

Argyll & The Isles

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Oban & Lorn

An t-Oban & Latharna

The bustling, beautiful port of Oban provides a charming contrast to the tranquil countryside of Lorn with its sweeping mountain wildernesses and pristine lochs. Discover a place where dramatic castles and gorgeous gardens await, and sparkling island gems are only a scenic boat ride away.

Spend a day or two exploring Oban, the unofficial capital of the western seaboard. Begin your day with a trip to the Scottish Sealife Sanctuary and discover the magical world beneath the waves with graceful seahorses, playful otters, seals and the incredible giant Pacific octopus. With relaxing coastal walks and thrilling watersports nearby, this is a perfect destination for all the family.



01 McCaig's Tower overlooking Oban.

Pay a visit to the Oban Distillery, one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland to learn about the art of whisky-making, enjoy complimentary tastings of their unique single malts and uncover the deep ties between the distillery and the town that grew up around it.

Make your way north to visit the romantic ruins of Dunollie Castle, seat of the Clan MacDougall and an ancient royal stronghold. Admire the views over Oban harbour before making the short voyage to the tiny island of Kerrera. Witness wonderful wildlife such as otters and porpoises, and visit brooding Gylen Castle, known as the 'castle of fountains'. Witness the effect of the warm Gulf Stream waters on the diversity of plant life in the area's glorious gardens. Take time to explore woodland walks among carpets of bluebells at Kinlochlaich House Gardens, or visit Ardochattan Priory Gardens, founded by monks in the 13th century, and now a peaceful haven boasting a wide variety of plants and flowers and magnificent views over Loch Etive.

Explore more in Oban & Lorn

- Oban War and Peace Museum – uncover Oban's fascinating stories from the years of war as well as a rich history of this busy port and its people.
- Cruachan Power Station – you'll be surprised at what is buried deep within Ben Cruachan as you take a trip further into the hollow mountain to uncover a pioneering hydro power station.
- Stramash Outdoor Activities – you'll be spoilt for choice of thrilling outdoor activities such as sea and river kayaking, surfing, archery, gorge scrambling and much more.
- McCaig's Tower – a steep climb from the town centre to the tower will reward you with incredible views over the Bay to the Atlantic Islands, and you can see the beautifully maintained gardens within the tower itself.