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Bunnahabhain Festival Programme 2013

Tales of the Sea

A week of nautical adventuring

There was a time when the only real way to Bunnahabhain Distillery, on the North Eastern tip of the Island, was by sea. Men, like the Helmsman on our bottle, would risk their lives battling the elements to bring barley for the whisky to the safe harbour of Bunnahabhain. Today, we have a small windy road for access. So why not come and join us as we celebrate our Tales of the Sea events this week?

Distillery Tours – £4 per head

To enter Bunnahabhain Distillery, is to walk in to a story of seafaring adventure. You're on board a ship sailing ever forward in the search for perfection, while remaining firmly anchored in the craft, tradition, heritage and passion for adventure and of course whisky! Come on board and we'll share our tales of endurance, devotion, wonder and possibly a few secrets along the way.

Times

Open Day Only – Friday 31st May

10:00 until 15:00 – No appointment required

Malt Masterclass – £30 per head

In our song 'Westering Home', our Helmsman describes the world he has seen overseas and how glad he is to be returning home. Our own Global Brand Ambassador, Dr Kirstie McCallum, knows that feeling well. In this 90-minute masterclass, she tells her version of the story of Bunnahabhain, along the way lending you a lifetime's insights into the brand, distillery and unique spirit of Bunnahabhain. And in the unlikely event that she misses something, the tasting of five expressions of our famous malts will complete the story.

Times

Open Day Only – Friday 31st May

10:30 to 12:00 – Booking required

14:30 to 16:00 – Tickets available from Distillery Shop at 12:30 – only on sale on the day – no prior bookings.

Venue

Distillery Filling Store

FULLY BOOKED

Distillery Manager's Special Tasting – £100 per head

Andrew Brown is Distillery Manager at Bunnahabhain, but here, surrounded by unforgiving seas, we prefer to call him 'The Navigator'. He's worked every part of the good ship Bunnahabhain and he'll tell his tales as he also conducts this special tasting of our 20-year-old Pedro Ximenez, 25, 35 and 40-year-old malts.

Times

Thursday 30th May – 14:00 to 15:30

Booking required

Venue

Distillery Manager's Office

'Long' John's Warehouse Walk – £25 per head

See if you can keep up with 'Long' John McGillivray as he strides through his warehouse. He'll share the secrets of his warehouse with you and stretch your imagination as he lets you indulge in our special cask-strength tastings. An experience you'll long remember.

Times

Mon 27th May – 13:30 to 15:00

Wed 29th May – 13:30 to 15:00

Open Day – Friday 31st May

10:30 to 11:45

12:45 to 14:00

14:30 to 15:45

Booking required

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Walk and talk to Margadale Spring – £10 per head

Join Andrew Brown, Distillery Manager, as he shares his tales with you on this guided walk to the Margadale Spring. Enjoy a dram while taking in the solitude and surroundings of the source of the spring. Please remember suitable footwear for this journey over the moss.

Times

Wed 29th May – 13:00 to 16:30 approx.

Booking required.

Peat Cutting Demonstration – £10 per head

Join ‘Long’ John at his peat cutting demonstration as he takes you through the artisan process that’s been handed down through generations. Have a go yourself and enjoy a dram as you watch the master at work. Please remember suitable footwear.

Times

Thursday 30th May – 13:30 to 15:30

Booking required

Historical Walking Tour – £10 per head

Your guide, Scot AnSgeulaiche, is a Highland tradition bearer, historian and, most importantly, storyteller. This week’s focus is on the area, island, flora, fauna and lest we forget, tales of whisky. Please remember suitable footwear. This is a journey through story... and through bog.

Times

Open Day Only – Friday 31st May

10:30 to 11:30

14:30 to 15:30

Booking required

Live Music by Skerryvore

Let’s create a few more stories as our courtyard is taken over by the STMA Live Act of the Year 2011, Skerryvore. Described as the “most promising young band in Scotland today” by Mick MacNeil, of Simple Minds, and “a 12-legged party waiting to happen” by The Falkirk Herald... why not add a couple more legs to that party?

Times

Open Day Only – Friday 31st May

12:00, 14:30 and 16:00

Open to all

Local Arts and Craft Stalls

As well as local arts and souvenirs, we’re letting the sea speak directly to you at our barbeque. Our famous Bunnahabhain Burgers expertly cooked by Islay Masters Swimming Club. The Seafood Shack and Islay Oysters will also be there to keep the hunger at bay. All washed down with good chat and some informal whisky sampling.

Times

Open Day only – Friday 31st May

Have a great Feis Ile 2013. May it leave you with many tales to tell.