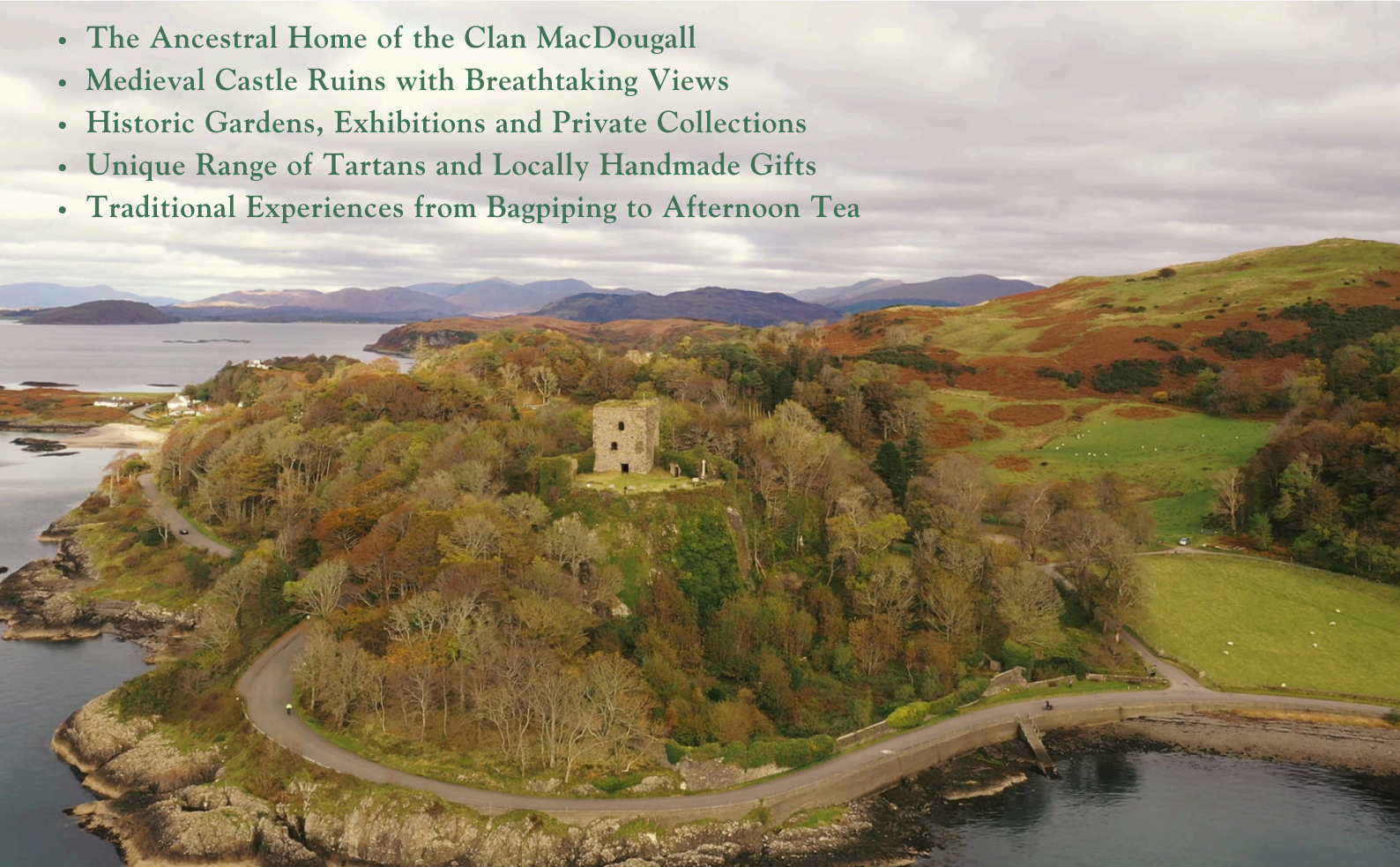




DUNOLLIE MUSEUM, CASTLE & GROUNDS

TRAVEL TRADE OFFERS

- The Ancestral Home of the Clan MacDougall
- Medieval Castle Ruins with Breathtaking Views
- Historic Gardens, Exhibitions and Private Collections
- Unique Range of Tartans and Locally Handmade Gifts
- Traditional Experiences from Bagpiping to Afternoon Tea



Nestled on the stunning west coast of Scotland, Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds offers a fascinating journey through over 5,000 years of history. Visitors can explore the ancient castle ruins, uncover the deep legacy of the Clan MacDougall, and enjoy sweeping views of the stunning coastline. This captivating destination blends rich heritage with the beauty of nature, making it a must-visit for history enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.

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ABOUT US

Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds is run by the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust (Charity No. SC028091), an independent not-for-profit charity. We are a 4 star visitor attraction, with an accredited museum within a protected heritage site.

We are proud to be an ethical visitor attraction - we are committed to strong social and environmental values. By supporting our organisation, you help us preserve our heritage for future generations, support our local community and keep developing our offer in more diverse and sustainable ways.

LOCATION

We are located within walking distance of the town of Oban, on the west coast of Scotland and offer one of the best views across the inner hebrides.

We have our own car park which can fit up to two, 56 seater coaches at a time. Coaches must reverse up our driveway and parking must be booked with our team in advance.

CLAN TIES

Dunollie is the ancestral home and seat of the Clan MacDougall, one of the oldest clans in Scotland. It is a must see for anyone with an interest in Scottish clans and heritage as it offers a glimpse into the life of one family over the course of one thousand years of history.





SELF-GUIDED VISITS

Self-guided visits allow visitors to experience Dunollie at their own rhythm and follow their own interests without needing to follow the rest of their group.

This option includes access to the whole site: the castle and viewpoint, the 1745 House Museum, the film room and loom room, Dunollie's historic woodland grounds, the Draper's Shop and the Kettle Garden Cafe.

Self-guided visits usually last about 1.5 to 2hrs and can take place at any time whilst we are open.

OPENING TIMES

Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds is open seasonally from mid-March until the end of October. During this time, it is open 6 days a week (Sunday-Friday) from 10am-4pm.

RATES & NUMBERS

We limit participants to 112 for self-guided visits. Admission is £13 per adult. We are pleased to offer a 10% discount for group bookings of 10 or more people. This rate does not include any purchases from our cafe or gift shop which visitors are welcome to do on the day of their visit.

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GUIDED TOURS

Tours led by our expert Tour Guides offer visitors a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Dunollie's rich history, spanning from prehistoric times and Dal Riada to Somerled, the birth of the Clan MacDougall, the Wars of Independence, the Jacobite uprisings, and all the way to the present day.

We highly recommend tours for all of our visitors as they help gain a deeper understanding of the site and feel more connected to its fascinating history.

Guided Tours last about 45min to an 1hr and take visitors around the exteriors of the house before walking up and into the castle.

Guided tours require a reasonable level of physical fitness / mobility and do not include visiting the 1745 House Museum and part of the Grounds, therefore we recommend combining tours with a self-guided visits of the rest of the site.

RATES & NUMBERS

Guided Tours during opening hours cost an additional £4 per person, and a minimum of £40 per group. A single tour can have up to 30 participants, larger groups will be divided between two or more guides.

Private Tours outwith opening hours can be arranged for £220 (April-October) or £150 (November-March).

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THE KETTLE GARDEN CAFE RATES & NUMBERS

The Kettle Garden Cafe at Dunollie is a charming outdoor cafe, nestled below the castle hill and towards the entrance of our site. Visitors are welcome to use the outdoor seating provided, or to ask for their order as take away and enjoy it somewhere else in the grounds.

It provides a selection of refreshments from cold drinks to traditional and herbal teas, fresh artisan coffee, and Dunollie's renowned hot chocolate. It also serves freshly homemade cakes and traybakes as well as light lunches which include soup, a variety of sandwiches, toasties and savoury baking with a focus on local and seasonal produce.

We are proud to cater to a variety of dietary requirements, including offering several gluten free and vegan options. Please contact us if you have any questions about ingredients and allergens.

We are happy to welcome group visitors as individuals and charge them for their purchases or can arrange for set menus to be served if you would like your own group to have lunch or coffee and cake for example.

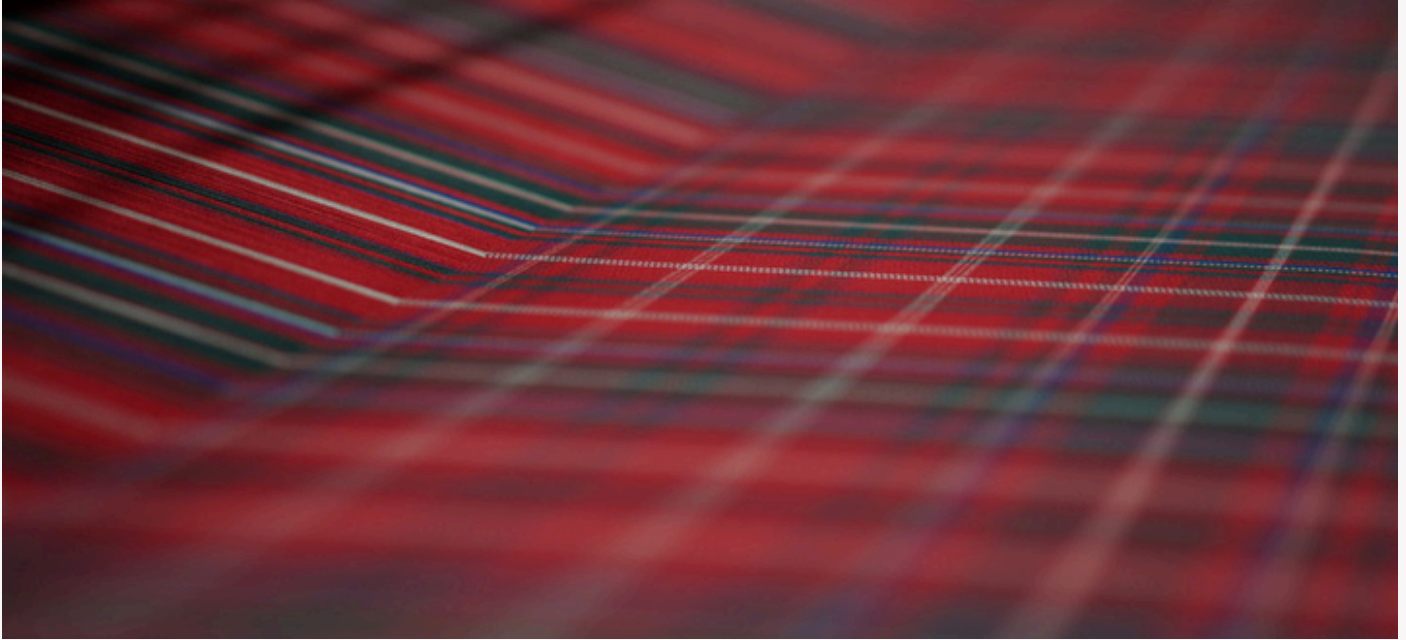
Alternatively, you may book a specific catering options. This year, they are:

Traditional Afternoon Tea Experience: from £30pp, groups of 2-24 people, seated in tables of 4. Add 125ml glass of Prosecco for £7 pp.

Picnic Lunch including sandwiches, cake and cold drink for £15pp : groups of 2-30 people, seated in tables of 4.

Cream Tea : from £8, groups of 4-30 people, seated in tables of 4.





THE DRAPER'S SHOP

Our shop is home to a bespoke series of gifts, tartans and souvenirs - ideal for a luxurious and sustainable shopping experience.

We only sell products with ties to our site and its history, which makes the Draper's Shop very different from most other gift shops. Most of our products are handmade here in Dunollie or by local artists in the west of Scotland.

We are also home to our own private range of tartan and tweed fabrics, which can only be purchased here. These include the Lorn Tweed, the Heritage MacDougall Tartan and the Dalriada Tartan. We can arrange a personalised presentation of our tartan range upon request.

It is occasionally possible to meet some of our makers whilst they are crafting new items for the shop. Please contact us to arrange this as part of the group's visitor experience.

RATES & NUMBERS

We welcome visitors from groups to purchase items from our shop as individuals.

Alternatively, we can arrange for group members to receive pre-arranged gifts as a supplement to their experience. These can include scarves from one of our unique tartan ranges from £35 per person or ornaments sown by hand onsite, such as our mice and robins from £8 per person.

Please contact thedrapersshop@dunollie.org to find out more.





BAGPIPING RECITALS

We can offer bagpiping demonstrations as a supplement to a site visit. This can take the form of a recital or of a more interactive workshop, or both depending on the group's interest.

A recital usually lasts about 30 minutes and will include a range of traditional tunes linked to our local area, as well as the possibilities for guests to submit their song requests.

An interactive workshop will also involve several tunes as well as a chance to talk with the player about how the bagpipes work, their experience learning

how to play them in Oban and more historical background on the music, past pipers and their ties to Dunollie and the Western Highlands of Scotland.

We only hire experienced, local bagpipers for this role and they play wearing their traditional attire.

RATES

Our typical rates for this experience start from £220 for recitals and workshops. Participants limited to 30 people.

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PRIVATE VISITS & BESPOKE EXPERIENCES

We are delighted to welcome groups with special interests and to build the perfect experience for them together. We can offer a range of different bespoke experiences on the following themes:

- Historic Archive Visits (5 people max)
- Historic Garden Tours (10 people max)

We recommend arranging these in addition to some of our classic packages, such as afternoon tea, bagpiping and guided tours to provide a full day or half day experience. Each experience is better suited to smaller groups, but can include a larger group being split into 2 or 3.

We can also collaborate with a range of other trusted local providers to offer other activities, such as:

- Scenic Yoga Classes
- Foraging or Forest Bathing
- Whisky & Gin Tastings

We are open to suggestions of other types of activities and can advise as to what works best in the spaces we can provide.

Prices and numbers vary depending on the activity and the frequency of bookings, for more information, please contact Siubhan on tourmanager@dunollie.org.





OUT OF SEASON & OUT OF HOURS VISITS

Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds is typically closed for most of the winter period (November-March) but we are happy to facilitate private visits and bespoke activities during that time.

This could include private site access, or any of the activities outlined on the previous pages - depending on staff availability.

We are also pleased to offer out of hours visits in the summer months. We close to the general public at 4pm, so a visit after that can allow for a more private and unique experience.

We can also facilitate later openings to allow for dinner and drinks packages, as well as the opportunity to watch the sunset from the castle.

Both out of hours and out of season visits offer heightened chances of seeing some of our native wildlife, such as roe deer, red squirrels and sea eagles.

RATES

Rates depend on visitor numbers and the type of activity requested. We are only permitted to serve alcohol to groups of less than 100 people.

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ACCESSIBILITY

Access to Dunollie's Castle Ruin & Viewpoint requires a reasonable level of fitness due to the steepness of the path. It is not wheelchair accessible, but there is a handrail and walking sticks can be provided for those it can help. Similarly, the second floor of the 1745 House Museum is only accessible using a short flight of stairs.

Overall, visitors with a reasonable level of physical mobility may be better able to make the most of everything our site has to offer. However, accessible toilets, parking and seating is available. The paths through the Heritage Woodland Grounds are all wheelchair accessible, including those leading to our cafe and museum.

We are delighted to have a film room, offering a 45 minutes immersive experience in Dunollie's history, with beautiful footage of the castle and view over the hebrides which might be an alternative for anyone unable to complete the steep walk.

LANGUAGES

Currently, our museum interpretation, guided tours and films are all in English. The ability to understand some English may help elevate the visitor experience, although everyone is welcome to partake in self-guided visits - we have written history of the site in English, Spanish, German, French and Italian - and the beauty of the scenery speaks for itself.

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INDICATIVE RATES

Self-guided visits	£13 per person / allow 2 hours / max group size 112
Guided tours	+£4 per person / allow 1 hour / max group size 30
Bagpiping recital/workshop	+£220 total / allow up to 1 hour / max group size 30
Bespoke tours with special archive access	+£220 total / allow 2 hours / max group size 5
Historic garden tour.....	+£220 total / allow 1 hour / max group size 10
Bespoke activity using the site	rates vary / allow 2 hours / group size varies
Cream Tea	£8 per person / allow 1 hour / max group size 30
Picnic Lunch	£15 per person / allow 1 hour / max group size 30
Afternoon Tea	£30 per person / allow 1 hour / max group size 24
Dunollie brushed wool tartan scarf	£35 per person
Dunollie tartan handmade ornament	£8 per person

These details are estimates. Please contact us to establish exact information to suit your groups' specifications and interests.

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THANK YOU!

For more information & bookings, please contact

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