

Feis Ile

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Parking will be available near to the village of Keills and free bus transport will run regularly between the car park and Caol Ila.

Please read thoroughly the notes section at the end of the programme before making any bookings.

Caol Ila Feis Open Day - Monday 23rd May 2016

Caol Ila Islay Festival Bottling Release: 10.00

Our very special Caol Ila Islay Festival bottling will be on sale from 10.00am.

The Operators Tour: 09.30, 11.00, 13.00, 14.30 & 15.00

Lynzie and Paul, two of our operators will be hosting our tours for the day; join them for behind the scenes look at the distillery. Come along and let them educate you in the most important aspects of the production of Caol Ila. Finish up by enjoying a couple of drams of Caol Ila paired with some delicious nibbles.

Ticket Price £15 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 10 max each tour Duration 1.5 hours

Manager Masterclass: 10.30, 12.30 & 14.30

Join Heather Wall our new distillery manger in the old cooperage for a tasting of some of Caol Ila's finest wares, perfectly matched with some delicious canapes to enhance the flavours of the whisky. This masterclass will include 5 samples of Caol Ila including this year's Festival Edition.

Ticket Price £35 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 60 max each time Duration 1 hour

Caol Ila Warehouse Tasting: 10.00, 11.30, 13.30 & 15.00

Join Iain MacArthur and Douglas Murray for a tour of Caol Ila's traditional Warehouse. Your experience will begin with sampling our new make spirit by the receiver followed by old tales of the distillery and the secrets of maturation. Naturally a trip round the Warehouse wouldn't be complete without a tasting of Caol Ila's fine spirit as you go, including this year's festival edition.

Ticket Price £25 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 30 max each time Duration 1 hour

Caol Ila by Sea: 10.00, 11.00, 11.45, 12.30, 13.15, 14.00 & 14.45

Enjoy a trip up the Sound of Islay in one of our local high speed RIBs. Sit back with a dram in hand and experience our distillery from an entirely different angle. It's the perfect opportunity for some once in a lifetime shots for all the enthusiastic photographers amongst you and to see our beautiful Island only accessible by sea. A shuttle bus will run from the distillery to Port Askaig from there you will board the boats for a trip up the coast like no other. The boat trip will take approximately 30 minutes but please allow at least 40 minutes for the experience.

Ticket Price £20 Includes a Feis Ile glass 10 max

Caol Ila Whisky Music Pairing Session: 16.00

From new make to mature spirit, from unpeated 'highland style' to muscatel cask-wood finish, taste and hear how the subtle nuances of flavour and tone of Caol Ila's single malt whisky resolve themselves through a number of different expressions, including Feis bottlings from 2013 and 2016, the Caol Ila Distiller's edition and the 2014 unpeated Special Release. Nick Morgan, Neil Ridley, Christian Lewis and Shaz Mahmood (Prince Adewale and the Endeavours) will provide a musical accompaniment to guide you on your journey through these unique whiskies from the Sound of Islay.

Ticket Price £25 Includes a Feis Ile Glass 60 max Duration 1 hour

Nibs and Nibbles: 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15, 00 book on the day

The Monday Mix Up

Monday at Caol Ila means another chance to meet up with our Whisky Ambassadors Colin Dunn as he create some wonderful drinks with Caol Ila. Drop by and share their passion for the three C's, Caol Ila, Cocktails and Chocolate.

Free event please book on the day.

Throughout the day...

"The Gulf Extreme", a merger of some of Scotland's finest ceildh bands will be there to keep you entertained on the day whilst you enjoy a dram of Caol Ila by the sea, bringing the sound of Islay to life.

To keep the hunger pangs at bay we will have a host of local foods for you to enjoy.

The coopers will also be making an appearance at Caol Ila.

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The Rest of the Week

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Managers Tour and Tasting: 14.00

Spend the afternoon with our distillery Manager Heather Wall and enjoy a tour of Caol Ila distillery followed by a premium tasting in our historic Caol Ila Cooperage. Heather will guide you through our superb range of Single Malt Whiskies from Caol Ila, including this year's Festival bottling and the elite Caol Ila 30 year old.

Ticket Price £35 Includes Caol Ila Glass 16 max Duration 2 hour

Thursday 26th May 2016

Managers Tour and Tasting: 14.00

Spend the morning with our new Distillery Manager Heather Wall and enjoy an exclusive tour of the distillery followed by a premium tasting in our historic Caol Ila Cooperage. Heather will guide you through our superb range of Single Malt Whiskies from Caol Ila, including this year's Festival bottling and the elite Caol Ila 30 year old.

Ticket Price £40 Includes Caol Ila Glass 16 max Duration 2 hour

Friday 27th May 2015

Managers Masterclass: 14.00

For those of you who missed out on Heather's masterclasses on Monday there is one last chance on Friday to join her for a masterclass in Caol Ila & canapes. Sample 5 of Caol Ila's finest wares paired perfectly with canapes in the Old Cooperage.

Ticket Price £35 Includes Caol Ila Glass 60 max Duration 1 hour

Notes

All bookings must be made via the online booking system linked to this website and are not refundable or transferable once completed.

To avoid queueing on the day all pre-booked tickets can be collected from the distillery visitors centre in advance from the 16th of May. Tickets must be collected ahead of the each event to gain access to the event, for those not arriving until the 21st of May you will be able to collect your tickets from the ticket desk during the festival. Please bring a printed copy of your booking confirmation when collecting your tickets.