

Fèis Ìle – Islay Festival 2016

<http://www.islayfestival.com>

You can find the program of the Islay Festival on the above mentioned official website or on my blog [Feis Ile 2016 – Programme Online](#). 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 24th April 2016. Not all distilleries did tell us what their festival bottles will be.

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 you all a great festival and a lot of sun! (I will not be at Islay this year)

2016	Open Day	Book	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May
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Lagavulin	Sa May 21, 2016	www		OD	E	E	E	E	E	E		
Bruichladdich	Su May 22, 2016	TEL			OD							
Port Ellen Maltings	Su May 22, 2016	www			OD	E	E	E	E			
Caol Ila	Mo May 23, 2016	www				OD		E	E	E		
Laphroaig	Tu May 24, 2016	TEL			E		OD	E				
Bowmore	We May 25, 2016	TEL			E	E	E	OD	E	E		E
Jura	We May 25, 2016	www						OD	OD			
Kilchoman	Th May 26, 2016	TEL				E	E	E	OD			
Bunnahabhain	Fr May 27, 2016	www				E	E	E	E	OD		
Ardbeg	Sa May 28, 2016	TEL			E	E	E	E	E	E	OD	
Festival Places		www	PN IH	PE		PE	Ard	BR	BM	PE	PE	

TEL = reservation by phone; www = standard website; OD = open day; E = Events during the day

PN = Rhinns Hall, Portnahaven; IH = Islay House; PE = Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen; Ard = Ardbeg Distillery; BR = Bruichladdich

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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.

Friday 20th May

Cloutie Dumpling Ceilidh, Rhinns Hall – Portnahaven 8pm-11pm (Licensed Event)

Taste Catrionas' famous Cloutie Dumpling. Music by Simon Moran along with some local artists
Tickets – Adults £10 – Children Free - Info & tickets online

Islay House Open Day with the Scotch Malt Whisky Society, Party 1pm-10pm

„SMWS & ISLAY HOUSE: FEIS ILE GARDEN PARTY FIESTA“
with music, ice cream, BBQ, local craft stalls, ales and of course, some great whisky. We'll carry our Open Day celebrations well into the evening for those still dancing. The open day is free to attend.

Exclusive celebratory bottle: On sale from 1pm - 127.44 'Cantina Mexicana', this 12yo ex-sherry butt is a real Latino lovely.

Saturday 21st May

First Big Fling - Ramsay Hall Port Ellen, 8pm-11pm

With Rowan Bros/Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band, Tickets – £15

Monday 23rd May

Whisky Nosing & Ceilidh – Ramsay Hall Port Ellen, 8pm-9pm Ceilidh -12pm

All our Islay Distilleries have a Nosing Table
3 complimentary drams from our Malt Bar plus tea/coffee, scones and pancakes
Ceilidh to follow with the Simon Moran Trio, Pipers, Ella's Highland Dancers and various local artists.
Tickets – £20

Tuesday 24th May

Folk Night – Ardbeg Distillery, 8pm-11pm

Great line up of local artists, Tickets £10, Optional Pie/Pint – £7.50

Wednesday 25th May

Robin Laing - Bruichladdich Village hall, 8pm (doors open 7.15pm)

Tickets £10 at the door

Thursday 26th May

Brandon McPhee and Fred Morrison – Bowmore Hall, 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Tickets £15

Friday 27th May

Barn Dance – Ramsay Hall, 9pm -12pm

Brandon McPhee along with Manson Grant & Dynamos
(please bring your cowboy boots, checked shirt and stetson – prize for best dressed cowboy/cowgirl)
Tickets £15

Saturday 28th May

Final Fling - Ramsay Hall, 9pm – 12pm

Goats Don't Shave, Tickets £15

Lagavulin

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

Saturday 21st May 2016 – Open Day – 200 years!

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 Managers 200 Year Tasting: 11.00 (SOLD OUT)

Anyone who is lucky to be the manager of Lagavulin does the job with great pride but for Georgie, being the manager during the distillery's 200th year, is something that dreams are made of. Join her for a tasting for all the senses in celebration of this momentous anniversary.

Ticket Price £45 Includes a Lagavulin Glass Capacity: 200 Duration: 2 hours

Lagavulin Warehouse Experiences: 10.00, 11.30, 13.30, 15.30 (ALL SOLD OUT)

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 Lagavulin Glass Capacity: 35 Duration: 1 hour

Whisky & Food Masterclasses: 10.00, 11.30, 13.30(SOLD OUT) & 15.30(SOLD OUT)

To celebrate our 200 year anniversary our friend, Dennis Mulder, has joined us from the Netherlands to share his exciting whisky and food matches. Dennis has been busy in his kitchen over the last few months concocting some delicious combinations for you to enjoy. This is a culinary experience not to be missed.

Ticket Price £30 Includes a Lagavulin Glass Capacity: 60 Duration: 1.5 hours

Colin's Cocktails

Colin Dunn is back again with his wonderful cocktails, join him for a cocktail making masterclass down in the yard. Tickets available on the day.

Donald's Tales of Lagavulin

Join our global brand ambassador, Donald Colville, for a relaxed and informative tasting in our Lagavulin lounge. Join him whilst he shares with you his favourite stories of Lagavulin over an exquisite dram. Tickets available on the day.

Throughout the Day...

To keep you refreshed throughout the day we will have a selection of wholesome goodies on offer from the **Seafood Shack**, a **BBQ**, **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.

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.

"**The Gulf Extreme**" a merger of some of Scotland's finest ceilidh bands 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...

Sunday 22nd May 2016

Brand Ambassador's Tastings: 11.00

Spend an hour or so with one of our Whisky Ambassadors. They will guide you through our superb range of Single Malt Whiskies from Lagavulin, including this year's Festival bottling whilst giving you the opportunity to grill one of the whisky industry's most influential voices. This tasting will be held at Lagavulin Distillery.

Ticket Price £30 Includes Lagavulin Glass Capacity: 20 Duration: 1 hour

Monday 23rd May 2016

Lagavulin Full Circle: 09.00 (SOLD OUT)

Join Georgie Crawford our distillery manager and Niall Colthart our local Lagavulin history enthusiast to see and learn more about Islay's rich history. Along the way you will learn about 12,000 years of Islay history; from the Mesolithic up to modern times. On this bus trip we will visit Neolithic standing stones and chambered cairns, learn about the Iron Age forts on the island and visit historic sites such as Finlaggan and Kilnave chapel. The beginning and end of our day will of course take in our very own piece of history, Dunyvaig Castle and there will of course be refreshments along the way. Although this is primarily a bus tour you will be popping out to visit the sites so please wear suitable clothing and footwear for all weathers. (No wellies provided!)

Ticket Price £150 Includes a selection of 200 year branded goods (including the 8 Year Old Lagavulin) Capacity: 12 Duration: 5 hours

The Manager's 200 Year Tasting: 15.00

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Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration: 10.30 & 14.00(SOLD OUT)

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.

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A Trip Down Memory Lane: 19.00 (SOLD OUT)

Join Prince Adewale and the Endeavours in the old Malt Mill building at Lagavulin for a very special evening of whisky and music.

Nick Morgan and Neil Ridley will talk about why Lagavulin is so special to them, and taste and talk about some of their favourite outstanding bottlings from the past, in addition to this year's 'exceptionally fine' bicentenary 8 year old bottling. These will include the 2002 Lagavulin 25 year old Special Release, 2010's Lagavulin 12 year old Special Release, and the 2013 Lagavulin Islay Jazz Festival bottling. And of course the evening would not be complete without two things: a mystery dram, and Nick and Neil's unique tips on how to get the maximum enjoyment from even the rarest single-malt whiskies.

Each whisky will be artfully paired with an equally outstanding classic tune from Prince Adewale's blues rock repertoire, and the evening will finish with the band playing a selection of their favourite tunes.

Ticket Price £30 Capacity: 60

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Lagavulin Full Circle: 09.00 (SOLD OUT)

Join Georgie Crawford our distillery manager and Niall Colthart our local Lagavulin history enthusiast to see and learn more about Islay's rich history. Along the way you will learn about 12,000 years of Islay history; from the Mesolithic up to modern times. On this bus trip we will visit Neolithic standing stones and chambered cairns, learn about the Iron Age forts on the island and visit historic sites such as Finlaggan and Kilnave chapel. The beginning and end of our day will of course take in our very own piece of history, Dunyvaig Castle and there will of course be refreshments along the way. Although this is primarily a bus tour you will be popping out to visit the sites so please wear suitable clothing and footwear for all weathers. (No wellies provided!)

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Capacity: 12 Duration: 5 hours

Lagavulin Warehouse Demonstration: 10.30 & 14.00

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.

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Ticket Price £30 Includes Lagavulin Glass Capacity: 20 Duration: 1 hour

Bicentenary Dinner 19.00 – 23.00

To mark 200 years of our fine spirit we have decided to host an exceptionally fine dinner party like no other. This Lagavulin birthday bash will combine a beautiful meal with some of Lagavulin's finest wares; each course will be accompanied by a specially selected whisky to match the food. Nick Morgan, Neil Ridley, Christian Lewis and Shaz Mahmood (Prince Adewale and the Endeavours), will provide the perfect musical backdrop to enjoy and evening of sophisticated celebration.

Ticket Price £80 Capacity: 200

Thursday 26th May 2016

The Manager's 200 Year Tasting: 15.00

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Friday 27th May 2016

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Bruichladdich

Sunday 22nd May – Open Day

Masterclass 11.00-12.30 (SOLD OUT)

Bruichladdich Day, Gates open 12.30

Entry £5.00 with complimentary dram

Featuring:

- Skippinish
- The Whisky River Boat Band
- The Blueswater
- Maverick Angels
- Angela Paterson
- Ella Edgar Dancers
- Line Dancers
- Isle of Islay Pipe Band

Cocktails by Ewald & Co.,
Botanist “Foraged Serves” Tent
Islay Ales,
Food Stalls,
Islay Arts and Crafts

Port Ellen Maltings

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

Sunday 22nd May 2016 – 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 22nd 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 friends, **Dennis & Ronald**, 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: 09.20(SOLD OUT), 09.40, 10.00, 10.20, 10.40, 11.00, 11.20, 11.40 & 12.00(SOLD OUT)

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

Capacity: 12

Duration: 1 hour

More Malting Tours (same as above) on the following dates & times:

Tuesday 24th May 2016

Port Ellen Maltings Tour: 10.00 (SOLD OUT)

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Port Ellen Maltings Tour: 10.00 (SOLD OUT)

Thursday 26th May 2016

Port Ellen Maltings Tour: 10.00

Friday 27th May 2016

Port Ellen Maltings Tour: 10.00

Caol Ila

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

Monday 23rd May, Caol Ila Open Day

Please note that there will be no parking available at Caol Ila on Monday 23rd 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

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

The Operators Tour: 09.30(SOLD OUT), 11.00, 13.00, 14.30 & 15.00

Lynzie and Paul, two of our operators will be hosting our tours for the day; join them for behind the scenes look at the distillery. 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(SOLD OUT), 12.30 & 14.30

Join **Heather Wall our new distillery manger** in the old cooperage for a tasting of some of Caol Ila's finest wares, perfectly matched 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 £35 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 60 max each time Duration 1 hour

Caol Ila Warehouse Tasting: 10.00, 11.30, 13.30 & 15.00 (ALL SOLD OUT)

Join Iain MacArthur and Douglas Murray for a tour of Caol Ila's 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 30 max each time Duration 1 hour

Caol Ila by Sea: 10.00, 11.00, 11.45, 12.30, 13.15, 14.00 & 14.45 (ALL SOLD OUT)

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

Caol Ila Whisky Music Pairing Session: 16.00

From new make to mature spirit, from unpeated 'highland style' to muscatel cask-wood finish, taste and hear how the subtle nuances of flavour and tone of Caol Ila's single malt whisky resolve themselves through a number of different expressions, including Feis bottlings from 2013 and 2016, the Caol Ila Distiller's edition and the 2014 unpeated Special Release. Nick Morgan, Neil Ridley, Christian Lewis and Shaz Mahmood (Prince Adewale and the Endeavours) will provide a musical accompaniment to guide you on your journey through these unique whiskies from the Sound of Islay.

Ticket Price £25 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 60 max Duration 1 hour

Nibs and Nibbles: 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15:00 book on the day

The Monday Mix Up

Monday at Caol Ila means another chance to meet up with our Whisky Ambassadors Colin Dunn as he 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.

Throughout the day...

“**The Gulf Extreme**”, a merger of some of Scotland’s finest ceildh bands 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 25th May 2015

Managers Tour and Tasting: 14.00

Spend the afternoon with our distillery Manager Heather Wall and enjoy a tour of Caol Ila distillery followed by a premium tasting in our historic Caol Ila Cooperage. Heather 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 £45 Includes Caol Ila Glass 16 max Duration 2 hour

Thursday 26th May 2015

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Ticket Price £45 Includes Caol Ila Glass 16 max Duration 2 hour

Friday 27th May 2015

Managers Masterclass: 14.00

For those of you who missed out on Heather’s masterclasses on Monday there is one last chance on Friday to join her for a masterclass in Caol Ila & canapes. Sample 5 of Caol Ila’s finest wares paired perfectly with canapes in the Old Cooperage.

Ticket Price £35 Includes Caol Ila Glass 60 max Duration 1 hour

Laphroaig

Phone bookings only, lines will open at 2pm (GMT), 4th April 2016 on +44 (0)1496 302 418

A tasting glass will be given complimentary on entry to the distillery – please remember to take this with you to your tasting!

Sunday 22nd May 2016

Friends of Laphroaig – Welcome Home, 20:00 – 22:30

Join Friends of Laphroaig from far and wide for an informal evening in our Visitor Centre with drams and nibbles. (strictly limited to 100 places)

Price: £20

Tuesday 24th May 2016 – Open Day

Distillery Tour - 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 14:45, 15:30

Tour the distillery and taste each stage of the process from barley to whisky on the way. (Duration 1 hour)

Price: £5 - Phone bookings only (nothing on the day)!

Laphroaig Tasting Trio - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 14:45, 15:15, 15:45

A tutored tasting of 3 drams (Duration 20 minutes)
Each tasting below will run simultaneously on the times above.

- **Trio 1: VERTICAL**
Laphroaig aged 10, 15 & 25 years
- **Trio 2: FOLLOW THE MATURATION**
New Make Spirit, 3 Year & 6 Year Cask Samples
- **Trio 3: CAIRDEAS**
A Selection of 3 Cairdeas expressions from previous years
- **Trio 4: ALL ABOUT THE TASTE**
Laphroaig Select, Laphroaig Triple Wood and Laphroaig Lore

Price: £10

Side by Side - 10:30, 12:30, 14:30

Join Vicky in the D. Johnston Tasting room to enjoy the liquid that came from the casks before Laphroaig used them, alongside the Cairdeas that was matured in these casks. (Duration – 1 hour)

- Amontillado Sherry *alongside* Cairdeas 2014
- Wait and see! *alongside* Cairdeas 2016
- Port *alongside* Cairdeas 2013

Price: £30

Laphroaig Distillers - 09:30, 11:30, 14:30

Join Laphroaig Distillers past and present to taste their favourite drams and listen to stories from their time at the distillery. This is a unique opportunity to taste the latest Laphroaig expression LORE with the people that inspired the liquid. (Duration 1.25 hours, 6 drams)

Price: £50

Also at Laphroaig...

- Swap your wristband tokens for “Drams in the Peat Shed.”
- Listen to music in our courtyard
- FoLs – collect your rent and find your plot – not a FoL? Then why not become one?
- Enjoy food supplied locally by:
 - BBQ - AS Porter Butcher
 - Local Shellfish - Seafood Shack
 - Soup, Sandwiches & much more - St John’s Church

NEW THIS YEAR

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAY

This year you will be welcomed to Laphroaig by one of our Feis team who will provide you with an information pack and answer any questions you have on how to plan your day. Your pack will include a tasting glass - please make sure you have this with you throughout the day.

TICKETS – NEW THIS YEAR

All our OPEN DAY events on the 24th May will be ticketed. If you have visited us in the past, this is new. Tickets must be collected ahead of the event you have booked and presented to access individual events. Pre-booked tickets will be available for collection from Saturday, 14th May. We recommend that you collect them from the visitor centre ahead of time to avoid queueing on the open day. No refunds will be offered for tickets no longer required.

On the Day tickets will be available on the Laphroaig Tasting Trio selections and Distillery Tours. These will be sold on a first come first served basis.

WRISTBANDS

Festival wristbands will be given on entry to the distillery. These wristbands contain 3 tokens which can be exchanged for Drams in the Peat Shed. To taste more, book yourself onto one of the Trio Tastings, or pay by the dram for one of our selected expressions at the bar in the Peat Shed.

PARKING ON SITE IS LIMITED

So if you can – arrive without a vehicle. There is a pathway from Port Ellen that starts from the Primary School – a brisk 20 minute walk will take you to Laphroaig.

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Friends of Laphroaig – Dress up for Dinner, 19:30 – 22:00

Dress up for an evening at Laphroaig. Enjoy a 4 course dinner with familiar faces from Laphroaig and sample some specially selected drams.
(strictly limited to 40 places)

Price: £100

Bowmore

Please call (+44) 01496 301 227 to make a booking (first come first served, by telephone only)

Feis Ile Special Bottlings 2016

Feis Ile release

Our exclusive Feis Ile release this year is an extraordinary and curious marriage of 4 American Virgin Oak Barrels and a 1st fill Oloroso Sherry Butt re-racked and married together in the original oak, this is a whisky not to be missed! 1500 bottles will be available to buy exclusively from the distillery visitor centre from Saturday the 21st of May at 10am.

Price- £55.00 (400 bottles will be kept to go on sale on our open day on Wednesday the 25th)

Vintage Feis Ile Edition

Our exclusive Vintage Feis Ile Edition is a breath-taking 25 year old Bowmore, which has been lovingly finished in French Oak Wine Casks for over 12 years. Only 200 bottles of this precious liquid will be available to buy, exclusively on Wednesday the 25th of May! Golden Tickets will be issued to the first 100 people queuing at the distillery, thereafter you will be able buy and collect your bottle from 10am from the "Taste" bistro (must be collected by 4.30pm)

Price - £350 (1 per person)

Bottle Your Own

This year's "Bottle Your Own" for Feis Ile has been maturing since the 20th of January 1999 and is the first of our hand fills to be matured exclusively in Pedro Ximenez European Oak

Our "vaults experience" will be available to buy and hand fill from 10am on Saturday the 21st of May (Maximum of 4 bottles per person – pre filled bottles will be available for multiple bottle buys to reduce congestion and waiting times) Price - £100

Sunday 22nd May

Eddie's Golden Jubilee Dinner, 7.30pm

Join us on Sunday the 22nd of May for a jolly celebration with a few surprises.

24 tickets available, £150.00pp

Monday 23rd May

Managers Craftsman's Tour, 11am

Join Distillery Manager David Turner or Master Distiller Eddie MacAffer for an in-depth distillery tour and cask tasting.

18 Tickets available, price - £55.00

Magic happens on the blackest of nights, charity tour and tasting, 8pm

Join Eddie and David for a twilight tour and cask tasting followed by the extraordinary chance to taste one of our most precious and sought after whiskies, the magnificent Black Bowmore (Final Edition 31 years, 1964 –1995) . All of the proceeds from this evening of indulgence will go on to help local charities and projects.

18 tickets available, £300.00pp

Tuesday 24th May

Peaty Picnic's Tuesday, 11.30am

Join Ginger and Archie on the peat moss for stories and a peat cutters lunch, learn the story of Bowmore's water source and visit the stunning Laggan River. End the experience with a visit to the legendary Number One vaults for a cask tasting.

18 tickets available - £55.00

Wednesday 25th May 2016 – Open Day - Eddie's Golden Jubilee

Join us on the 25th of May as we celebrate our Master Distillers 50th year at Bowmore. A spirited day of lively music, master classes, and more!

During the day, 11am -5.30pm

Playing for us throughout the day we have the utterly unique Edinburgh based band **Corra Music** – who will be mixing up traditional Scottish music with rock and pop covers!

- Enjoy Drams by the Loch in the Bowmore Whisky Bar (from 11am)
- Visit the “Tasting Tent” for mini master classes – no need to book
- Join a “Jaunt around” tour of the distillery – no need to book
- Plenty of chances to win Bowmore prizes throughout the day!
- Smoking Hot Barbeque from our local Bowmore Butchers
- Splendid Fresh Islay Seafood from the Seafood Shack
- Scozzese Wood Fired Pizzas
- Juggling workshops, selfie station, and more!

Entry is Free and includes a dram or a soft drink: 11am -5.30pm

We are looking forward to welcoming friends from near and far to the home of Bowmore Single Malt!

Meet the Manager - 2016 Feis Ile Editions, 10.30am

Spend some time chatting to our Distillery Manager David Turner in the Number One vaults while you compare all three of this year's festival releases.

£30, 1 session, 18 covers

Malting Madness with the two Gingers, 9.30am, 11.45am, 2.30pm

Join our Brand Ambassador Gordon Dundas and the famous Ginger Willie in our traditional floor malting's, for an introduction to malting and peating. A hands on master class with samples of our global travel retail range, and more!

£30, 3 sessions, 20 covers each

Last Drop Legendary Duty Free, 10am, 12.30am, 3pm

A chance to re-visit some old favourites in the Bowmore Maltbarns, this interactive session will be hosted by Auchentoshan Distillery Manager Alistair McDonald

£30, 3 sessions, 20 covers each

Unlock the Hidden Depths, 9.30am, 12am, 2.45pm

Voyage deep inside Warehouse Number One to an area seldom open to the public for an atmospheric tasting. Compare four Bowmore drams each matured in a different type of oak and discuss the influences on the flavour, complete with nibbles.

£45.00 - 3 sessions, 12 covers each

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea, 2.30pm

Explore the differences between American Oak and Spanish Oak in this Devilish tasting with food pairings, hosted by Eddie and Mark.

£50 – 1 session, 10 covers

Single Cask Selection, 10.30/12.30/3

Sample some of our single cask distillery exclusives in this relaxed tasting.

£20 - 3 sessions, 16 covers

Whisky Trail Tour, 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm

Distillery tour with tastings on the go!

£10

Extra Tours and Tasting (throughout the week)

Thursday 26th May 2016

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18 tickets available - £55.00

Sunday 29th May 2016

Sunday Session, 12.30 – 3pm

A fond farewell for those of you who have survived the week!

Grab a hot filled roll from the Bowmore Grill

Survivors Tasting Sessions at 1pm and 2.30pm

£20.00pp (16 max)

JURA

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th May – Open Day(s)

#JuraTastival

Tastival is Jura's two day contribution to the Feis Isle Festival, which attracts whisky aficionados from all over the world to distillery open days each year.

The event on Jura invites guests to experience the island's only distillery, while exploring the many different ways to enjoy its whisky through live entertainment, sensory tastings and exclusive tours.

In addition to ticketed sessions, the Cooperage will be free to access, where **street artists from Recoat** will bring to life the different sides of Jura on a large-scale mural, live in the Dramming Bar.

The distillery will also run **free tours of the still house** throughout the day on a first come, first served basis.

Guests will also have first opportunity to try this year's limited edition **Tastival bottling**, released especially to mark the occasion. For 2016 Jura asked four artists from across the globe to create a unique illustrated design based upon their interpretations of the dram's tasting notes. Following heated competition, where fans voted for their favourite design online, Jura's first ever crowd sourced packaging is ready to be revealed – and toasted – live at Tastival 2016.

Tickets are available to purchase now at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jura-tastival-2016-wednesday-25th-thursday-26th-may-tickets-23696551022>

Wednesday 25th – Open Day(s)

Dine The Different Sides of Jura, 11.00-12.00, 12.30-13.30, 14.00-15.00, 15.30-16.30

An eclectic sweet and smoky menu from Jimmy's pop up – taking their renowned pop up dining concept out of London for a one-of-a-kind whisky pairing.

Price: £27.57

Dram Fyne, 11:00-11:30, 12:00-12:30, 13:00-13:30, 14.30-15.00, 15.30-16.00, 16.30-17.00

In partnership with renowned craft beer brewers, Fyne Ales, tickets are now on sale for this sweet and smoky themed beer pairing, putting some well hopped IPAs to the test alongside Jura whisky.

Price: £11.74

Whisky on the Waves, 11:30-12:10, 12.30-13.10, 13.30-14.10, 14.30-15.10

Ticketholders will cruise into the open sea to savour Jura Turas-Mara the way it was meant to be experienced – with the wind and sea spray in your face.

Price: £17.02

The Masters Tour, 11:30-13.00 (Sold Out), 15.00-16.30

Jura Manager's Willie Cochrane and Graham Logan will host this very special tour - a rare chance to experience the Jura still house as seen through the eyes of the people who make it.

Price: £22.29

In Conversation: with Richard Paterson, 11.45-12.30, 13.15-14.00, 14.30-15.15, 15.45-16.30

An exclusive Jura tasting session and Q&A with whisky legend Richard Paterson.

Price: £48.67

Thursday 26th May – Open Day(s)

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Kilchoman

All bookings must be made by phone 01496 850011 – a non-refundable deposit will be taken for each pre booking. Regular distillery tours are available throughout the week, please e-mail, tours@kilchoman.com to book.

Monday 23rd

Founders Tour with Anthony Wills, 2pm

An in depth tour of the distillery with founder Anthony Wills, finishing in our new tasting room where you will have the chance to taste some of our earliest releases and cask samples.
£40 – 12 places available

Tuesday 24th

Angels Share Glass Presentation, 2 – 4pm

Angels' Share Glass will be joining in the festival fun with their workshop at Kilchoman's Visitor Centre on Tuesday 24th. From 2pm – 4pm they will be demonstrating how they use their amazing glassblowing skills to make their famous Whisky Angels' but you'll have to close your eyes as they seal in some of our festival release as this technique is top secret!

www.angelsshareglass.com

Manager's Tour with George Wills, 2pm

An in depth tour of the distillery with George Wills, finishing in our new tasting room where you will have the chance to taste some of our earliest releases and cask samples.
£30 – 12 places available

Wednesday 25th

Manager's Tour with James Wills 2pm

An in depth tour of the distillery with James Wills, finishing in our new tasting room where you will have the chance to taste some of our earliest releases and cask samples.
£30 – 12 places available

Thursday 26th May - Open Day

Be a Bottler

9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm and 4pm

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.

£50 (includes your personalised bottle of Machir Bay) 12 places available

Kilchoman Distillery Farm Tour with Islay Heads

11am and 2pm

General Manager Islay heads will give you a guided tour of how the Distillery and Farm work in harmony, including a tour of the barley fields and other parts of the farm. You will enjoy drams of 100% Islay and our new spirit while standing in the very fields the barley was grown.

£25 – 12 places available

Anthony Wills Masterclass

12pm

A masterclass with distillery founder, Anthony Wills, tasting a wide range of cask samples from the early days and hearing all about life at Kilchoman from the man who started it all. Anthony will hand select cask samples from the warehouse, guiding you through each one.

£40 – 50 places available

Club Members' Masterclass, 2pm

A masterclass exclusively for Kilchoman Club Members, tasting some of our sold out releases which are no longer available. Peter Wills, who was the first of Anthony and Kathy's three sons to join Kilchoman, will talk you through the evolution of the distillery since he joined as a fresh faced 18 year old.

£30 - 50 places available

Blind Nosing Competition - Prize Draw, 4pm

Test your knowledge of Kilchoman – buy a ticket for £2 – nose all the glasses THEN fill in your guess (or you may even be very sure) for each glass. All correct entries will be put into a draw and the lucky winner declared at 4pm. The prize is a bottle of Kilchoman's Feis Ile 2016. All proceeds to charity.

Still House Visits

Throughout the day there's the opportunity to visit the still house to chat to our production team. Get up close whilst the team collect our new make spirit as it runs off the stills.

(No pre booking required)

Tutored Land Rover Tastings

Taste through a range of current Kilchoman expressions with Anthony's three sons, George, James and Peter. Available throughout the day.

£10 (no pre-booking required)

Live Music, 10.30am – 5pm

Trail West, Islay Pipe Band, The Blueswater & Reely Jiggered

Available throughout the day

BBQ, bar, café, gift shop, whisky!

Bunnahabhain

Tickets on sale now please click on the link: <http://shop.bunnahabhain.com/collections/bunnahabhain-feis-ile-2016> - or please speak to James at the Distillery T: +44 (0) 17496 840 557

Monday 23rd May 2016

Iain Shaw's Warehouseman's Walk, 11.30am

Iain is now a 5 year veteran of the Bunnahabhain Feis Ile and his own particular Warehouse Walk is growing in legendary status with visitors to Feis. Following in the footsteps of John McGillivray, Iain brings his own personal style and 'spiritual awakening' for attendees of his warehouse journey.

For those returning for 2016, we believe Iain's hair will have grown back in, right on time for Feis Ile!

Includes sampling of a few private drams which Iain has personally selected.

£35.00 per person, Duration 1 hour

Distillery Manager - Andrew Brown - Exclusive Launch & Tasting of our Feis Ile 2016 Releases, 14:00 (Sold out)

After being picked up by our Bunnahabhain Dramming Bus, Andrew Brown our Distillery Manager will host an exclusive private tasting of our Feis Ile 2016 releases. Always one of the highlights of the whisky year at Bunnahabhain for the workers and whisky folk alike the Feis Ile releases are eagerly awaited.

We have been working hard on producing another two distinguished releases befitting the Feis Ile. At this time we are awaiting their final confirmation as they finally mature on Islay, we will be able to announce closer to the Feis and will inform Festival attendees at that time.

Join Andrew as he shares with you our new Feis Ile releases along with 4 other drams in our Warehouse 9.

Combined with Andrew's personal stories and whisky tales distilled from his 25 years service at Bunnahabhain. A great afternoon awaits!

Session Description:

Andrew Brown, Distillery Manager

Exclusive Launch of our Feis Ile Releases 2016, Warehouse 9, Bunnahabhain Distillery

First 'sightings' & tastings of our Feis Iles - 6 drams in total:

- Feis Ile 2016 Release No 1 (tbc)
- Feis Ile 2016 Release No 2 (tbc)

- 3 Cask Strength drams from our Warehouse 9 2016 releases

- Mystery Bunnahabhain Vintage Dram!

Duration 1hr 45 mins, Price: £100.00

Long John's Warehouse Walk, 2:30pm

John McGillivray – Head Warehouseman, Bunnahabhain Distillery

Join 'Long John' McGillivray on his Warehouse Walk throughout the week of Feis Ile 2016.

John has been a Warehouseman for over 25 years at Bunnahabhain, overseeing the maturing and nurturing of our whisky. There is little John does not know about or indeed, what happens to our whisky, from new make to bottle while it rests in our rigorously selected oak casks of European & American descent.

John's informal and relaxed tour involves a visit to Warehouse No 7 and adjacent Filling Store, both lie next to the shore of the Sound of Islay breathing in the sea air and shaping the character of our Islay spirit.

Includes sampling a few private drams which John has personally selected

Duration 1 hour, Price: £35.00

Tuesday 24th May 2016

[Iain Shaw's Warehouseman's Walk, 11.30am](#)

See Monday...

£35.00 per person, Duration 1 hour

[Long John's Warehouse Walk, 2:30pm](#)

See Monday...

Duration 1 hour, Price: £35.00

Wednesday 25th May 2016

[Distillery Manager's Twilight Distillery Tour, 10.00pm](#)

Any time is a great time to be on Islay, the "cradle" of whisky distilling in Scotland. In May the nights begin to stretch as we head into summer and at times it appears we have 2,000 acres of sky.

We invite you to join us and take in the distillery with a few drams under the guidance of Andrew Brown, our Distillery Manager, on one of these long early summer nights as the sun sets and you are alone in the distillery. It is a beautiful time to be in around the production areas.

Andrew will share a few special drams as well as some of his secrets of how he makes his whisky at Bunnahabhain.

Dramming Whiskies:

- Bunnahabhain 12yo
- Bunnahabhain Ceobanach
- Bunnahabhain Cask Strength Feis Ile Selection

[Iain Shaw's Warehouseman's Walk, 11.30am](#)

See Monday...

£35.00 per person, Duration 1 hour

[Long John's Warehouse Walk, 2:30pm](#)

See Monday...

Duration 1 hour, Price: £35.00

[Bunnahabhain Feis Ile Past Masters - Former Feis Ile Releases, 2.30pm](#)

Andrew Brown, our Distillery Manager will take you back in time in terms of Feis Ile releases to modern day. Tasting 5 Feis Ile whiskies a special session awaits. For some of the whiskies we will be tasting the Islay way, throwing the cork away! We will be tasting Feis Ile whiskies from 2012 through to 2016.

For some of the Feis drams in the session our distillery stocks will be exhausted and you will be enjoying them for the last time overlooking the Sound of Islay at their spiritual home.

Andrew has been ever present when these whiskies have been released and enjoyed. Join Andrew as some drams take their final bow and Feis Ile 2016 takes its' first!

The Manager's Drams: 5 Bunnahabhain drams including:

- Bunnahabhain Amontillado Feis Ile 2012
- Bunnahabhain Sgeul na Mara Feis Ile 2013
- Bunnahabhain Westering Home Feis Ile 2014
- Bunnahabhain Rubha A' Mhail 2015
- Feis Ile 2016 Release No 1 (tbc)

£75.00 per person, Duration 75 mins

Thursday 26th May 2016

Iain Shaw's Warehouseman's Walk, 11.30am

See Monday...

£35.00 per person, Duration 1 hour

Dr Kirstie's Warehouse No 9 Session, 11.30am

A stand-out session from Bunnahabhain Feis 2015 were the dramming sessions in Warehouse 9. You are locked away in the distillery's converted floor maltings now home to our Bunnahabhain whisky maturing in the very best Spanish oak casks.

As with our inaugural warehouse tasting, Kirstie will guide you through our new warehouse drams with a very personal and in depth tasting. At the end of the session choose your own or all 3 to bottle yourself!

After Kirstie's session the warehouse door will slide open for Festival goers to 'Fill Their Own' bottle through the day.....Valinches at the ready!

Whiskies: Sample 3 drams straight from our Warehouse 9 Casks.

£35.00 per person, Duration 1 hour
*20cl 'bottle your own' from £30.00 per bottle

Bunnahabhain Class of 2016 - Tasting The Oldest Bunnahabhain Ever Released, 2.00pm

Our most anticipated Feis Ile tasting of the week out with our open day itself? You will be picked up by the Bunnahabhain Dramming Bus and brought to the distillery for a one to one session with Andrew Brown, Bunnahabhain's Distillery Manager and Dr Kirstie McCallum, our Senior Blender.

You will be the very first to taste the oldest Bunnahabhain ever released, our new Bunnahabhain 46yo. Limited to 146 bottles and with a headline price of £5,000 per bottle the whisky itself will not be available for purchase until July 2016. You will sample the rarest whisky in our inventory at the distillery along with other rare and vintage drams.

Andrew Brown, Distillery Manager & Dr Kirstie McCallum, Senior Blender

Dramming Whiskies:

- Bunnahabhain 46yo - New release for 2016
- Bunnahabhain 40yo
- Bunnahabhain 37yo - New release for 2016
- Bunnahabhain Feis Ile 2016 Release 1 (tbc)

Price: £300.00

Bunnahabhain Feis Ile 2016 Dinner - Bridgend Hotel, 7.30pm

On the eve of our big Feis Ile Day we are once again holding a private whisky dinner at the Bridgend Hotel. Join Andrew Brown, Distillery Manager and Dr Kirstie McCallum, our Senior Blender who will be pairing our Bunnahabhain whiskies with the finest Islay sourced produce cooked by the very highly rated team at the Bridgend Hotel.

Andrew & Kirstie will be sharing our Bunnahabhain 12 years old, 2 rare previous Feis Ile releases, a current Feis Ile 2016 edition and one dram specially selected for the Feis Ile 2016 Dinner from our warehouses.

Includes three course dinner, coffee & tea

5 Bunnahabhain drams including:

- Bunnahabhain 12 years old
- Bunnahabhain Rhuba A Mhail (Feis Ile Release 2014)
- Bunnahabhain Westering Home (Feis Ile Release 2014)
- Bunnahabhain Pedro Ximenez Moine (Feis Ile Release 2016)
- Bunnahabhain Secret Dram - Senior Blender & Distillery Manager's Choice

Example Menu:

Starter of sweet, caramelised scallops, asparagus, fennel, pickled radish & oak smoke.
Islay venison with sherry sultana puree, roast celeriac, parsnip crisps & star anise reduction.
Apple leather, filled with caramel pana cotta, flapjack & cinnamon cream.

£85.00 per person, Duration: A full pleasant evening

Location: The Bridgend Hotel, Isle of Islay, PA44 7PB
Dress Code: Casual & for enjoying whisky

Friday 27th May, 2016 – Open Day

The Manager's Drams - Morning Session, 10.30am

One of the highlights of our Festival Day is the dramming session by our Distillery Manager, Andrew Brown. Always very popular due to Andrew's insight into how we make our whisky as well as the encouraged audience participation in asking for more information on the finer details of Bunnahabhain's drams.

The gathering is always a mix of old & new festivals goers and with our Filling Store full to capacity a great time is had by all.

5 great drams shared with the Distillery Manager of Bunnahabhain.

The Filling Store, £60.00 per person, Duration 60 mins

The Manager's Drams: 5 drams including
Feis Ile 2016 Release No 2 (tbc)
Bunnahabhain Ceobanach
Bunnahabhain 18yo

NEW for Feis Ile 2016:

2 x Cask Strength Samples specially selected by Andrew for Feis Ile 2016

Day Tripper 2016 - Bus, Boat & Drams - Glasgow - Islay – Glasgow, 6:30-23:00

Join us at this year's Bunnahabhain Feis Ile on Friday 27th May 2016.

A Daytripper Ticket will take you from George Square, Glasgow to Islay and back again in a day.

Along the way there will be great whisky, a road trip, dramatic scenery, a sailing, Scottish breakfast, the Queen of the Hebrides, Bunnahabhain Whisky Festival, private Distillery Manager whisky tasting, companionship, the odd bit of dancing & singing (optional) & a return to Glasgow for a final Bunnahabhain dram!

Bunnahabhain Feis Ile Daytripper details:

- Return trip to Islay via bus, boat & drams. Accompanied with our Bunnahabhain brand ambassadors who are licensed to carry whisky!

- Full Scottish Breakfast on-board 'HMS Bunnahabhain' as we are calling The Finlaggan for the day!
- Welcome Dram & Tasting Session with Andrew Brown, Distillery Manager on Islay at Bunnahabhain Distillery on our Feis Ile Open Day.
- Access to Bunnahabhain Feis Ile Open Day – including tour of distillery and access to other dramming sessions* on the day (*must be booked in advance).
- Feis Ile bottle guaranteed purchase* (*must be paid for separately).
- Return Journey to Glasgow including evening meal on-board HMS Bunnahabhain (The Finlaggan).
- Toast to Bunnahabhain Feis Ile & Islay at The Pot Still Bar, Glasgow on return
- Experience our unique Bunnahabhain Feis Ile for the day, an incredible journey awaits!

Iain Shaw's Warehouseman's Walk, 10.30am, 12.30pm & 3.00pm

See Monday...

£35.00 per person, Duration 1 hour

Distillery Tours, 11.00am, 11.30am, 12.00 noon, 12.30pm, 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm, 2.30pm, 3.00pm & 3.30pm

Feis Ile Day would not be complete without a tour of our distillery. Join James, Kellie, David, Hester, Mairi & Duncan as well as members of our production team on a visit through our production areas and see, hear & smell how we make our famous Islay whisky.

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

£7.00 per tour – includes Feis Ile 2016 Tasting Glass, Duration 30 minutes.

George & Scott Talkin' Drams Tasting Sessions 2016, 12.00pm, 2:30pm (Sold out)

Bunnahabhain's answer to Morecombe & Wise, Cagney & Lacey, Laurel & Hardy take your pick! A gentle, laid back session with great whiskies.

One is a 40 plus year veteran of Bunnahabhain Distillery who also managed a career on the open seas, the other a whisky maverick of a different sort, our Whisky Ambassador with youth on his side!

Both with a passion for Bunnahabhain whisky, life and good times. A sell out in their first year together in 2015 they return for more of the same in a beautiful setting over looking the sound of Islay from the distillery lawn.

Tasting 4 Drams amid the Bunnahabhain banter!

Bunnahabhain 12yo, Ceobanach & 2 Exclusive Cask Samples from our Distillery warehouses.

Duration 45 minutes, Price: £25.00

Long John's Warehouseman's Walk, 10.00am, 11.45am & 2.00pm

See Monday...

Duration 1 hour, Price: £35.00

The Manager's Drams - Afternoon Session, 2.30pm

Distillery Manager, Andrew Brown & Senior Blender, Kirstie McCallum

An additional chance to share Bunnahabhain Feis Ile Day with our Distillery Manager & Senior Blender as Andrew & Kirstie return for a second session of great whiskies and Bunnahabhain whisky tales.

Andrew will give his insight into how he makes his whisky, the stories behind the cask samples chosen for this year's Feis. Kirstie with her blending skills will share the subtle nuances of our whisky as well as add a few tales from her time travelling the world on behalf of our single malt and recanting stories of the intrepid whisky traveller.

5 great drams to be had by two of the people who have a major human influence on their character.

The Filling Store, £60.00 per person, Duration 60 mins

The Manager's Drams: 5 drams including
Feis Ile 2016 Release No 2 (tbc)
Bunnahabhain Ceobanach
Bunnahabhain 18yo

NEW for Feis Ile 2016

2 x Cask Strength Samples specially selected by Andrew for Feis Ile 2016

Ardbeg

To book any of the Ardbeg tours or events from Sunday 22nd – Friday 27th May please call

- Jackie +44 (0) 1496 300201
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For Tastings and Tours on Saturday 28th May – no bookings taken, but there are limited spaces available and it is first come, first served, so arrive early to avoid disappointment.

We're very sorry but we are unable to take bookings by email.

Sunday 22nd May

MIDNIGHT MISSION, 2300hrs (finish 0045hrs) – Sold Out

Burn the midnight oil with us!

Smugglers plied their trade at the dead of night.... meet in the courtyard on the Ardbeg A for a night of the unforeseen as we retrace their steps.

Price: £24 (24 people per tour)

(Make your own transport arrangements and please drink responsibly)

DECEPTIVE DRAMS ON THE WAVES, 1300hrs (finish 1600hrs approx)

All is not what it seems! Legends tell of smugglers mooring dark ships off the coast - discover the places where the real Ardbeggian MacDougall clan perfected their whisky craft. Great fun aboard a RIB (Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat) and a chance to enjoy the seascape and landscape of the south of Islay with exceptional drams in unusual places.

Price: £25 (24 people per tour)

(Weather dependent)

Monday 23rd May

MIDNIGHT MISSION, 2300hrs (finish 0045hrs) – Sold Out

Details see Sunday.

RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSES, 1300hrs (finish 1530hrs approx) – Sold Out

Smugglers certainly enjoyed their drams! Using elements so generously provided for them by nature they perfected their art of concealment. Let us take you to some hidden places around Islay never visited before for a tasting – creating some whisky memories along the way.

Price: £25 (16 people per tour)

(We will sneak some sustenance with us for the journey.)

Tuesday 24th May

DECEPTIVE DRAMS ON THE WAVES, 1300hrs (finish 1600hrs approx) – Sold Out

Details see Sunday.

FEIS ILE FOLK NIGHT AT ARDBEG DISTILLERY, 2000hrs (finish 2300hrs)

We're absolutely delighted to be hosting the Annual Feis Ile Committee Folk Night at Ardbeg Distillery this year. Join us for a pie, a pint and a great line up of local folk music.

Price: £10 /entry (plus £7.50 for a pie and a pint)

Please note this event is run by the Feis Ile Committee. Ardbeg Distillery cannot take any bookings.

Wednesday 25th May

MIDNIGHT MISSION, 2300hrs (finish 0045hrs) – Sold Out

Details see Sunday.

RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSES, 1300hrs (finish 1530hrs approx) – Sold Out

Details see Sunday.

CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD, 1230hrs

Come and party with the Coaltown Daisies – a rising duo of Scottish singer/songwriters who write and perform folk, soul and Americana music.

Price: Free (No booking required)

Thursday 26th May

DECEPTIVE DRAMS ON THE WAVES, 1300hrs (finish 1600hrs approx) – Sold Out

Details see Sunday.

THE FAMOUS ARDBEG BBQ, 1900hrs (finish 2230hrs) – Sold Out

Experience the real feeling of the whisky festival in the Smugglers Den (aka The Courtyard). With friends. With whisky. With food. With music. Wear your heart on your sleeve to ensure entry (wearing an item of Ardbeg clothing will prove your worth.)

Price: £35 (100 people)

UNDERCOVER OFFICERS, 1300hrs (finish 1500hrs)

Can you tell which of our staff have switched jobs for the afternoon? Why is Dugga causing chaos in the Café? What's Dionne snooping in the Stillhouse for?

Price: Free (No booking required)

Friday 27th May

RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSES, 1300hrs (finish 1530hrs approx) – Sold Out

Details see Sunday.

Saturday 28th May - ARDBEG NIGHT 2016

We know Ardbeg's island home had a dark past. Centuries ago, at the dead of night, the early distillers would smuggle their whisky from the rocky shores of Ardbeg cove, to black-painted ships moored off the coast, where it would be spirited away to the Scottish mainland. This year, the shadowy history of Ardbeg's homeland will be recalled as part of the annual celebration of the Islay single malt, when Ardbeg Day becomes Ardbeg Night.

We can't reveal too much here but it's safe to say: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED! There'll be games and challenges a-plenty and lots of music and laughter.

We'll be smuggling you on special tours all day, just head to the waiting area to join one.

What about the secret tasting sessions hidden around the Distillery? Will you crack the code to find one? Will it be with Mickey? Only time will tell.....

Time: 1000hrs onwards

Price: £5 (includes a dram, a smokie and activities – and a tour, if you join the queue!)

£20 (includes a dram, a smokie, activities and a tasting, if you can crack the code!)

We are not taking ANY bookings for events on Ardbeg Night. Spaces are limited, first come first served from 1000hrs.

22nd - 27th May - STANDARD (BUT NEVER BORING) TOURS

DISTILLERY TOUR AND TASTING, SU-FR, 1500hrs (finish 1600hrs)

Day: Sunday 22nd

Monday 23rd

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th (SOLD OUT)

Price: £5

FULL RANGE TOUR AND TASTING, SU-FR, 1000hrs (finish 1130hrs)

Day: Sunday 22nd
Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Wednesday 25th
Thursday 26th
Friday 27th

Price: £18

WOOD AND WHISKY , MO-FR, 1215hrs (finish 1315hrs)

Day: Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Wednesday 25th (SOLD OUT)
Thursday 26th
Friday 27th

Price: £30

DECONSTRUCTING THE DRAM, MO-FR, 1400hrs (finish 1630hrs)

Day: Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Wednesday 25th
Thursday 26th
Friday 27th (SOLD OUT)

Price: £40

BOG OFF (WALK TO THE WATER SOURCE), SU, 1100hrs (finish 1430hrs approx)

Day: Sunday 22nd
Price: £50