



**64** **SOUTH UIST** is a stunningly beautiful island of crystal clear waters with white powder beaches to the west, and heather uplands dominated by Beinn Mhor to the east. The 20 miles of machair that runs alongside the sand dunes provides a marvellous habitat for the rare corncrake. Golden eagles, red grouse and red deer can be seen on the mountain slopes to the east. **LOCHBOISDALE**, once a major herring port, is the main settlement and ferry terminal on the island with a population of approximately 300. A new marina has opened, and is located at the end of the breakwater with facilities for visiting yachts. Also newly opened Visitor Information Office in the village. The island is one of the last surviving strongholds of the Gaelic language in Scotland and the crofting industries of peat cutting and seaweed gathering are still an important part of everyday life. The Kildonan Museum has artefacts from this period. **ASKERNISH GOLF COURSE** is the oldest golf course in the Western Isles and is a unique test for any grade of golfer.



**67** Visit the **HEBRIDEAN JEWELLERY** shop and workshop at Lochdar, selling a wide variety of jewellery, giftware and books of quality and good value for money. This quality hand crafted jewellery is manufactured on South Uist in the Outer Hebrides. The shop in South Uist has a coffee shop close by the beach, where light snacks are served. If you are unable to visit our shop, please visit us on our online store. Tel: 01870 610288. HS8 5QX. [www.hebrideanjewellery.co.uk](http://www.hebrideanjewellery.co.uk)



**65** **SOUTH UIST** is a wildlife wonderland, archeologists paradise and historians dream. It is also the birthplace of Flora MacDonald and just outside the village of Kildonan, is a memorial to her. Flora gained immortality by her assistance to Bonnie Prince Charlie in the Outer Hebrides after his flight from the mainland following defeat at Culloden in 1746. **WALKING** is a key part of the South Uist experience with walks at all levels. Ben Mhor, Ben Corodale and Hecla are the three highest peaks on South Uist, and for the keen and experienced hillwalkers, there is a good horseshoe walk to the hills direct from Howmore hostel. The route leads into the most spectacular and interesting of the South Uist landscapes. Loch Druidibeg is one of the best places in the Hebrides to see the full range of island wildlife and habitats. The loch is situated to the east of the A865, close to Stilligarry.



**68** **SALAR SMOKEHOUSE:** Award winning flaky hot smoked salmon is a speciality. Online ordering available. Visitors are very welcome for our tastings at our shop which is set in a very scenic location with an abundance of wild life, including sea eagles, otters, and wild deer. Locally produced gifts. Tel: 01870 610324. [www.salarsmokehouse.co.uk](http://www.salarsmokehouse.co.uk)

**UIST GIFTS AND INFORMATION:** Based on Pier Road in Lochboisdale, Uist Gifts and Info is a friendly Information centre for visitors to the islands. Selling Harris Tweed, local arts, crafts, gifts, books and clothing from the Outer Hebrides. Providing shipping agent facilities and land services for visiting boats. Local tours, information on walks, cycling routes, archaeology and wildlife spotting in the local area. Pier Road, Lochboisdale. South Uist HS8 5TH. Tel: 01878 700777. Email: [uistgifts@gmail.com](mailto:uistgifts@gmail.com)

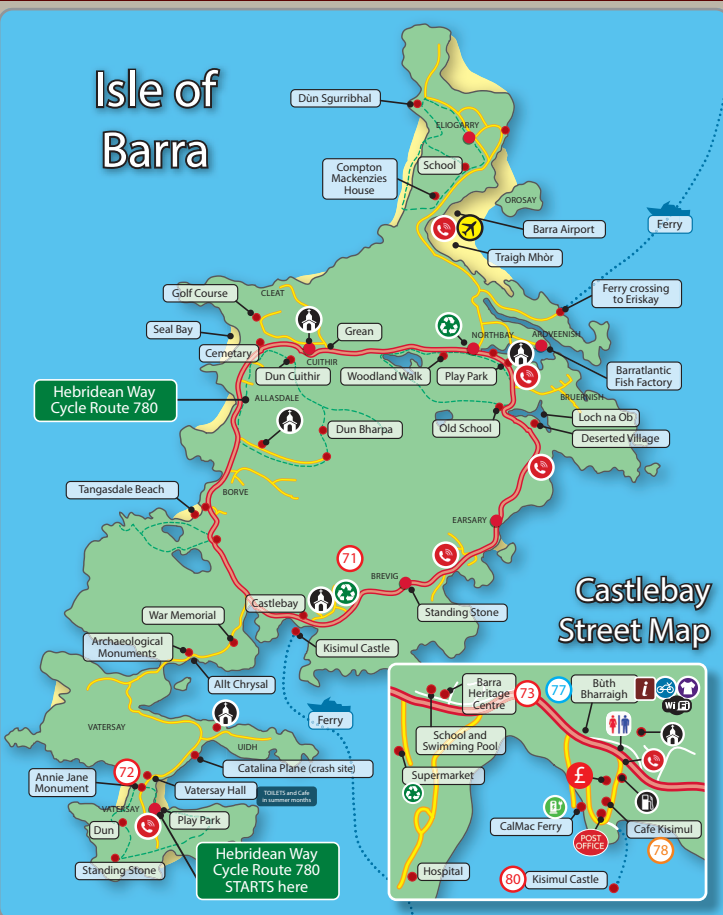


**66** In the far south is the **ISLE OF ERISKAY** with its famous ponies. The ponies are semi wild and often seen in the vicinity of the village. Eriskay is also home to famous wreck the S.S. Politician. The wreck was the inspiration for the Compton Mackenzie book and film, Whisky Galore. The SS Politician was an 8000-tonne cargo ship which left Liverpool on the 3rd February 1941 laden with amongst other things 260,000 bottles of whisky, bound for Kingston in Jamaica and New Orleans. She went aground off the coast of Eriskay.



**70** **THE KILDONAN MUSEUM** lies on the main north, south road in South Uist. A museum, with arts and a cafe (80), serving lots of freshly prepared dishes using locally sourced ingredients, as well as amazing home baking. Car parking and facilities available. A good pit stop on the Hebridean Cycle way. Open: April – October, 7 days a week, 10am – 5pm. HS8 5RZ. Tel: 01878 710343. [kildonanmuseum.co.uk](http://kildonanmuseum.co.uk)

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**71** **WALKING ON BARRA AND VATERSAY** is particularly interesting as very rarely do you lose sight of the sea and the main hills. One particularly good walk is to ascend Heaval, the highest hill and view the surrounding islands. On a clear day, you can view the isles to the South and as far as the Isle of Mull. Sea kayaking, wind surfing, power kiting, rock climbing are all developing around these islands as interest grows in outdoor activities. Remote islands are



**72** accessible with boat trips, running on a regular basis, to see the birds, marine wildlife and spectacular cliffs off the Barra Head Islands. **Vatersay Walk:** This walk is approximately 3 hours of easy to medium going with one short, fairly steep climb to Dun Vatersay. The walk begins at the small car park across the road from the 'Annie Jane' monument. It is a circular walk of about 4 miles, taking in Bagh Siar (West Bay), Bagh a Deas (South Bay), Eorisdale and Baigh Bhatarsaigh (Vatersay Bay). The machair land running along the entire west coast of Barra and Vatersay is fringed with beautiful beaches and is also carpeted with wild flowers throughout the spring and summer months.

**BARRA HERITAGE CENTRE** located close to the centre of Castlebay, Dualchas is placed in a prime location looking out over the bay to the southern islands. It is a treasure trove of historical documents, artefacts and photographs relating the story of the Herring fishing industry, the Clearances and the emigration which ensued after The Clearances. The centre is a visible commitment made by the community towards preserving Barra heritage and sharing their stories with people worldwide.



**74** **CASTLEBAY SPORTS CENTRE** is situated next to Castlebay School and includes a swimming pool (20 metres by 9 metres) with Sauna which can be used in term time after 4pm and in the holidays from 2pm. Also available is a fitness suite area with Technogym equipment. For general enquiries or to book a gym induction please contact 01871 810129. For games hall bookings please contact Castlebay School on 01871 810100. For the latest information check our Facebook page - 'Castlebay Sports Centre'. [www.cne-siar.gov.uk/csc/index.asp](http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/csc/index.asp)

