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# THE SPIRIT OF SKYE

## WELCOME TO THE SPIRIT OF SKYE FESTIVAL 2017

Join us as we celebrate the Spirit of Skye Festival bringing together great whisky, gin, ale, food, music, arts, heritage and culture. The Festival features major drinks brands, creative masterclasses, family-friendly activities, live music, local produce, taste trail, ceilidh and two of Scotland's finest chefs. Whether you're a drinks connoisseur, a food lover or simply looking for a good time with family and friends, there's something for everybody at the Spirit of Skye Festival.

We have filled this brochure with plenty of delicious offerings, but be sure to check out our wonderful website [spiritofskye.com](http://spiritofskye.com) for more events and announcements.

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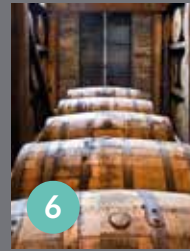
# INTRODUCING THE FESTIVAL HUB

The Aros Centre is the central hub of the Festival. On both Festival days the centre will be brimming with over 30 local and regional exhibitors including whisky distillers, award-winning brewers, gin crafters and food producers all to showcase the produce that makes the region a delight for food and drink lovers.

The Aros Centre Café Bar will have entertainment throughout each day with the sounds of local musicians and singers from Skye and Lochalsh. The line up includes The North Enders, Breakish Wind, Rick Taylor and John Alick McNeil, The Broadford Trio, The Sound of Brassay, Ian & Catriona Bullivant and Lorna Cormack.



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## TASTINGS

### TASTING SESSIONS £20

Friday 11.00am-4.00pm, Saturday 11.00am-4.00pm

Includes entry to all of the Festival's whisky and gin distillers and brewers, vouchers for five tasting samples of gin or whisky of at least 10mls, a voucher for a tasting measure of beer, a branded Spirit of Skye Glencairn crystal nosing and tasting glass with lanyard and a bottle of water.

### EXHIBITORS INCLUDE:

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[blackbullwhisky.com](http://blackbullwhisky.com)

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Chocolates of Glenshiel  
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Crossbill Gin  
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Cuillin Brewery  
[cuillinbrewery.com](http://cuillinbrewery.com)

Daffy's Gin  
[daffysgin.com](http://daffysgin.com)

Diageo  
[diageo.com](http://diageo.com)

Galloway Chillies  
[gallowaychillies.co.uk](http://gallowaychillies.co.uk)

Glenwyvis  
[glenwyvis.com](http://glenwyvis.com)

Harris Gin  
[harrisdistillery.com](http://harrisdistillery.com)

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[innisandgunn.com](http://innisandgunn.com)

Islay Ales  
[islayales.co.uk](http://islayales.co.uk)

Isle of Skye Brewing Co.  
[skyeale.com](http://skyeale.com)

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## TASTINGS



### EXHIBITORS INCLUDE:

Isle of Skye Sea Salt Company  
[isleofskyesalts.co.uk](http://isleofskyesalts.co.uk)

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[saladworx.co.uk](http://saladworx.co.uk)

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[stirlinggin.co.uk](http://stirlinggin.co.uk)

Strathearn Distillery  
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## TALISKER WHISKY MASTERCLASS £15

**Friday 11.00am, 4.15pm**  
**Saturday 4.15pm**

Talisker Distillery is the oldest working Distillery on the Isle of Skye. Learn about the history of Talisker with distillery ambassador Lesley Taylor. Experience a journey through the flavours of Talisker including the exceptional Talisker 25 year old. Tasting - New Make Spirit, 10 year old, Distillers Edition, 25 year old and 57 degrees North.

## GIN MASTERCLASS & COCKTAIL TASTING £15

**Friday 12.45pm**  
**Saturday 12.45pm**

Stewart Patience, Brand Ambassador for Stirling Gin, will guide you through this masterclass starting with the older classic gin cocktails and work forward to more modern, contemporary drinks. The session will showcase the versatility of Gin as a category and give a bit of history on the celebrated spirit - with tasty libations along the way!



## REAL ALE MASTERCLASS WITH A CULINARY TWIST £15

**Friday 2.30pm**  
**Saturday 2.30pm**

Join master brewer of 20+ years, Eric Jones from Cuillin Brewery, as he gives an insight into the process of brewing Real Ale with the water that runs straight off the Cuillin. Sligachan Hotel's Head Chef Ali Wilson will talk about interesting ways to include Real Ale in your cooking. Expect some freshly prepared nibbles and a recipe to take home.

## A WHISKY JOURNEY £15

**Saturday 11.00am**

Seumas' Bar is an award winning whisky bar, stocking over 400 of Scotland's best loved and rarest malts. Whisky Connoisseur, David McKelvie, will take you on a journey through Scotland's whisky regions explaining the notable differences between whiskies produced in different regions. Sample an array of whisky whilst expanding your knowledge on Scotland's Uisge Beatha.





**GARY MACLEAN £15**  
**Friday 2.00pm**  
**WINNER OF MASTERCHEF**  
**THE PROFESSIONALS 2016**

Gary Maclean is a multi-award winning chef and world class educator from Glasgow. He says "I am really excited to be playing a role in the Spirit of Skye Festival. Fresh Scottish produce is world class and I want to share with Festival goers new ideas to bring out the best in flavours and tastes of what Scotland has to offer."

**SCOTT DAVIES £15**  
**Saturday 2.00pm**  
**HEAD CHEF,**  
**THE THREE CHIMNEYS**

Head Chef, Scott Davies and his kitchen brigade create dishes which reflect Skye's wealth of ingredients. New menus are constantly evolving with the absolute best of Skye, Land and Sea, creatively enhanced with the finest techniques of modern and traditional Scottish cooking. Ingredients for Scott's theatre have been supplied by Orbost Farm.



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## SPORTING & FAMILY ACTIVITIES



**AXE THROWING £3**  
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**Friday 12.00pm-4.00pm**  
**Saturday 12.00pm-4.00pm**

Yes, that's right, Axe Throwing! Don't be scared, you are in good hands. Try a number of different types of axe in the ultimate stress reliever, learn the skills required before setting a score and see if your friends can beat you.

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**STORYTELLING FREE**  
**Saturday 2.00pm**  
**SUSY MACAULAY,**  
**AUTHOR**

Bring your little ones to hear about life in the Outer Hebrides, as it is now, and as it was in the past. Author Susy Macaulay will read one of her Seumas & Mairi Adventures in Uist stories, with plenty of opportunities for interaction with the listeners. Susy is bringing along a real live Grandpa to tell the children tales of the islands.



## SPORTING & FAMILY ACTIVITIES



**WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY £3**  
**Saturday 10.30am**  
**FILM & A TASTY TREAT!**

Charlie enters into a magical world when he wins one of five Golden Tickets to visit the mysterious chocolate factory. A cast of characters join Charlie and Grandpa Joe on a journey to discover that a kind heart is a far finer possession than a sweet tooth. After the film enjoy a super-delicious healthy chocolate treat supplied by IQ Chocolate. [iqchoc.com](http://iqchoc.com)

**BOUNCY CASTLE FREE**  
**Friday & Saturday all day**



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**WILDLIFE TRAIL FREE**  
**Friday & Saturday all day**

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## FILMS



**WHISKY GALORE!**  
 (1949) £5  
**Friday 5.00pm**  
 FILM

Filmed at Barra in the outer Hebrides and based upon a true incident. When the cargo ship carrying 50,000 cases of whisky runs aground, the inhabitants of a Scottish island cannot resist the temptation to replenish their depleted supplies. Only an English Home Guard stands in their way. Whisky Galore is an 100% proof comedy classic.

**WHISKY GALORE!**  
 (2016) £5  
**Saturday 5.00pm**  
 FILM

A remake of the original film starring Gregor Fisher, Eddie Izzard, Sean Biggerstaff and Naomi Battrick. The story relates to the battle between the Excise Men and the locals while trying to salvage a ship that was stranded off the Western Isles of Scotland, during World War II, with a lucrative amber cargo on board.





## LIVE MUSIC & CEILIDH



### THE DIME NOTES, A PIE & A PINT £18 Friday 7.30pm

The Dime Notes dig back into the blues-drenched sounds of clarinet-driven 1920's New Orleans jazz. They present a fresh take on a timeless style, emphasising the propulsive grooves and sultry melodies which made early jazz revolutionary, controversial, and wildly popular. Ticket price includes a drink (beer, wine or soft drink) plus a pie. Vegetarian option available.

### THE SCOTTISH CEILIDH ALLSTARS & BBQ £18 Saturday 7.30pm

The Scottish Ceilidh allStars features the world class fiddling of Jonny Hardie *Old Blind Dogs*, Charlie McKerron *Capercaillie* and local legend Ronan Martin, accompanied by Brian McAlpine *Session A9* on piano and dance calling. All dances will be called so everyone can enjoy a night of traditional Scottish ceilidh dancing. BBQ catered for by Croft No.8.



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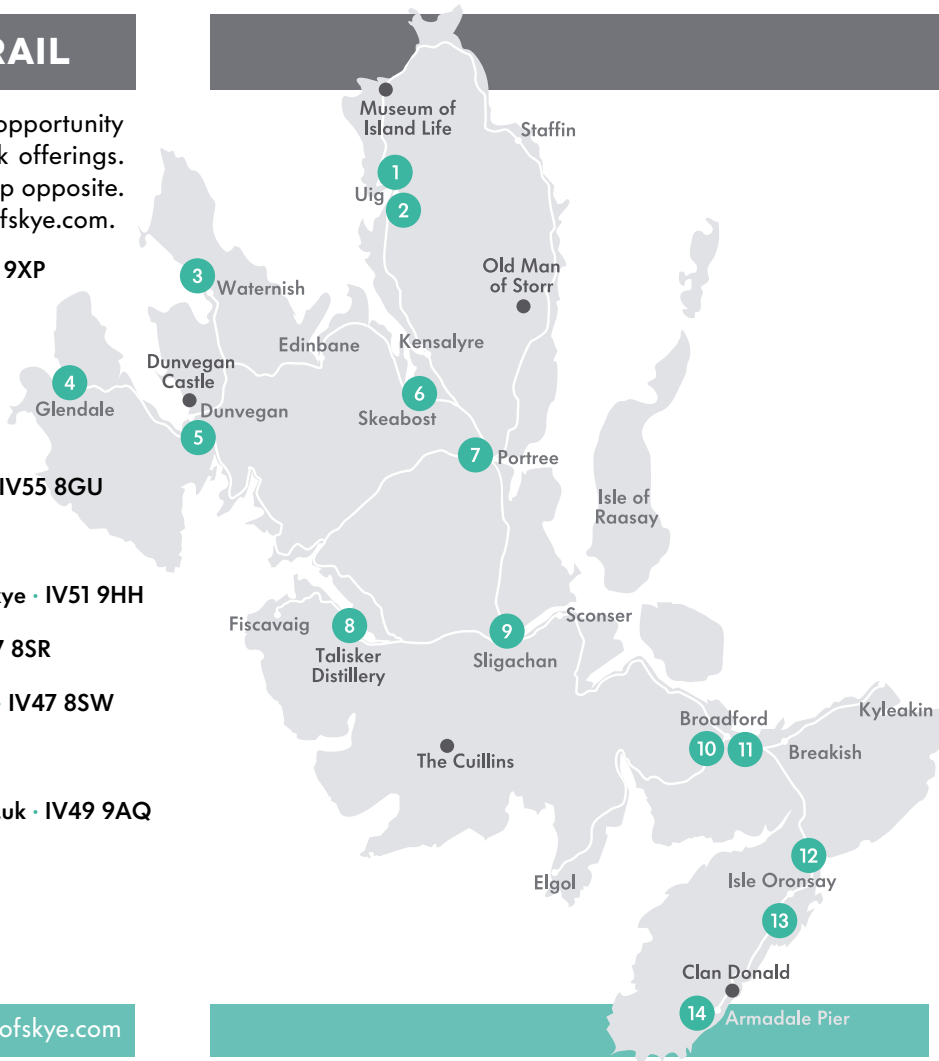
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# THE SPIRIT OF SKYE TASTE TRAIL

The Spirit of Skye Festival Taste Trail gives you the opportunity to sample some of Skye's delicious food and drink offerings. All of the venues taking part are marked on the map opposite. Full details can also be found online at [www.spiritofskye.com](http://www.spiritofskye.com).

- 1 The Ferry Inn · [facebook.com/theferryinnskye](https://facebook.com/theferryinnskye) · IV51 9XP
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- 3 Stein Inn · [stein-inn.co.uk](http://stein-inn.co.uk) · IV55 8GA
- 4 Cafe Lephin · [cafelephin.co.uk](http://cafelephin.co.uk) · IV55 8WJ
- 5 Old School Restaurant · [oldschoolrestaurant.co.uk](http://oldschoolrestaurant.co.uk) · IV55 8GU
- 6 Skeabost Hotel · [skeabosthotel.com](http://skeabosthotel.com) · IV51 9NP
- 7 The Market Place · [facebook.com/themarketplaceskye](https://facebook.com/themarketplaceskye) · IV51 9HH
- 8 Talisker Distillery · [discovering-distilleries.com](http://discovering-distilleries.com) · IV47 8SR
- 9 Sligachan Hotel and Seumas' Bar · [sligachan.co.uk](http://sligachan.co.uk) · IV47 8SW
- 10 Broadford Hotel · [broadfordhotel.co.uk](http://broadfordhotel.co.uk) · IV51 9YE
- 11 Claymore Restaurant · [claymore-restaurant-skye.co.uk](http://claymore-restaurant-skye.co.uk) · IV49 9AQ
- 12 Duisdale House Hotel · [duisdale.com](http://duisdale.com) · IV43 8QW
- 13 Torvaig House Hotel · [toravaig.com](http://toravaig.com) · IV44 8RE
- 14 Cafe 1925 · 01471 844255 · IV45 8RS



## TRAVEL TO THE FESTIVAL

### Getting to Skye

The journey to Skye can be one of the most spectacular in the world whichever way you travel. Most visitors arrive by car, crossing the toll-free Skye Bridge from the mainland at Kyle of Lochalsh. It takes about 40 minutes to drive from the Skye Bridge to the Aros Centre, Viewfield Road, Portree, IV51 9EU.

**The Festival promotes responsible drinking. Below are a list of transport options to help visitors get around this rural region.**

### By Bus

Stagecoach 58 and Citylink 915, 916 run to and from the Aros Centre. More information can be found at [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com), [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk) or [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

### By Taxi

There are many taxi services throughout Skye. Here are a few:  
Gus's Taxis 01478 613000 [www.skye-taxis.xo.uk](http://www.skye-taxis.xo.uk)  
Lynx Taxis 01478 611909 [www.lynxtaxis.co.uk](http://www.lynxtaxis.co.uk)  
Portree Taxi Services 01478 612444 [www.portreetaxis.co.uk](http://www.portreetaxis.co.uk)  
Isle Drive 01470 572302 [www.dunvegantaxiservices.co.uk](http://www.dunvegantaxiservices.co.uk)

### Festival Transport Group

If you're staying in the same area or attending the same events, The Spirit of Skye Festival Transport Share Scheme page helps link you up with other festival-goers to allow you to share journeys safely around Skye. Visit [www.facebook.com/groups](http://www.facebook.com/groups) and search for Spirit of Skye Festival Transport to join the group.

## RESPONSIBLE DRINKING ETIQUETTE

The Spirit of Skye Festival supports responsible drinking and advises visitors to enjoy the Festival and only to drink in moderation. The Festival is a tasting event and drinking too much will not be tolerated.

Observance of the following house rules will ensure that all guests, visitors, exhibitors and employees can enjoy the Festival in a safe and pleasant way.

- Visitors are strongly advised to eat properly before and during the Festival. The location offers appropriate catering on site. Please note only food purchased at the Festival may be consumed on the premises.
- Drink plenty of water throughout your stay.
- In the interest of a good Festival atmosphere and especially the welfare of exhibitors, visitors will not be served alcohol if they appear to have consumed too much.
- Visitors who appear drunk or otherwise upset the event will be requested to leave the Festival directly.
- There is a strict policy on samples in force at the Spirit of Skye Festival. Samples are only poured in the Festival tasting glass and are intended to be consumed or sampled during the Festival. Do not bring empty sample bottles with you to the Festival and pour the samples provided by the exhibitors in other containers than the official tasting glasses provided.
- Refund of entrance tickets or renewed access to the Festival will not be granted to persons who not complied with the house rules.
- Festival Staff will be on-hand throughout the event to help if you have any questions.

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# THE FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

## FRIDAY 16 JUNE

11.00am - 4.00pm · £20  
Tasting Session Day One

11.00am · £15  
Talisker Whisky Masterclass

12.00pm - 4.00pm  
Axe Throwing

12.45pm · £15  
Gin Masterclass and  
Cocktail Tasting

2.00pm · £15  
Chef's Theatre:  
Gary Maclean

2.30pm · £15  
Real Ale Masterclass with a  
Culinary Twist

4.15pm · £15  
Talisker Whisky Masterclass

5.00pm · £5  
Whisky Galore Film (1949)

7.30pm · £18  
Live Music: The Dime Notes  
A Pie & A Pint

## SATURDAY 17 JUNE

10.30am · £3  
Willy Wonka Film & Treat!

11.00am - 4.00pm · £20  
Tasting Session Day Two

11.00am · £15  
A Whisky Journey

12.00pm - 4.00pm  
Axe Throwing

12.45pm · £15  
Gin Masterclass and  
Cocktail Tasting

2.00pm · £15  
Chef's Theatre: Scott Davies

2.00pm · FREE  
Storytelling: Susy Macaulay

2.30pm · £15  
Real Ale Masterclass with a  
Culinary Twist

4.15pm · £15  
Talisker Whisky Masterclass

5.00pm · £5  
Whisky Galore Film (2016)

7.30pm · £18  
Ceilidh & BBQ with The  
Scottish Ceilidh allStars