

Islay Gin & Whisky Social

#WhiskyTime #IslayGin



Whisky Palate Development Programme 2019

Islay is a remote Scottish island in the southern Hebrides. It has nine, yes nine, whisky distilleries and produces two types of gin. Its small population of 3,000 people live and breathe whisky. They are some of the friendliest and most welcoming people on the planet. Islay is a world away from mass-tourism; it has wonderful beaches, the freshest seafood, both modern and traditional spirit production methods, and of course, hairy coos. We stay in premium accommodation and we taste premium gin and whiskies. This trip is indulgent, fun, developmental and tax deductible. It is designed for TDs and TD like-minded people.



Who we are: Yardarm offers small group trips to lesser known, premium quality alcohol producers in beautiful places
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What's included:

- Several generous gin & whisky tastings at source of production - it feels different drinking whisky on Islay; like you've found the meaning of life. We do cellar tastings not boring production tours.
- Three nights in premium, modern, cottage accommodation. All extremely comfortable with ensuite bedrooms or access to private loos.
- Transport from Glasgow meeting point to Islay via minibus and ferry, and return to Glasgow airport.
- 'Feed my Guest' drinks reception @YardarmCottage, our very own holiday home in beautiful Portnahaven. We really love Islay.



What's not included:

- Breakfast - accommodation is self catering but we'll provide breakfast starter packs.
- Lunches & dinners - we'll recommend the best places to eat and drink. Maybe try a local seafood platter.
- Your flights to & from Glasgow and pre-tour accommodation.



Been to Islay already ?

Nae bother. The locals love return visitors. They even opened a brand new distillery earlier this year.

These Trip Highlights are new to Yardarm's 2019 PDP :

- Bruichladdich Gin Experience : 'The Botanist' dry gin event will make you fall in love with Islay and with Bruichladdich distillery forever.
- Bunnahabhain Warehouse 9 : Local legend David Brodie takes us through Bunnahabhain's special collections with a light hearted yet informative performance.
- Ardnahoe : Islay's 9th distillery. Brand new distillery just opened in 2019. Stunning setting overlooking the Sound of Islay. Who knows what they'll produce. Only time will tell.
- Port Charlotte : Premium accommodation on Lochindaal - you will not want to leave.
- Drinks reception : Join us at Yardarm Cottage in Portnahaven, Islay's most westerly point overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.



Don't like whisky ? (Neither did several of our previous guests ...)

And neither did we, way back in 2010. Until we arrived on the ferry at 10am and headed straight into our first tasting. Maybe it's the views, the smells, the people, the calm or the remoteness, but whisky just tastes different on Islay. You have to be there and feel it to understand.

Still sceptical ? Just come along to relax and recover with friends after a mad season on the road. This is a fun trip is designed for TDs. And anyway, we're pretty sure we'll find a whisky to tempt you.



Trip date: 25 - 28 October 2019

- Your PDP starts at 8:00 on Friday, 25 October at a central Glasgow meeting point. You will need to arrange your own flights to Glasgow and we recommend you arrive the evening before the trip.
- Your PDP ends at Glasgow airport on Monday, 28 October. You should book a flight that departs Glasgow airport no earlier than 18:00.

Price

- £ 625 per person single accommodation or £ 550 per person double / twin accommodation.
- You may also pay in Euro if you wish.
- We'll provide you with an invoice for this research & development trip.
- Unfortunately, refunds cannot be issued in the event of cancellation. Sorry but we have to commit to our suppliers in advance. However, if you really can't go, your place is transferrable and you could find someone to take your place.

