftsmanship that goes into creating Jura whiskies.

£15

Whisky on the Waves (30 mins)

Cruise with Captain Nicol and our Jura Ambassador, into the open sea for a tasting of Jura Turas-Mara. You will experience a sensory journey out at sea to enjoy this dram the way it was meant to be – with the wind and sea spray in your face.

£10

Kilchoman – 10th Anniversary

Feis Ile May 2015 - Our 10th Anniversary Year

10th Anniversary T Shirts, caps & miniatures available throughout the week

Monday 25th

Manager's Tour with Anthony Wills - 2pm

An in depth tour of the distillery with the founder himself, finishing in our new tasting room where you can experience some of our early releases and cask samples.

(12 places available) - £30 (non refundable deposit of £10 payable on booking)

Distillery Tours - 10am & 3.30pm

£6 - Booking advisable

Tuesday 26th

Manager's Tours - 2pm

An in depth tour of the distillery with a member of the Wills family, finishing in our new tasting room where you can experience some of our early releases and cask samples.

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10th Anniversary Warehouse Masterclass - 5pm

An extremely rare opportunity to visit our warehouse overlooking the Loch Indaal at Conisby, and taste unique cask samples dating back to our early days.

(60 places available) - £40 (non refundable deposit of £15 payable on booking)

Distillery Tours - 10am & 3.30pm

£6 - Booking advisable

Thursday 28th May - Open Day

Anthony Wills 10th Anniversary Masterclass - 12pm

A masterclass with the founder himself, Anthony Wills, with the opportunity to taste a wide range of cask samples from the early days and hear all about life at Kilchoman over the last 10 years from the man who started it all.

(30 places available) - £30 (non refundable deposit of £10 payable on booking)

Club Members' Masterclass - 2pm

A masterclass for Kilchoman Club Members only, with the opportunity to taste some of our first releases, all no longer available.

(30 places available) - £30 (non refundable deposit of £10 payable on booking)

Be A Bottler - 10.30am, 3.30pm & 4.15pm

Join our bottling team and experience the time and care that goes into every bottle of Kilchoman. Fill and label your own bottle of Machir Bay using our hands-on approach, and get it authenticated and signed by Anthony Wills.

(12 places available) - £50 (non refundable deposit of £15 payable on booking)

Inaugural Release Prize Draw - 4pm

Tickets available on the day itself at £2 each, with the winner being drawn on the malt floor.

Still House Visits

Throughout the day there's the opportunity to visit the stillhouse to chat to our production team and get up close whilst our new make spirit is being made.

(12 people – no pre-booking required & no charge)

Tutored Range Tastings

Taste through the range of Kilchoman expressions, including the Feis Ile 2015, with a member of the Wills family. Available throughout the day.

£7 (no pre-booking required)

Live Music from Skipinnish, Trail West & Islay Pipe Band 12-5pm

Friday 29th

Distillery Tours - 10am

£6 - Booking advisable

Bunnahabhain

Tickets on sale now please click on the link: <http://shop.bunnahabhain.com/collections/bunnahabhain-feis-ile-2015>

Please note we can only take bookings through our bunnahabhain.com website, we are happy to speak to you at the distillery however in order to ensure secure bookings and payment we kindly ask all our customer to book through our website.

Monday 25th May

NEW Ian MacMillan, Master Distiller Private Feis Ile Launch - 11.30am & 2.00pm

Our Master Distiller, Ian MacMillan will be launching our two Feis Ile 2015 releases on Bank Holiday Monday 25th, May to a small and intimate crowd. Join Ian as he conducts this special holiday dramming session in our 'new' warehouse 9 which has been created from our old floor maltings. A great way to start Feis Ile! Ian MacMillan leads a personal and intimate tasting session in our new Warehouse 9. Ian's tastings are renowned for their 'relaxed and frank' style. Join Ian to hear his thinking behind our Feis Ile releases for 2015. Ian will also share some special Bunnahabhain drams from his private selection and 'experiments'. Join Ian and be one of the first to sample and purchase this year's Feis Ile's as well as question the man behind the whisky. Ian will also be signing bottles at the end of each session.

4 Drams including - Duration: 1 hour 30 mins
11.30am, 2.30pm £100.00 per person
20 people per session

Tuesday 26th

Long John's Warehouse Walk - 2.30pm

Join our Charge-hand, 'Long' John McGillivray who is celebrating 25 years at Bunnahabhain this year. Always a popular session with festival goers and thus we are 'working' John a wee bit harder this year with a few extra sessions so he can share his stories and a few whiskies in this 'Silver Jubilee' year for him.

£35.00 per person 10 people per tour
Duration: 1 hour

Drams: includes sampling a few private drams which Long John has personally selected.

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£35.00 per person 10 people per tour
Duration: 1 hour

Drams: includes sampling a few private drams which Long John has personally selected.

Dr Kirstie's Warehouse 9 Session - 3.30pm

Dr Kirstie McCallum, our Global Brand Ambassador will be leading a special tasting in our Warehouse 9. Sample from three different Bunnahabhains and take the opportunity to fill your own bottle* straight from the cask if you like what you taste! Kirstie will delve into the subtleties and nuances of our whisky and the effect wood, climate and the Sound of Islay has on our Bunnahabhain single malt.

3.30pm £35.00 per person 20 people per session *20cl 'bottle your own' from £30.00 per bottle
Duration: 1 hour

4 Drams: Sample three drams straight from the cask as well as our Feis Ile Rubha A'Mhail.

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NEW Bunnahabhain Feis Ile Dinner – 7.30pm

Bridgend House Hotel, Bridgend, Islay

On the eve of our big open day we are holding a private dinner at The Bridgend Hotel. Join Dr Kirstie McCallum, our Global Brand Ambassador who will be pairing our Bunnahabhain whiskies with the finest Islay sourced produce cooked by the highly rated team at the Bridgend Hotel. Kirstie will be joined by a few special guests (as well as the drams) our whisky makers who will share stories of a combined 100 years service at the distillery. We finish the evening of fine whisky and food with a very rare opportunity to share a dram of our Bunnahabhain 40yo!

£75.00 per person 25 people

Bunnahabhain Dinner Drams: 12yo, 18yo, 25yo & a few of Kirstie's personal rare favourites!

A full & pleasant evening! book tickets: t: 01496 840 646

Friday 29th of May – Open Day

The Bunnahabhain Trundler Bus Service – Open Day Friday 29th of May

We will be operating a complimentary park and ride for visitors from just outside Keills to help festival goers enjoy the journey and drams on the day. The 'Bunnahabhain Trundler' will be operational from 9.30am for those wishing to take a 'load off' and enjoy the journey to our haven of rugged beauty!

Feis Ile Warehouse 9 Tasting Session with Dr Kirstie McCallum - 10.00 am

Dr Kirstie McCallum, our Global Brand Ambassador will be leading a special tasting in our Warehouse 9. Sample from our three specially selected casks and take the opportunity to fill your own bottle straight from the cask. Kirstie will delve into the subtleties and nuances of our whisky and the effect wood, climate and the Sound of Islay has on our Bunnahabhain single malt. Great start to our Feis Ile celebrations!

When:

10.00 am £35.00 per person 20 people per session

Duration: 1 hour

4 Drams: Sample three drams straight from the cask as well as our Feis Ile Rubha A'Mhail.

Long John's Feis Ile Warehouseman's Walk - 10.00am, 11.30am & 2.00pm

Long John brings his 'Silver Jubilee' Feis Ile walks to a celebratory finale with 3 special sessions on Feis Ile Day! He will lead his unique walks from 10.00am:

10.00am, 11.30am & 2.00pm £35.00 per person 10 people per session Duration: 1 hour

Drams: includes sampling a few private drams which Long John has personally selected

Bunnahabhain Feis Ile 'Speak Easy' Tasting Sessions - 12.00, 2.30pm

Join us for a few drams tasting some of our exclusive and limited releases on the distillery lawn overlooking the Sound of Islay.

£25.00 per person 30 people per session £25.00 per person 30 people per session 1 hour
4 Drams: Bunnahabhain 18yo, Ceobanach, Cruach Mhona & Eirigh Na Greine

Our Global Bunnahabhain 'Whisky Explorer' Meets The Highland Chocolatier – Dr Kirstie McCallum & Iain Burnett - 2.00pm

Kirstie travels the world on behalf of Bunnahabhain tasting and spreading the word of how we produce our Islay whisky. In 2014 Kirstie teamed up with Iain Burnett, The Highland Chocolatier, the artisan chocolate maker based in Grandtully, Perthshire. With Kirstie's rich history in blending, Iain's dedication to producing exquisite chocolates with outstanding textures and Grandtully sounding like a place next to Brigadoon, Kirstie and Iain have produced synergies which are unbelievable and may become part of Bunnahabhain whisky folklore!

Join Kirstie and Iain in our Filling Store for a dramming session with a sweet difference!

2.00pm £35.00 per person 50 people per session

5 drams & handmade chocolates

Drams: Bunnahabhain 18yo, Ceobanach, Cruach Mhona & Eirigh Na Greine, Feis Ile Moscatel

Duration: 1 hour

Bunnahabhain Distillery Tours – All Day from 11.00am

30 minute tours of the distillery including a dram of Bunnahabhain 12yo

11.00am, 11.30am, 12.00 noon, 12.30pm, 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm, 2.30pm, 3.00pm & 3.30pm £7.00 per tour – includes Feis Ile Festival 2015 Glass

In The Distillery Courtyard

- Music On The Edge
Rock n' Roll music played across the ages and genres to dance, sing along too and of course drink whisky by.
- Bunnahabhain Bar
Drams by the glass including our Feis Ile releases along with cocktails by the Bunnahabhain Mixologists!
- Along with: Distillery Shop, Islay Arts & Crafts, Food Stalls including Islay Venison Burgers!

Ardbeg – 200th Anniversary

In celebration of the past, the present and the future

BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS. To book please contact the Distillery Festival hotlines:
Lynn on 01496 300208 / Jackie on 01496 300201

No e-mail bookings. No answer phone messages.

Monday 25th

The Pillars of the Earth tasting - 11:00

High above Ardbeg where layers of rock settle and jostle into position there are ancient settlements. Names and faces carved into the rocks, entire villages wiped out, unknown graves and dwelling houses left ruined by the past. Listen to stories with many of our friends who know the landscape and the drams. Lunch served.

30 places, £30

The Element of Surprise - 14:00

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15 places, £20

Wednesday 27th

The Pillars of the Earth tasting - 11:00

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30 places, £30

Vintage tea and whisky party - 15:00 to 17:00

Is this one for the ladies? Historically there is an art to having tea. It is called etiquette. Never mind the Boston tea party. This is the Ardbeg tea party. Tea is served in the West Maltings. Tea with an Ardbegian twist.

30 places, £15

Thursday 28th May

Bring your own bottle bbq – BYOB BBQ - 19:00 to 22:30

This is an enjoyable, relaxed evening in the festival calendar.

We want you to bring a bottle of Ardbeg that you love and to hear you talk about it. Mickey wants the night off so a relaxed evening with good local food, drams, music and company.

Gather in the new courtyard at Ardbeg at 19:00, Depart from the courtyard at 22:30

150 places, £30

Friday 29th May

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Saturday 30 May – Open Day

ON THE DAY:

As we celebrate Ardbeg's bicentenary, not only do we wish to look back to celebrate 200 years of craftsmanship and tradition, we also want to take pride in the present and look forward to the future.

We will cross time zones and experience Ardbeg like never before.

It is, after all, all about the people. Times change, Ardbeg remains.

Visit the past

Excise men, bannocks, smokies, creels, worm tubs, smugglers, tales, crofters, clearances, clachans, our founder Alexander Macdougall, a pop-up bar from the past

Step into the present

Choppers, Galileo, Alligator, Islay invaders, Facebook, the Gow, high gravity mashing, Twitter, Mickey, Shortie, hot-rod tractors, forums, limited edition bottlings, a pop up bar in the present

Zoom into the future

Time travel, photo-call, hoverboarding, Shortie circuit racing, silver suits, a pop up bar of the future

Ship ahoy! - 11:30, 13:30, 15:30

A magnificent tasting. Departing from the old pier at Ardbeg. An experience to savour for all you ship mates. Working alongside Ye Olde Lounge of Whisky.

25 places, At the main Ardbeg pier, £25

The shift boys & the tour guides - 11:00, 13:00, 15:00

Holding court for a rather unusual combination tasting.

Revealing their favourite Ardbegs from the past, present and future. Unusual drams with unlikely hosts.

20 places, Warehouse 3, £10

The Manager - 12:00

- Mickey.
- 2015.
- Dram from a quaich.
- Dram from a glass.
- Dram to the future.

Need we say more?

Bring a small, but important item for the Chamber of Secrets

200 places, £30

Ardbeg

A beautifully crafted exhibition displayed on the West Maltings which documents Ardbeg's past, present and future. Interact with the visual images.

An evolving, changing piece, by day or night, Ardbeg is timeless.

Smoke and mirrors - All day

All is not what it seems at Ardbeg.

On the day there will be flash tastings. Iconic bottles from the past, present and future with our wonderful staff. Watch carefully.

Building the future

Foundations, face stones, hearting, coping stones. A dry stone wall gives permanence. It will last for hundreds of years.

Join Pat and the boys to build Ardbeg's Chamber of Secrets. Your legacy to Ardbeg.

Wonderful food in the Old Kiln Café and at the Seafood Shack.

Fab music, great company.

Remember what whisky is all about.