

# Homecoming Scotland

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**WHISKY  
MONTH**

**MAY '09**

**Event Guide**

Updated Version May 2009

*Join our  
Celebrations*

**Explore Scotland  
through its famous  
national drink in a  
month long festival  
of Whisky.**



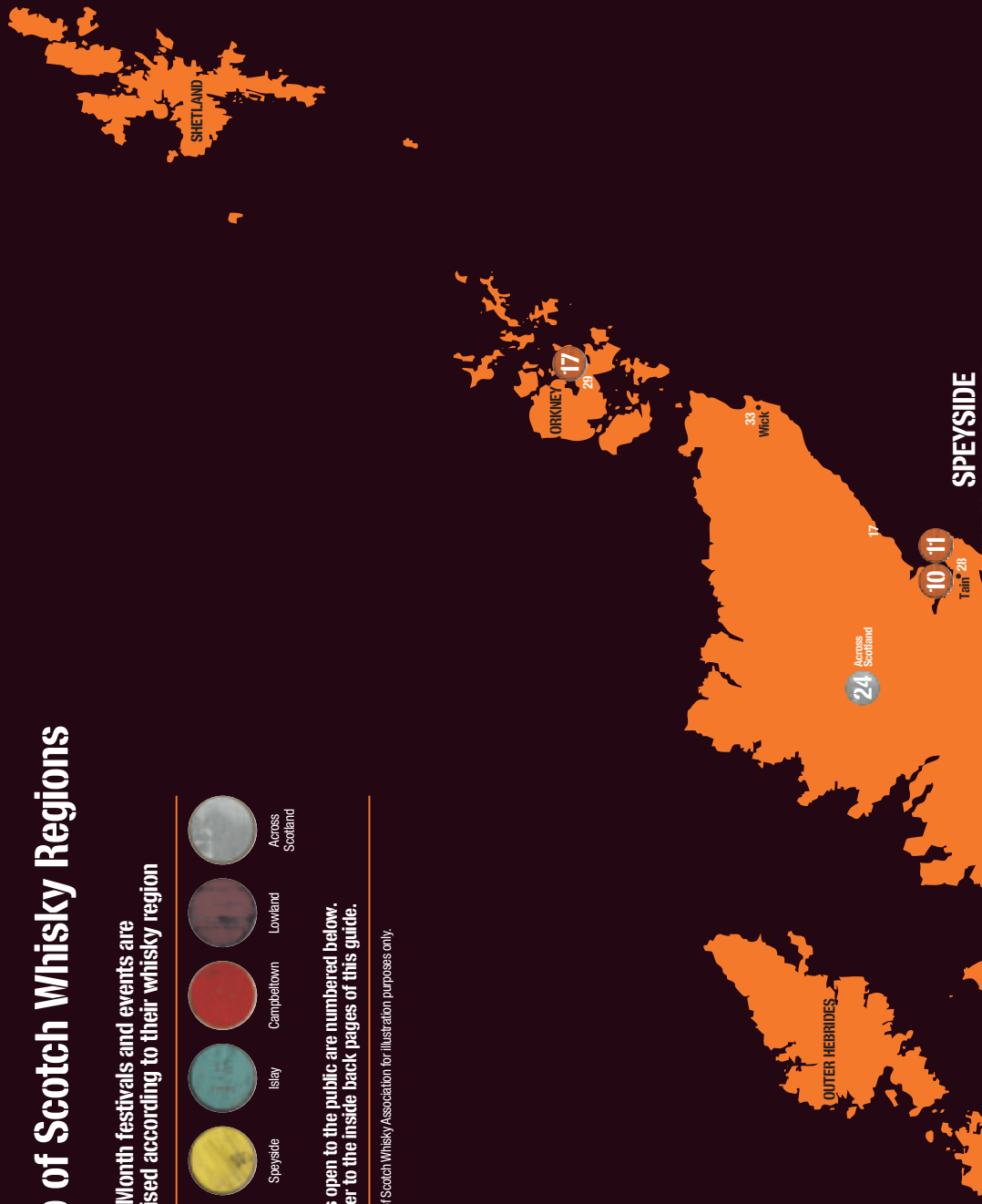
# Map of Scotch Whisky Regions

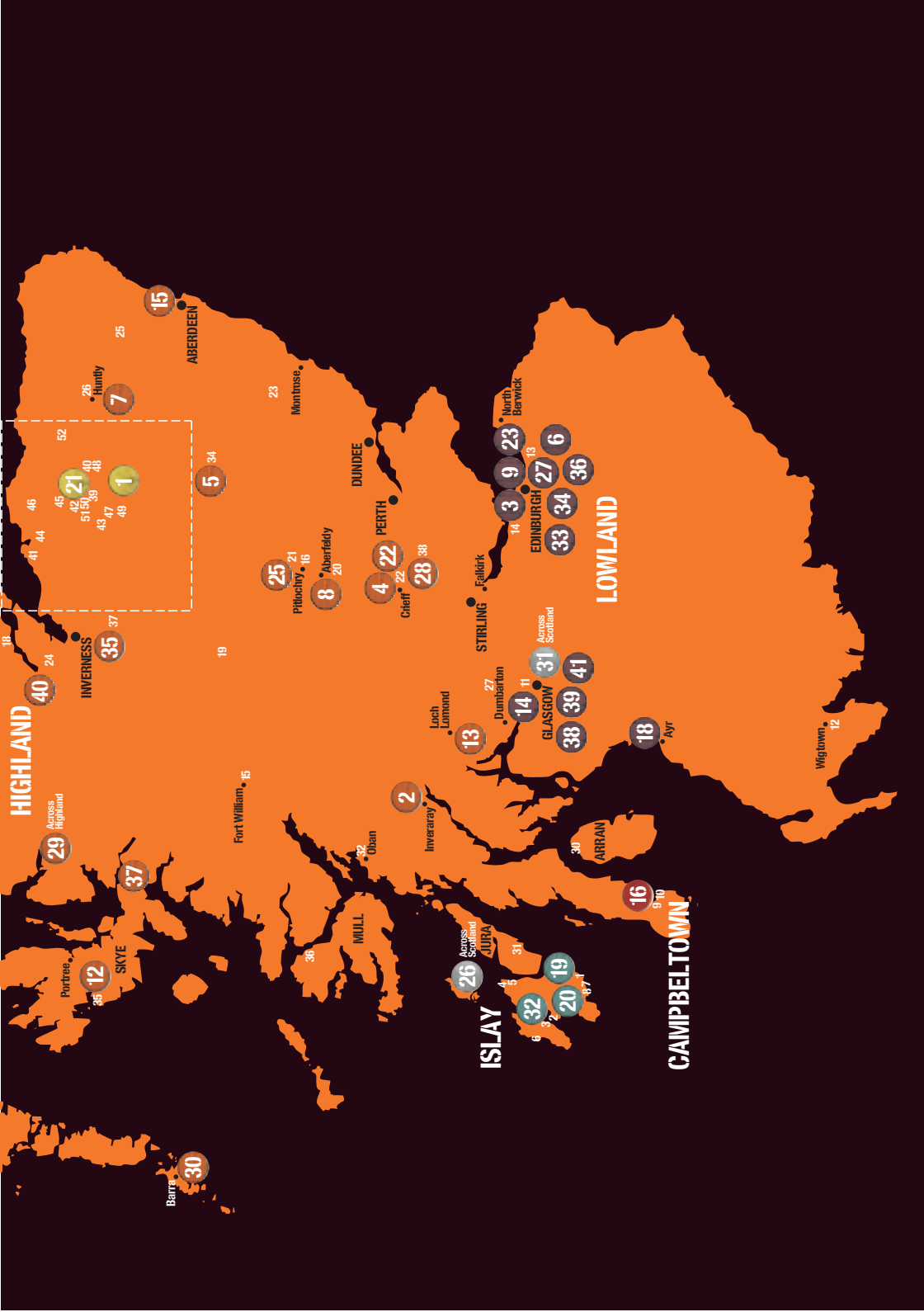
Whisky Month festivals and events are categorised according to their whisky region

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|  | Highland        |
|  | Speyside        |
|  | Islay           |
|  | Campbeltown     |
|  | Lowland         |
|   | Across Scotland |

Distilleries open to the public are numbered below. Please refer to the inside back pages of this guide.

Map courtesy of Scotch Whisky Association for illustration purposes only.





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Across Highland

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North Barwick

Highland

Lowland

Campbeltown

Islay

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Mull

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Arran

Inverness

Fort William

Inveraray

Oban

Loch Lomond

Dumblarton

Ayr

Wigtown

Phibohy

Aberfeldy

Cheff

Phortree

Barrs

# Enjoy a huge range of unmissable Whisky events and experiences during May's Whisky Month and throughout the year of Homecoming Scotland 2009 celebrations.

Whisky Month invites you to explore Scotland through its famous national drink in a month long festival including highlights such as the Spirit of Speyside Festival, Spirit of the West and Feis Ile – Islay's Malt and Music Festival.

Throughout May 2009, look out for some of Scotland's most popular and exclusive distilleries as they open their doors to visitors.

Explore and discover the unique characteristics of the whisky regions of Scotland: the Highlands, Speyside, Lowlands, Islay and Campbeltown, as well as getting behind the scenes to experience the creation of this iconic drink through the many distillery tours and events on offer.

## How to book tickets

Although some events are free, prices vary for distilleries, tours, events and festivals. For details on availability, ticket prices and how to book visit [homecomingscotland2009.com/whiskymonth](http://homecomingscotland2009.com/whiskymonth) and use the search engine to select the event you wish to see following the link to the event or distillery website.

Please remember to check availability for accommodation when you are booking tickets due to popularity and limited capacity on some of the tours and festival locations.



Join our  
Celebrations

**Scotland is home to over 100 malt and grain distilleries, providing the greatest concentration in the world.**

**The malt whisky regions in Scotland, the Highlands, Lowlands, Speyside, Campbeltown and Islay all have their own unique characteristics with the geography and climate of each region influencing the whisky produced there.**

#### **Highland Malt**

Geographically the largest producing region, Highland whiskies are rounded, robust and dry in character with a hint of smokiness and peatiness. Those to the north are notably heathery and slightly spicy in character; near to the sea they carry a salty tang; while in sheltered areas whiskies have a more fruity character.

#### **Lowland Malt**

Lowland malts reflect the calm, lush countryside of the region and tend to be light, soft and mellow and gentle on the palate.

#### **Speyside Malt**

Home to half of Scotland's Scotch Whisky distilleries, the whiskies from this region are noted for their elegance and complexity. Influenced by water flowing over hills of granite and peat moors, they have a refined smokiness, gentleness and delicacy to their character.

#### **Campbeltown Malt**

Located at the southern end of the Mull of Kintyre, Campbeltown whiskies are robust in character and carry the salty tang of the sea.

#### **Islay Malt**

The island is home to eight distilleries. Some Islay whiskies are pungent and powerful with a distinctive whiff of sea air, whilst those in sheltered locations have a gentler but still clearly identifiable character.

**Be sure to take part in some of the great whisky-related events taking place during Whisky Month and throughout 2009 and make sure you try some Scotch Whisky when you travel around Scotland – there's a whisky to suit everyone's taste!**

**This guide is designed to offer you a flavour of the variety of Whisky Month events that are being held across Scotland in May and throughout 2009. To keep up to date with the full programme and to register for updates visit our website: [homecomingscotland2009.com](http://homecomingscotland2009.com)**

# Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival

May 1 -10

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Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival celebrates 10 years of world class events over 10 days at venues throughout Speyside. The theme Whisky, Music, Food and Fun provides enjoyment for whisky lovers, their friends and families from all over the world.

The Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary and Homecoming Scotland with an extended programme of events over 10 days at venues throughout Speyside. Offering a diverse range of specialist Whisky tours, tastings and gourmet food events, the theme of Whisky will also converge with music, scenic walks, arts, golf and exclusive retail opportunities to provide entertainment for Whisky enthusiasts and novices as well as their friends and families.

Festival buses link the picturesque villages and friendly hostleries of Aberlour, Aviemore, Craigellachie, Dufftown, Elgin, Fochabers, Forres, Glenlivet, Granton on Spey, Keith, Knockando and Rothes enabling visitors to explore the area at their leisure.

On Saturday May 9th the festival comes to a climax with a spectacular musical event on the banks of the River Spey in Aberlour. The Spirit of Speyside will showcase the very best of the region's musical heritage and talent and is headlined by the legendary Scottish band Capercaillie whose seductively contemporary sound, mastery of traditional instruments and voice of Karen Matheson have thrilled fans all over the world. With other highlights including a stunning performance by The Bucksburn & District Pipe Band, internationally renowned fiddle player Charlie McKerron and a dazzling firework display over the River Spey, this unique event will ensure that the Spirit of Speyside 2009 celebrations are a truly memorable occasion.

Details of all 250 events, accommodation and information on the subsidised transport can be found by visiting the website.



Across Speyside  
[spiritofspeyside.com](http://spiritofspeyside.com)  
Prices vary - Some events are free

# Spirit of the West

May 16 - 17

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The Whisky Coast presents Spirit of the West, a spectacular weekend event on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May 2009 in the stunning grounds of Inveraray Castle, Argyll. Join us in celebrating Scotland's West Coast Whisky and the rich culture and dramatic scenery in which it is created.

Experience the tastes, sights and sounds of the West in themed marquees, including whisky, food and drink, music and drama, heritage and culture and arts and crafts - suitable for all the family. Capture the true magic of the nation's water of life in the Whisky Coast Marquee. Over 18s can savour the flavour with nosings & tastings of peaty and smoky golds and take part in one of 12 whisky masterclasses with key industry figures. Whether novice or enthusiast, this is a unique opportunity to meet 16 world famous West Coast whisky distillers including Springbank & Glengyle from Campbeltown, Isle of Arran, all eight distilleries from the Isle of Islay including Ardbeg, Bowmore, Bruichladdich, Bunnahabhain, Caol Ila, Kilchoman, Lagavulin and Laphroaig, Isle of Jura, Oban, Tobermory from the Isle of Mull, Ben Nevis from Fort William and Talisker from the Isle of Skye.

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers will raise everyone's spirits at the event opening on the Saturday and celebrity chef Nick Nairn joins us on Sunday 17th May in the food & drink marquee to cook up dishes with a whisky twist. Food from Argyll will bring unique flavours from the west under one roof with meats, seafood, confectionery, bakery, wines and beers from high quality, local & fresh suppliers.

All this and an amazing cultural entertainment line up with trails and tales of whisky's turbulent past, performances by whisky folk singer Robin Laing, the Argyll Homecoming Gaelic Choir, the golden voice of Islay, Norma Munro, pipes and drums tribal group Clann an Drumma, a range of family outdoor entertainment and much much more.



Inveraray Castle, Inveraray  
0871 230 5580  
[spiritofthewest.co.uk](http://spiritofthewest.co.uk)  
Prices vary

# The Scotch Whisky Experience

From April and throughout Homecoming year

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Visit The Scotch Whisky Experience and enter the fascinating world of Scotch Whisky. There is an exciting programme of events for Homecoming visitors to enjoy including a new interactive tour following a major renovation, whisky sampling and even a special edition Homecoming whisky cocktail to try.

## The Diageo Claive Vidiz Scotch Whisky Collection

A jewel in the crown of the new tour at the Scotch Whisky Experience. The world's largest collection of Scotch Whiskies has been brought home and will be displayed in a specially designed vault. This unique record breaking collection, featuring 3,384 bottles was built up over 35 years by Brazilian whisky enthusiast Claive Vidiz, who has scoured the world for whiskies to create the magnificent collection. The collection is a "must see" experience for whisky fans and novices alike and a highlight in the celebration of Scotland as the Home of Whisky.

## Enthusiasm for Scotch May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Every Friday throughout May, enjoy a full afternoon at the Scotch Whisky Experience. Start with a guided tour followed by a dram and Scottish Tapas. Our specially trained whisky tasting team will take you through the differences between Scotch Whisky and other world renowned drinks before embarking on a sensory aroma journey. Finish with a tutored tasting of 4 selected malt whiskies.



The Scotch Whisky Experience, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh  
0131 220 0441  
[scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk](http://scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk)  
Prices vary

# The Famous Grouse Experience Warehouse No. 9

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May 1 - 31

For those keen to taste and learn more about our whiskies, after completing the distillery tour we will take you to our exclusive and unique tasting room within Warehouse No. 9 - a first for Scotland. You will be guided through our malt range from 10 years to 30 year old malt.

Glenturret Distillery, Crieff  
01764 656565  
thefamousgrouse.com  
£30



# Royal Lochnagar – Special Homecoming Tours

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May 1 - 31

Situated on the south side of the River Dee close to Balmoral Castle, Royal Lochnagar's age old traditions and craftsmanship produce one of Scotland's most exclusive whiskies, a malt whisky worthy of the 'Royal' prefix to its name. Royal Lochnagar will be offering a Highland, Island and Speyside Tasting Tour. Open every day throughout May.

Royal Lochnagar Distillery, Aberdeenshire  
01339 742700  
discovering-distilleries.com  
Prices vary



# Scottish Mining Mayfest

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May 1 - 4

Join Midlothian's unique Mayfest community celebrations with a red carpet whisky ball on May 1st. Nosing and sampling with expert advice will blend with the finest Scottish cuisine, Burns recitals and a traditional ceilidh to make a memorable evening. Throughout the rest of the festival visit the Scottish Mining Museum, Europe's finest Victorian colliery and enjoy songs, poems, dances and special tours.

Scottish Mining Museum, Newtongrange, Midlothian  
0131 663 7519  
scottishminingmuseum.com  
Prices vary



# Ardmore Distillery's Homecoming

May 4 - 5

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Rarely open to the public, experience a bespoke all access tour of Ardmore Distillery (max 6 per tour). Experience a fantastic insight into the traditional way Ardmore is crafted, followed by a tour of nearby historic Leith Hall where a tutored whisky tasting will be held conducted by Master Blender Robert Hicks and Distillery Manager Alistair Longwell.



Ardmore Distillery, Aberdeenshire  
01464 831 213  
ardmorewhisky.com  
£30 Adults only. Limited spaces

# Dewar's World of Whisky

May 4, 11, 18, 25

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Dewar's Signature Tour – a unique opportunity to celebrate Homecoming Scotland and to taste some of the world's finest and rarest whiskies from Dewar's premium portfolio. Experience a warehouse tasting of Aberfeldy Single Malt direct from the cask. Includes entry to Dewar's Heritage Exhibition and a personalised distillery tour. Booking by appointment only.



Aberfeldy Distillery, Perthshire  
01887 822 010  
dewars.com  
£30 Adults only. Limited spaces

# From the Vaults: Whisky and the Scots

May 7 - June 26

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A rare chance to see the history of Scotland's national drink told from the treasures in the National Archives of Scotland. Highlights include the earliest document to mention whisky from 1494 and the book in which the dying poet Robert Burns signed for his salary as an exciseman in 1796. The exhibition will be accompanied by specially-loaned objects relating to the history of Scotch Whisky.



West Register House, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh  
0131 535 1400  
nas.gov.uk  
Free

# Glenmorangie Distillery - Whisky Month extended tours & tutored tastings

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**Tuesdays & Thursdays throughout May**

Established in 1843, Glenmorangie Distillery is home to the tallest malt whisky stills in Scotland. Visit the distillery and see our highly skilled craftsmen – the ‘Sixteen Men of Tain’ – at work. Special extended tours for Whisky Month including an exclusive tutored tasting of the Glenmorangie range with the Distillery Manager. Places are on a first come, first served basis. Standard tours are also available.



Glenmorangie Distillery, Ross-shire  
01862 892477  
glenmorangie.com  
Prices vary

# Glenmorangie Whisky Weekends

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**May 8 - 9, 15 - 16, 22 - 23**

Enjoy the finest in Scottish hospitality while visiting the home of Glenmorangie - one of Scotland's finest malt whiskies for a special Whisky Weekend getaway. Two nights at the five-star Glenmorangie House and a fascinating tour of Glenmorangie Distillery. Learn how the complex Glenmorangie spirit is produced by the ‘Sixteen Men of Tain’ and expertly matured in the finest oak casks. The weekend includes a tutored Glenmorangie malt whisky tasting, a Highland evening with a black-tie dinner and ceilidh.



Glenmorangie House, Ross-shire  
01862 871 671  
glenmorangie.com  
Prices vary

# Talisker Whisky Evenings at Dunvegan Castle

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**May 9, 16, 23, 30**

Dunvegan Castle is hosting Talisker whisky tastings on Saturday 9, 16, 23 and 30 May 2009 at 7pm to celebrate Homecoming Scotland's Whisky Month. Enjoy a selection of Skye's most famous Malts served with canapés to compliment their rich flavour in the elegant surroundings of the castle's dining room. Exclusive guided tours by Ms Maureen Byers, Castle Curator.



Dunvegan Castle, Skye  
01470 521 206  
dunvegancastle.com  
Prices vary

# The Inn at Inverbeg

May 15

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The Inn at Inverbeg Whisky Evening will be held on Friday 15 May 2009, to coincide with Homecoming Scotland's Whisky Month. For £20 pp guests can enjoy four malt whiskies, live folk music, a selection of specialty Scottish food and whisky tasting hosted by Journey with Taste. Book your tickets now to experience the best of what Scotland can offer!



Luss, Loch Lomond  
01436 860 201  
inverbeginn.co.uk  
£20

# Auchentoshan Celebratory Homecoming Tour

Throughout May

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Join us at Auchentoshan, Glasgow's Malt Whisky distillery and home to the number 1 Lowland Single Malt, for a unique whisky experience, exclusively created to celebrate Homecoming Scotland. This rare Homecoming tour is available throughout the month of May only. All bookings for this tour must be made at least 24 hours in advance.



Auchentoshan Distillery, Dunbartonshire  
01389 878 561  
auchentoshan.com  
Prices vary

# Word Festival 2009 - MacLean's Malt Whisky Tour of Scotland

May 16

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Word – University of Aberdeen Writers Festival hosts an exclusive in-conversation event for whisky lovers in 2009. Charles MacLean talks about his new book MacLean's Malt Whisky Handbook, exploring the flavour and character of every malt whisky distilled in Scotland. He will also take the audience through a whisky tasting. This book is a wholly new approach to understanding and enjoying Scotch malt whisky, by the foremost authority on the subject.



University of Aberdeen, King's College  
01224 641122  
abdn.ac.uk/word  
£5 (£3 concession)

# Glengyle Distillery Open Doors Day

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May 21

Join us for the launch of Kilkerran "Work In Progress" Single Malt Whisky and an exclusive insight into Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery. Originally opened in 1872, the distillery closed in 1925 but spirit began flowing from the stills again in 2004. Tour the distillery and experience the unique processes and distilling equipment used to make this distinguished whisky.

Glengyle Distillery, Campbeltown  
01586 552 009  
kilkerran.com  
Free



# Open Weekend at Highland Park Distillery

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May 23 - 24

An exclusive insight into the traditional whisky making process. After a 15 minute audio visual presentation guests will be able to see and touch the rare floor maltings, peat kilns burning our unique aromatic peat from Hobbister Hill and our stunning copper stills. Members of the tour will be treated to a totally new experience where we will explain the vital importance and the amazing influence different types of wood has on the maturation of Highland Park Single Malt Whisky. The free tours will be followed by a tasting of our 12 and 18 year old expressions.

Highland Park Distillery Visitor Centre, Orkney  
01856 874 619  
highlandpark.co.uk  
Free



# Whisky an' a' that! VI

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May 23

Join celebrity faces and guests from the whisky world at Ayrshire's biggest whisky festival with over 100 whiskies on show, including Limited Edition, rare hard to find bottlings and new releases, you will be spoiled for which whiskies to sample. Part of the Burns an' a' That! Festival, celebrating the 250th anniversary of Rabbe Burns in style.

Ayr Town Hall, Ayr  
01292 284279  
robbiesdrams.com  
£15



# Feis Ile - Islay Malt & Music Festival

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May 23 - 31

Whisky Month draws to a close with the ever popular week long Malt and Music Festival which sees Islay's musicians and distilleries once again welcoming visitors to celebrate the unique heritage and culture of the island. Join us on Islay for concerts, ceilidhs, children's shows, distillery open days, guided walks and sporting events – there is something for everyone! Please check availability for accommodation before travelling.

Across the Isle of Islay and Jura  
01496 302413  
islayfestival.org  
Prices Vary



# The Islay Distilleries and Feis Ile

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May 28

Join Islay's eight distilleries and Feis Ile as they celebrate with islanders and visitors alike a special Homecoming Parade led by Islay's Pipe Band. Follow the parade through Main Street in Bowmore where it will culminate in Bowmore Square with a ceilidh and live music. Not to be missed!

From 7 – 9pm  
Bowmore Square, Islay  
01496 850221  
Free



# Exclusive Tours: Dufftown, Mortlach & Glendullan Distilleries

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May 30

Celebrate the end of Whisky Month by taking a tutored tasting and tour of the Dufftown, Mortlach and Glendullan distilleries. Not normally open to the public, these distilleries will be open during the Spirit of Speyside Festival and this one last exclusive additional tour at the end of the month. A must see!

Dufftown Whisky Shop, Banffshire  
01340 821097  
discovering-distilleries.com  
£15



# Whisky and Wildlife

April - Sept

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Join us at the Famous Grouse Experience with a member of the RSPB who will tell you all about The Black Grouse whisky links to saving the black grouse bird, now an endangered species. Sign up for nature walks around the distillery and 'moor tours' in conjunction with Timberbush Tours and experience the birds that 'come home' for summer.

The Famous Grouse Experience, Glenturret Distillery, Crieff  
01764 656565  
thefamousgrouse.com  
Prices vary



# Whisky Bars of Edinburgh

Throughout May

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The Whisky Bars of Edinburgh is a collaboration of ten of the city's leading Whisky bars, each is a traditional bar with a great Scotch Whisky range and staff trained in Whisky appreciation. To celebrate Whisky Month the Whisky Bars of Edinburgh will be holding impromptu Whisky tastings and some specially arranged sampling sessions throughout May.

Throughout Edinburgh  
whiskybarsofedinburgh.com  
Prices vary



# Discovering Distilleries

Throughout Homecoming year

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Visit [discovering-distilleries.com](http://discovering-distilleries.com) to see Diageo's prestigious portfolio of some of Scotland's favourite malts such as the much-vaunted, peaty Lagavulin, the world-renowned Talisker and the plush, famously exclusive Royal Lochnagar. A Diageo distillery is a must-see for any whisky fan, young or old. Bathed in history and cultural significance, these distilleries are richly diverse, making them the perfect place for a day out in Scotland. Visit the website to see the Homecoming calendar of events throughout 2009.

Across Scotland  
[discovering-distilleries.com](http://discovering-distilleries.com)  
Prices vary



# Whisky Galore – A Musical!

May 15 - Oct 17

A tale of drams and dreams – slainte mhor!

Pitlochry Festival Theatre is delighted to be staging this musical World Première, based on Compton MacKenzie's funny, romantic and hugely entertaining novel. With a score that conjures up both the 1940s and the unmistakable sounds of the Western Isles, performed by a highly talented cast of actor-musicians, Whisky Galore – A Musical! promises to be a Year of Homecoming highlight!

1943: the curse of rationing has visited the remote Hebridean islands of Little Todday and Great Todday and the thirsty islanders have all but run out of uisge beatha - the water of life.

And it's not just the whisky drought causing problems, either. Good Catholic girl Peggy Macroon has fallen for one of the soldiers stationed on the islands, Sergeant Odd, who's not just English, but Protestant to boot!

Catriona MacLeod is having trouble prising meek schoolmaster George Campbell away from his Wee Free dragon of a mother. And the dragon herself seems too much in sympathy with the army authorities for some people's liking...

When the S.S. Cabinet Minister runs aground with fifty thousand cases of whisky aboard, the islanders rush to take advantage of the unexpected bounty. But then the officious Captain Waggett, the English officer commander of the Home Guard, learns of the illicit salvage operation – and is ordered to confiscate the liquor!

Whisky Galore is part of The Home Season which features six outstanding plays by Scottish authors. Stay six days, see six plays!



Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry  
01796 484626  
pitlochry.org.uk  
Prices Vary

**New Events!**



# The Scotch Malt Whisky Society: An evening of drams, food and surprises

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May 2

Join us for this exclusive chance to taste some of the finest single cask, single malt whiskies to be found anywhere in the world. Enjoy a true Society whisky adventure as we explore five fantastic single cask whiskies in five surprising ways! The evening also includes a superb two-course supper with whisky matchings. Members of the Society can enjoy a £5 saving when accompanied with a non-member guest. Bring 6 guests or more and your ticket is free!

The Scotch Malt Whisky Society, 28 Queen Street, Edinburgh  
0131 555 2929  
smws.co.uk  
Members: £30  
Non-Members £35 Tickets are limited.



## Ardbeg Whisky Tasting

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May 7

Enjoy an entertaining and informative evening hosted by Davinia Small as we work our way through the legendary Ardbeg family of malts. The line up will include tastings of Ardbeg 10, Ardbeg Renaissance, Ardbeg Blasda, Ardbeg Airigh Nam Beist 1990 ('the beastie'), Ardbeg Uigedail and Ardbeg Supernova. The general release of Supernova is due for May so this tasting gives you an opportunity to 'try before you buy'.

WHISKI Bar & Restaurant, Edinburgh  
whiskibar.co.uk  
0131 556 3095  
£15



## Just Add Water

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May 8, 15, 22, 29

Feast your senses as you take the leisurely 3 hour cruise along the legendary Loch Ness and experience a unique whisky tasting event on board the Jacobite Queen. Taste some of Scotland's classic Malts in the iconic setting of the majesty of the Loch and the great engineering feat that is the Caledonian Canal. A perfect way to while away a Friday afternoon – bring your friends and family with you for a day you will never forget.

2pm from Tomnahurich Bridge, Inverness  
01463 233999  
Jacobite.co.uk  
£18 Adults, £13 Children, £55 Family Ticket



# The Scotch Malt Whisky Society: Whisky with a difference

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May 9

Let our Society expert guide you through five of our exceptional, one-of-a-kind whiskies as you sit back, relax and enjoy the almost tangible atmosphere of the 18th-century Vaults (one of Scotland's oldest commercial buildings). A superb two-course supper is served, with the first course matched perfectly to one of the whiskies. Members of the Society can enjoy a £5 saving when accompanied with a non-member guest. Bring 6 guests or more and your ticket is free!



The Scotch Malt Whisky Society, The Vaults, 87 Giles Street, Edinburgh  
0131 555 2929

smws.co.uk

Members: £30

Non-Members £35 Tickets are limited.

# The Whisky Walk at Balmacara Country Day

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May 9

Join the highland smugglers hiding from the Excisemen and keep the secret of Scotland's stills and 'the water of life' safe. The Walking Theatre company comes to Balmacara Fair to tell the story of the illicit whisky trade in the Scottish Highlands. Come along and celebrate the countryside with a variety of countryside attractions and activities.



Balmacara Forest, by Kyle of Lochalsh

01599 577243 / 01463 791575

forestry.gov.uk

FREE (booking required)

# Homecoming Whisky Auction

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May 13

Have you ever wanted to taste history? Here is your chance – join us for a live auction from 8:30am at McTear's Rare & Collectable Whisky Auction giving you the chance to bid for, and possible win, some of the rarest bottles of Scotland's national drink. Over 500 rare whiskies will go under the hammer and you can be there taking part. You can buy to collect or you can buy to drink – the option is yours. Viewing times: Tuesday 12 May 9am-5pm & Wednesday 13 May 8.30am-10am



McTear's Auction Galleries, 31 Meiklewood Road, Glasgow

0141 810 2880

mctears.co.uk

FREE to attend

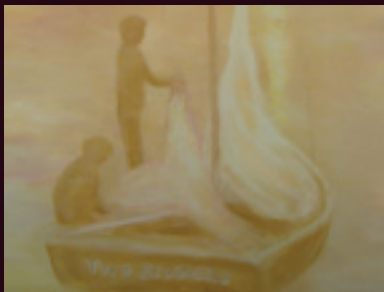
# Robert Graham Scotch Whisky Tastings

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May 15

Join Scotland's oldest whisky merchant as it opens its Edinburgh and Glasgow stores for a day of Scotch Whisky tastings. Throughout the day visitors will be have the opportunity to learn more about Scotch Whisky and sample some of Scotland's rare and finest single malt whiskies as well as their exclusive Robert Graham Homecoming Single Islay Malt Whisky specially selected to mark the Year of the Homecoming.

Robert Graham Ltd, 194a Rose Street, Edinburgh &  
10-14 West Nile St, Glasgow  
0131 226 1874  
whisky-cigars.com  
FREE



# Illegal Whisky, Smugglers and Ancient Forests

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May 29

Join the rangers as they visit the forests hidden archaeology and learn about the people who lived within the forest, how they made illegal whiskey and smuggled it out. The journey will take you to our Dog Fall's illicit whisky still site. The walk is graded Moderate and is 12 kilometres long. It is undertaken as part of the Glen Affric Walking Festival at the end of May. Our local forest ranger Stuart Findlay will be leading the walk, accompanied by the Forestry Commission Scotland archaeologist Matt Ritchie.

Glen Affric, Strathglass  
forestry.gov.uk  
01456 415251  
£8 Adults, £2 Children (minimum age 10yrs)



# Whisky Bars of Glasgow

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Throughout May

Six famous 'Whisky Bars of Glasgow' are have joined together in a new collaboration in celebrating Scotland's national drink. The authentic bars are all accredited Scotch Whisky Embassies, each having a great Whisky range, including single malts, blends and rare bottlings; staff trained in Whisky appreciation; and a real passion for Scotch Whisky.

Throughout Glasgow  
whiskybarsofglasgow.com  
Prices vary



# And it doesn't stop there! Throughout Homecoming year are a range of whisky related events and festivals

## Classic Malts™ Cruise

July 11 - 25

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The annual Classic Malts™ Cruise attracts sailors from around the world to the famous scenery and distilleries of Scotland's West Coast. From Oban to Talisker, and back south to Lagavulin, the sheltered sites of the distilleries remain a welcoming haven and places of great hospitality for sailors.



Oban, Skye and Islay  
[worldcruising.com/classicmalts-cruise](http://worldcruising.com/classicmalts-cruise)  
Prices vary

## The Talisker Taste Experience

July 25 - 26

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Discover the distinct and different flavours of the Classic Malts from the Highlands, Islands and Lowland distilleries. Taste unusual and rare whiskies in master classes, and talk with leading experts at sessions which include a Talisker tasting and the Classic Malt's world-famous Special Releases. Retail area. Entry includes commemorative Glencairn nosing glass.



The Gathering 2009, Holyrood Park, Edinburgh  
0131 561 1323  
[thegathering2009.com](http://thegathering2009.com)  
Prices vary

## Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles

Aug 27 - 30

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One of the most exciting sporting events held in Scotland, played over The PGA Centenary Course, the venue for the 2014 Ryder Cup matches - the Championship attracts some of Europe's finest. Join us in the tented village for whisky tastings and an insight into the making of Johnnie Walker.



Gleneagles, Perthshire  
01764 694361  
[johnniwalkerchampionship.com](http://johnniwalkerchampionship.com)  
Prices vary

# Blas Festival

## Sept 4 - 12

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A warm welcome awaits you in the Highlands of Scotland for the 2009 Blas Festival with an authentic flavour of Highland culture. Blas boasts a vast programme of traditional music and events, staged in some of Scotland's most spectacular and iconic landscapes including 5 distillery based concerts spread across the North Highland and Speyside region.

Across the Highlands  
01463 783447  
blas-festival.com  
Prices vary



# Isle of Barra Whisky Galore Festival

## Sept 18 - 20

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In 2009 the beautiful island of Barra is hosting the first ever 'Whisky Galore Festival'. Launching in Kismul Castle, an exciting weekend is planned. Take part in the hunt for Whisky on the island where Whisky Galore was born; enjoy the craic with the locals; or take part in the golf tournament.

Across the island of Barra  
01871 810 088  
Prices vary



# Whisky Week

## Autumn

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In celebration of the national Homecoming and recognition of one of Scotland's great contributions to the world, Whisky Week comprises a unique series of gala whisky dinners held in venues across the country, starting with Whisky Live in Glasgow.

Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth, Inverness, Dufftown, Fort William and Oban  
01603 633 808  
whiskymag.com  
Prices vary



# Westering Home to Islay

## Throughout 2009

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Celebration of Islay's rich and unique culture and heritage through music, song, storytelling, language, history, ancestry and whisky distilling culminating in two weekends in August and September. Strong emphasis on Gaelic and West coast culture and whisky, with a whisky experience at Bruichladdich Distillery with special courses, talks, tours and tasting.

Port Mòr, Port Charlotte, Isle of Islay  
01496 850441  
islandofislay.co.uk  
Prices vary



Exploring Scotland's whisky regions will take you on a journey of dramatic scenery and unforgettable locations. With over 40 distilleries open to the public, a month long programme of events, as well as year round attractions, planning a visit to Scotland's distilleries and whisky events is great fun. Whisky trails and tours - linking local distilleries and other attractions - have also been created to help you enjoy the perfect experience of Scotland and whisky.



# Create your own experience

## Scotch Whisky Embassies Throughout Homecoming year

Scotch Whisky Embassies are part of a network of hotels throughout Scotland which specialise in Scotch Whisky. Each has a great Whisky bar and staffed trained in Whisky appreciation. From city-centre hotels to start or end your trip, or remote island pubs, Scotch Whisky Embassies are in perfect locations from which to experience the best of Scotland. From the Isle of Islay, or the banks of Loch Lomond to the heart of Speyside, many are within easy striking distance of a Whisky distillery.

Throughout Scotland's year of Homecoming Whisky Embassies will be offering accommodation and holiday packages with a distinctive Whisky flavour.

Across Scotland  
[scotlandwhisky.com](http://scotlandwhisky.com)  
Prices vary

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## The Malt Whisky Trail Throughout Homecoming year

The Malt Whisky Trail winds its way through the Scottish Highlands, visiting distilleries in some stunning settings, beautiful coastline and picturesque towns. Follow the whisky trail signposts as it leads you through working distilleries including a fascinating cooperage and a historic distillery all set against the picturesque lush countryside of Speyside.

Throughout Speyside  
[maltwhiskytrail.com](http://maltwhiskytrail.com)

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## The Whisky Coast Throughout Homecoming year

From Islay to Campbeltown, and from Mull to the Isle of Skye, The Whisky Coast brings together 16 distilleries and a range of hotels, restaurants, golf courses and other attractions. Visitors will be introduced to world famous whisky and some of the most wild and beautiful coastal scenery to be found anywhere. Go it alone or book up for a guided tour.

West Coast of Scotland  
[whiskycoast.co.uk](http://whiskycoast.co.uk)  
Prices vary

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## Journey With Taste - Scotch Malt Whisky Tastings Throughout Homecoming year

This Homecoming, re-ignite your senses with a 'Journey With Taste'. A Journey that will embrace culture, heritage and the flavours of Scotland. Stay in one of Scotland's finest hotels, and experience Homecoming hospitality at its best. No journey can be complete without exploring the rich variety of Malt Scotch Whisky that only Scotland can produce in a 'Journey With Taste'.

Across Scotland  
07837 936188  
[journeywithtaste.co.uk](http://journeywithtaste.co.uk)  
Prices vary

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## Speyside Golf Package May 1 - 10

Choose from an enticing list of Speyside golf courses for either 4 nights and 3 rounds of golf or 7 nights plus 5 rounds of golf packages which will take in an exciting selection of whisky events at the Spirit of Speyside festival. Guaranteed tee times and self drive or arranged transport available.

Throughout Speyside  
01577 866 716  
[mortongolf.com](http://mortongolf.com)  
Prices vary

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## Whisky Coast Southern Explorer Tour May 12 - 18

An exclusive 7-day small group tour of the Whisky Coast including Arran, Kintyre, Islay and the Spirit of the West Festival. With distillery visits, special whisky tastings, great food, friendly comfortable accommodation and a knowledgeable local guide this is a trip of a lifetime for any whisky enthusiast.

Across Scotland  
0131 226 3133  
[rabbits.com](http://rabbits.com)  
Prices vary

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## Whisky Coast Northern Explorer Tour

May 15-22

An exclusive 8-day island hopping, small group tour of the Whisky Coast including Oban, Mull, Skye and the Spirit of the West Festival. With distillery visits, special whisky tastings, great food, friendly comfortable accommodation and a knowledgeable local guide this is a trip of a lifetime for any whisky enthusiast.

Across Scotland  
0131 226 3133  
rabbits.com  
Prices vary

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## Whisky Galore Golf Package

May 16 - 21

This exciting week offers 7 nights away with 5 rounds of golf in some of Perthshire's great golf course. Enjoy two plays at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre including the world premiere of Whisky Galore – A Musical! and 4 VIP whisky tours at Dewars World of Whisky, the Famous Grouse Experience, Edradour and Blair Atholl Distillery.

Across Scotland  
01577 866 716  
mortongolf.com  
Prices vary

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## Homecoming Scotland Whisky Tour

Throughout Homecoming year

This 8 day self drive tour will take whisky lovers to some of the most famous distilleries around Scotland. Starting in Edinburgh where you will be invited to the exclusive members club at The Scotch Malt Whisky Society, the tour will continue to the Highlands, along the whisky trail, to Loch Ness and back to the Lowlands via the beautiful West coast of Scotland.

Across Scotland  
sales.scotland@hotelbeds.com  
Prices vary

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## Spirit of the West Golf Package

May 14 - 20

Tie in a trip to the Spirit of the West festival with 7 nights away and 5 rounds of golf at courses along the stunning West coast of Scotland. VIP tours will also be on offer for Auchentoshan and Springbank Distillery. Guaranteed tee times and self drive or arranged transport available.

Across Scotland  
01577 866 716  
mortongolf.com  
Prices vary

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## Exploring the Whisky Coast Throughout Homecoming year

A very unusual 9 day self drive tour which will take the whisky enthusiast to the whisky producing islands on the West coast of Scotland. Not only is there breath taking scenery to be enjoyed but also some of the finest malt whisky. This unique tour will take you to the small and hidden locations on the west side of the country giving you a true flavour of Scotland.

Across Scotland  
sales.scotland@hotelbeds.com  
Prices vary

# This events guide contains events for Whisky Month, however more Homecoming Scotland events are featured on the website [homecomingscotland2009.com](http://homecomingscotland2009.com)

For information on other events and activities taking place across Scotland as well as ideas on things to see and do, go to [visitscotland.com](http://visitscotland.com)

## **Making the Most of Your Visit**

With over 100 information Centres across Scotland, VisitScotland's friendly and knowledgeable staff are on hand to help with all aspects of your visit from accommodation booking, event information and ticketing to travel and route planning, places to visit, best views and the local hidden gems!

To locate the nearest VisitScotland Information Centre go to [visitscotland.com/wheretofindus](http://visitscotland.com/wheretofindus)

## **Getting Around Scotland**

For general travel information nationwide call 0871 200 22 33 or visit [traveline.org.uk](http://traveline.org.uk).

For information before you travel on journey times, major events, park and ride sites and weather conditions on Scotland's motorway and trunk road network visit [trafficscotland.org](http://trafficscotland.org), or call freephone 0800 028 1414. For information about public transport options around Scotland visit [travelinescotland.com](http://travelinescotland.com) or [transportdirect.com](http://transportdirect.com)

## **Where to Stay**

For accommodation information and bookings go to [visitscotland.com](http://visitscotland.com) or call into your nearest VisitScotland Information Centre where staff can check availability and make a booking for you.



# A visit to a Scotch Whisky distillery is a truly unique experience.

With no two distilleries being the same, a distillery tour will help to explain what makes every Scotch Whisky different. Each has a unique setting and story so no matter which distillery you choose to visit – be it island, mainland, large or small – you can expect great Scotch Whisky, a warm Scottish welcome, and a fabulous day out.

| Distilleries to Visit        | Map Ref | Location                         | Telephone    | Website                        |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Islay</b>                 |         |                                  |              |                                |
| Ardbeg                       | 1       | Port Ellen                       | 01496 302244 | ardbeg.com                     |
| Bowmore                      | 2       | Bowmore                          | 01496 810671 | bowmore.com                    |
| Bruichladdich                | 3       | Bruichladdich                    | 01496 850190 | bruichladdich.com              |
| Bunnahabhain                 | 4       | Port Askaig                      | 01496 840646 | bunnahabhain.com               |
| Caol Ila                     | 5       | Port Askaig                      | 01496 302760 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| Kilchoman                    | 6       | Bruichladdich                    | 01496 850011 | kilchomandistillery.com        |
| Lagavulin                    | 7       | Port Ellen                       | 01496 302400 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| Laphroaig                    | 8       | Port Ellen                       | 01496 302418 | laphroaig.com                  |
| <b>Campbeltown</b>           |         |                                  |              |                                |
| Mitchell's Glengyle          | 9       | Campbeltown, Argyll              | 01586 552009 | kilkerran.com                  |
| Springbank                   | 10      | Campbeltown, Argyll              | 01586 552009 | springbankdistillers.com       |
| <b>Lowlands</b>              |         |                                  |              |                                |
| Auchentoshan                 | 11      | Dalmuir, Clydebank               | 01389 878561 | auchentoshan.com               |
| Bladnoch                     | 12      | Wigtown                          | 01988 402605 | bladnoch.co.uk                 |
| Glenkinchie                  | 13      | Pencaitland, East Lothian        | 01875 342004 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| The Scotch Whisky Experience | 14      | The Royal Mile, Edinburgh        | 0131 2200441 | scotch-whisky-experience.co.uk |
| <b>Highlands</b>             |         |                                  |              |                                |
| Ben Nevis                    | 15      | Lochy Bridge, Fort William       | 01397 702476 | bennevisdistillery.com         |
| Blair Athol                  | 16      | Pitlochry, Perthshire            | 01796 482003 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| Clynelish                    | 17      | Brora, Sutherland                | 01408 623000 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| Dalmore                      | 18      | Alness, Ross-shire               | 01349 882362 | thedalmore.com                 |
| Dalwhinnie                   | 19      | Dalwhinnie, Inverness-shire      | 01540 672219 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| Dewar's World of Whisky      | 20      | Aberfeldy Distillery, Perthshire | 01887 822010 | dewarswow.com                  |
| Edradour                     | 21      | Pitlochry, Perthshire            | 01796 472095 | edradour.co.uk                 |
| The Famous Grouse Experience | 22      | Glenturret Distillery, Crieff    | 01764 657005 | famousgrouse.com               |
| Fettercairn                  | 23      | Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire    | 01561 340205 | whyteandmackay.co.uk           |
| Glen Ord                     | 24      | Muir of Ord, Ross-shire          | 01463 872004 | discovering-distilleries.com   |
| Glen Garioch                 | 25      | Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire        | 01651 873450 | glengarioch.co.uk              |
| Glendronach                  | 26      | Forgue, Aberdeenshire            | 01466 730202 | glendronachdistillery.com      |

| Distilleries to Visit      | Map Ref | Location                 | Telephone    | Website                      |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Highlands cont'd...</b> |         |                          |              |                              |
| Glengoyne                  | 27      | Dumgoyne, Glasgow        | 01360 550254 | glengoyne.com                |
| Glenmorangie               | 28      | Tain, Ross-shire         | 01862 892477 | glenmorangie.com             |
| Highland Park              | 29      | Kirkwall, Orkney         | 01856 874619 | highlandpark.co.uk           |
| Isle of Arran              | 30      | Lochranza, Isle of Arran | 01770 830264 | arranwhisky.com              |
| Jura                       | 31      | Criaghouse, Isle of Jura | 01496 820240 | isleofjura.com               |
| Oban                       | 32      | Stafford Street, Oban    | 01631 572004 | discovering-distilleries.com |
| Pulteney                   | 33      | Huddart Street, Wick     | 01955 602371 | oldpulteney.com              |
| Royal Lochnagar            | 34      | Ballater, Aberdeenshire  | 01339 742700 | discovering-distilleries.com |
| Talisker                   | 35      | Carbost, Isle of Skye    | 01478 614308 | discovering-distilleries.com |
| Tobermory                  | 36      | Tobermory, Isle of Mull  | 01688 302645 | tobermory.co.uk              |
| Tomatin                    | 37      | Tomatin, Inverness-shire | 01808 511444 | tomatin.com                  |
| Tullibardine               | 38      | Blackford, Perthshire    | 01764 682252 | tullibardine.com             |

### Speyside

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|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Aberlour           | 39 | Aberlour, Banffshire        | 01340 881249 | aberlour.com                 |
| The Balvenie       | 40 | Dufftown, Banffshire        | 01340 820373 | balvenie.com                 |
| Benromach          | 41 | Forres, Moray               | 01309 675968 | benromach.com                |
| Cardhu             | 42 | Knockando, Moray            | 01340 872555 | discovering-distilleries.com |
| Cragganmore        | 43 | Ballindalloch, Banffshire   | 01479 874700 | discovering-distilleries.com |
| Dallas Dhu         | 44 | Forres, Morayshire          | 01309 676548 | historic-scotland.gov.uk     |
| Glen Grant         | 45 | Roths, Morayshire           | 01340 832118 | glengrant.com                |
| Glen Moray         | 46 | Bruceland Road, Elgin       | 01343 550900 | glenmoray.com                |
| Glenfarclas        | 47 | Ballindalloch, Banffshire   | 01807 500257 | glenfarclas.co.uk            |
| Glenfiddich        | 48 | Dufftown, Banffshire        | 01340 820373 | glenfiddich.co.uk            |
| The Glenlivet      | 49 | Ballindalloch, Banffshire   | 01340 821720 | theglenlivet.com             |
| The Macallan       | 50 | Craigellachie, Aberlour     | 01340 872280 | themacallan.com              |
| Speyside Cooperage | 51 | Dufftown Road, Banffshire   | 01340 871108 | speysidecooperage.co.uk      |
| Strathisla         | 52 | Seafield Avenue, Banffshire | 01542 783044 | maltwhiskydistilleries.com   |

**Please note opening times and tours will vary from each distillery and it is recommended you check times and availability of tours before travelling. For full details of each distillery visit [ScotlandWhisky.com](http://ScotlandWhisky.com)**

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