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On the West Coast of Scotland, the region of Argyll and the Isles is brimming with exceptional experiences, outstanding accommodation options and breath-taking scenery. Our luxury itinerary is for the discerning traveller who seeks out the unique, the tasteful and the unforgettable travel experience.

#relaxed #exceptionalexperience #meetthelocals #luxury #foodanddrink

A relaxed programme which allows for a full immersion into the region, the scenery, the people and produce. The programme, for the clients' comfort, is based on a chauffeur driven tour and can also be modelled as a self-drive programme.

DAY 1

Client will travel from their central belt location to Loch Lomond, which famously features in the song 'The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond'. It extends north for 24 miles and is a popular access point to the West Highlands.

Explore the area off the beaten track with 4x4 Adventures. Experience the thrill of driving an iconic Defender on a private 4x4 Adventure or take the back seat and let your private guide and driver take you on an exhilarating journey. Discover Loch Lomond's stunning landscape from the hilltops,

tackling challenging terrain, with a fascinating tour along the way.

Overnight can be at Cameron House Hotel (5*) or Lomond Arms Hotel (4*).

DAY 2

Argyll and the Isles is a region that has over 3720km of coastline and 23 inhabited islands and today your clients have the opportunity to explore land from the water. Jason and his team at Wreckspedition specialise in taking client on exceptional private tours and your clients can be collected at Arrochar on Loch Long with the private charter boat, Redbay Stormforce 7.4m RIB, that can cater for up to 8 pax.

One tour option could take guests down to Loch Goil, passing Carrick Castle, and the seal colonies on to the Boat Shed Cafe for lunch. In the afternoon clients will explore the Sugar boat shipwreck then back to Rhu Marina

Helensburgh where the clients' car will await the guests to take them back to the hotel.

There are a number of tour experiences available from wild picnics to Gin Distillery visits on route and more, all with a choice of pick up and drop off points in the region. Jason will be happy to tailor make an experience according to your clients' wishes.

The rest of the afternoon can be spend relaxing at the Carrick Spa, an award-winning Cameron Spa at Loch Lomond offering a tranquil and unique spa experience with luxury wellness treatments & a rooftop infinity pool.

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From Left to right.
Cameron House Hotel
Wreckspedition
Cameron Spa



DAY 3

For those wanting to spend most of the day on Islay we advise considering a helicopter charter from a Loch Lomond landing spot to the Isle of Islay.

Taking the route by car will provide access to some lesser known gems. Pay a private visit to [Ardkinglas House](#), situated on the shores of Loch Fyne against a spectacular background of mountain and forest. The estate covers about 4800 hectares and the house is an architectural gem, considered to be the architect Sir Robert Lorimer's masterpiece. The house is a much-loved family home and not generally open to the public, a private tour can be booked though on request.

Lunch could be at [Inver Restaurant](#) a modern Scottish restaurant on Loch Fyne which has recently been awarded Best Restaurant in Scotland in June 22 by the National Restaurant Awards. It is small, characterful restaurant with rooms which offers a contemporary and progressive take on traditional Scottish food.

Guests will continue across the Cowal Peninsula and on to [Portavadie](#) where they will take the ferry to the small historic harbour village of Tarbert and on to Kennacraig for the ferry to Islay.

Arrival on the Isle of Islay in the late afternoon to settle into the hotel or indeed to include a visit to one of the many whisky distilleries.

Overnight can be at [The Machrie](#), a modern, relaxed hotel with a world-class golf links.



DAY 4

Guests can look forward to an [Islay Seafood Special Boat Experience](#) today. Leaving from Port Ellen, guests are taken along the south-east coast of Islay where their Skipper will tell guests about some of Islay's history and heritage. After taking in the three Southern Distilleries, they will then carry on to Islay's special area of conservation which is only viewable from the sea. Here there is an abundance of wildlife including a large seal colony, red deer, lots of bird life and some of the best scenery the island has to offer. Sometimes we even spot dolphins and white-tailed eagles.

Once in the calm waters of the special area of conservation, also known as the South-East Islay Skerries, guests will be treated to some of the freshest seafood imaginable. Hand-dived from the sea to the BBQ it doesn't get any fresher!

Scallops are the star of the show and will always be available with other seafood subject to availability. Wherever possible we will also give guests the opportunity to try and catch a fish for the BBQ. Refreshments will be provided - bread, salad, and maybe even a wee dram! An exhilarating half day on the water experiencing the best of what Islay has to offer.

Round off the afternoon by visiting one of the outstanding whisky distilleries of the island for a tour and a tasting before returning to the hotel.

[The Bowmore Distillery](#) offers a cask tasting experiences which takes clients straight to the heart of the distillery. The Legendary No.1 Vaults, their old stone warehouse which sits on the edge of Loch Indaal, where the enchanting character of Islay and centuries of tradition patiently combine to create outstanding whisky. Clients will be able to enjoy a selection of cask strength whiskies and will also take home a special 100ml cask sample.

Overnight on the Isle of Islay.

DAY 5

Return to Kennacraig today and travel north. Make a tour to Crinan Canal to enjoy this incredibly scenic setting and clients can consider a spot of lunch at the Crinan Hotel. For over 200 years the hotel has been the centre of this little community and today it is an international meeting point for Hebridean sailors, fishermen, yachtsman, holiday makers and above all lovers of the best of Scottish produce. If your clients would like to experience lunch here, we strongly recommend that a booking is made in advance.

Build in a stop and a private walking tour at Kilmartin Glen. The area spans 5,000 years with a multitude of cairns, standing stones, carved rock, stone circles, forts and castles. Kilmartin Glen is considered to have one of the most important concentrations of Neolithic and Bronze Age remains in Scotland.

There are more than 350 ancient monuments within a six mile radius of the village, with 150 of them being prehistoric. Monuments include standing stones, a henge monument, numerous cists, and a 'linear cemetery' comprising five burial cairns. Several of these, as well as many natural rocks, are decorated with cup and ring marks.

Arrive into Oban in the afternoon for check in at the accommodation and then enjoying the buzz of Scotland's seafood capital.

Overnight can be at [Knipoch House Hotel](#) a cosy family-run hotel that combines modern luxury with a classic Scottish welcome.



From Left to right.
[The Machrie Hotel & Links](#)
[Port Ellen, Isle of Islay](#)
[Knipoch House Hotel, Oban](#)

DAY 6

A unique experience awaits today, your clients have the opportunity to visit one of the exceptional small Islands of Argyll.

Lismore is near Oban on the West coast of Scotland, 10 miles long and about a mile wide. With over 130 bird species and an abundance of rare wildflowers Lismore truly lives up to its Gaelic name 'Lios Mòr' meaning 'the Great Garden'.

Home to around 160 'Liosachs', the island's low population allows wildlife to thrive, and is known for its peregrine falcons, seals, otters and seabirds including razorbills. The island's three lochs, as well as its islets and skerries, are designated as a Special Areas of Conservation.

Join Robert for a [private hire Land Rover tour](#), highlighting the island's spectacular wildlife and coastal scenery, rich heritage, delicious local foods and close-knit community. An experience that is truly off the beaten track and lets guests engage

with locals, understand their way of life and get true insights into our stunning landscapes.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon for a relaxed evening with good food and wine, enjoying one of our stunning sunsets.

DAY 7

Today brings your clients exceptional experiences in Argyll and the Isles to an end. There is more to see and explore around Scotland or your clients might return back to Edinburgh and Glasgow for their onward journey home. Travelling time from Oban to Glasgow is a mere 2.5 hours on the most direct route.



HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

5 star

- [Cameron House Hotel](#), Loch Lomond
- [Portavadie](#), Loch Fyne
- [Kilmartin Castle](#), Lochgilphead
- [Isle of Eriska Hotel](#), Isle of Eriska (Restaurant Michellin Starred)
- [No 26 by the Sea](#), Oban
- [No 17 the Promenade](#), Oban

4 star

- [Knipoch House Hotel](#), Oban
- [Knockderry House](#), Cove on Loch Long
- [Lomond Arms Hotel](#), Loch Lomond
- [Loch Melfort Hotel](#), near Oban
- [Barcaldine Castle](#), near Oban
- [Machrihanish Dunes](#) (The Ugadale Hotel & The Royal Hotel), Kintyre
- [The Harbour Inn](#), Islay

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Contact McKinlay Kidd who are experienced in providing a high quality service and product in our region.

From Left to right.
Explore Lismore
Seafood at the Pierhouse Hotel
McCaig's Tower in Oban
Oban Distillery



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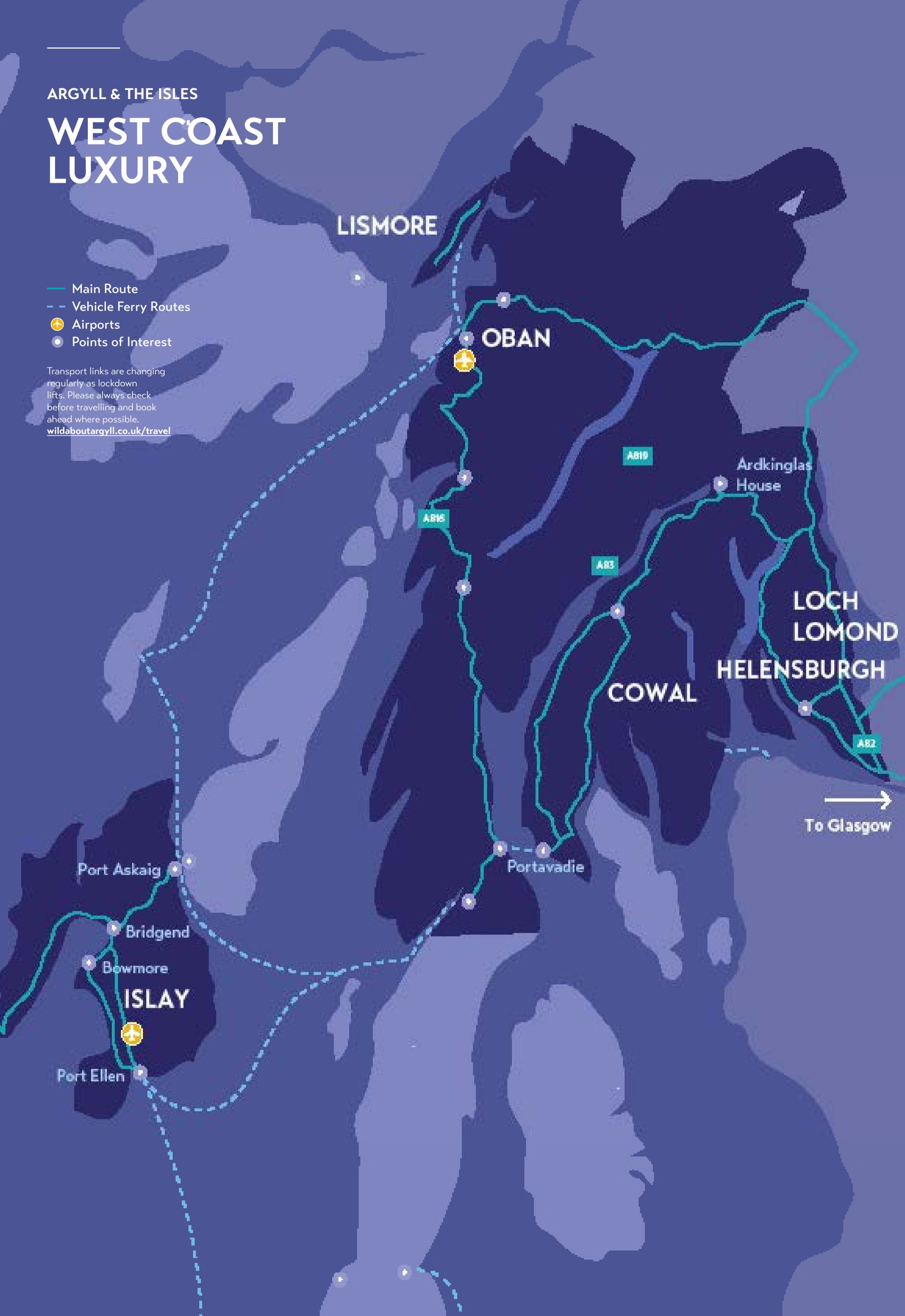


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- Main Route
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- ✈ Airports
- Points of Interest

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LISMORE

OBAN

Ardkinglas House

LOCH LOMOND

HELENSBURGH

COWAL

→
To Glasgow

Port Askaig

Bridgend

Bowmore

ISLAY

Port Ellen

Portavadie