



THE ISLE OF GIGHA HERITAGE TRUST

COVID-19 Isle of Gigha Information for Visitors

Welcome to the Isle of Gigha!

As a community, we have carefully considered re-opening the island. In welcoming back visitors, we ask for their co-operation in keeping us all safe and COVID-free.

Below is information for visitors that are planning to visit Gigha in the upcoming weeks.

Update: 5th August 2020

General COVID-19 Restrictions on Gigha

- Social distancing and hand hygiene are essential
- Please wear face masks on the ferry, at the shop and in other indoor public places
- Please take litter, waste, and PPE home with you and dispose of properly
- Please stay at home if you or anyone in your household has experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 2 weeks
- Do not travel to Gigha if you feel unwell. If you fall unwell during your time on Gigha, we advise that you leave the island immediately and isolate at home
- Always adhere to Scottish Government advice

CalMac Ferry Timetable

CalMac have now published the next phase of their timetable. This will be in operation from **1st July until 18th October 2020**. The Gigha ferry is operating on turn up and go service.

Please find the current CalMac timetable for **1st July - 18th October 2020** below:

GIGHA

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TAYINLOAN - GIGHA (TAY - GIG)

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DAY	Tayinloan Depart	Gigha Arrive	Gigha Depart	Tayinloan Arrive
MON-SAT	-	-	0735 A	0755 A
	0800 A	0820 A	0830	0850
	0900 D	0920 D	0930	0950
	1000	1020	1030	1050
	1100	1120	1130 D	1150 D
	1200	1220	1230	1250
	1400	1420	1430	1450
	1500	1520	1530	1550
	1635	1655	1705	1725
	1735 B	1755 B	-	-
SUN	-	-	0930 C	0950 C
	1000 C	1020 C	1030	1050
	1100	1120	1130	1150
	1200	1220	1230	1250
	1400	1420	1430	1450
	1500	1520	1530 C	1550 C
	1600 C	1620 C	-	-

CODES

A	On Saturdays, this sailing only operates if requested by 1400 on the previous day. To request this sailing telephone 0800 066 5000 or +44 1475 650397 (for international customers)
B	This service can depart at 1750 only if requested by 1400 on the previous day. To request this sailing telephone 0800 066 5000 or +44 1475 650397 (for international customers)
C	This sailing operates only if requested by 1400 on the previous day. To request this sailing telephone 0800 066 5000 or +44 1475 650397 (for international customers)
D	Passenger numbers may be restricted.



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Capacity

CalMac have implemented guidelines and safety measures which include social distancing, wearing masks and accepting card payments only. These measures are designed to keep customers and crew safe and will limit the number of passengers that are allowed on each sailing. As capacity is restricted, your first choice of sailing may not be available so please plan ahead and be prepared to wait for the next sailing. For more updates and guidance on ferry travel, please visit CalMac's website at: <https://www.calmac.co.uk/>

Accommodation

Below is a list of accommodation on Gigha that are re-opening this season. Please note COVID-19 restrictions will be put in place.

Achamore Lodge B&B

Achamore Lodge B&B is re-opening from **15th July** with a COVID-19 management plan in place to keep everyone safe. Full information will be provided to guests on booking.

Please contact: achamorelodge@gmail.com

Or visit: <http://achamorelodge.elliesings.org/>

Instagram: [@achamorelodge](https://www.instagram.com/achamorelodge)

GTL Cottages

GTL Cottages will be re-opening from **11th July**, a terms and conditions sheet will be provided to guests.

Please contact: cottages@gigha.org.uk

The Yurt Experience

The Yurt will be re-opening from **15th July**.

Please contact: tealejc@yahoo.co.uk

Or visit: <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/10905046>

3 Ardmish Self-Catering

3 Ardmish will be re-opening from **15th July**.

Please contact: tealejc@yahoo.co.uk

Or visit: <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/room/28754874>

9 Ardmish Self-Catering

9 Ardmish will be open to guests from **15th July**.

Please contact: donald.graham2@btopenworld.com

Or visit: <https://www.scottish-islands-holiday.co.uk/>

Beachview

Beachview Self-Catering Cottage will re-open from **3rd July**.

Please contact: sarahbranton1@gmail.com

Or visit: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/gb/scottish-cottage.en-gb.html>

Gigha Hotel

The Gigha Hotel are welcoming back guests from **1st August**.

Please contact: kendeacon@gighahotel.com

Or visit: www.gighahotel.com



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Gigha Pontoons

The moorings and pontoons are re-opening **on 15th July**.

There will be no shower/toilet facilities available at the Boathouse this year for mooring and pontoon users. This is a result of minimising the risks of the COVID outbreak.

Camping

There will be no camping facilities available at the Boathouse this year. This is a result of minimising the risks of the COVID outbreak. We advise that those wishing to have a short break on Gigha refer to the above accommodation providers.

Ardminish Stores

Ardminish Stores is continuing to use window service as well as indoor shopping. There is a limited capacity allowed indoors and face masks must be worn. Specific guidance for those visiting shops can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-consumers/>

Please find Ardminish Stores' opening hours below:

Monday: 9am-5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 2:15pm

Wednesday: 9am - 1pm

Thursday: 9am - 3pm

Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 12pm - 1pm

Places to Eat and Drink

Customers visiting restaurants, cafes, bars, and pubs are being asked to provide contact details to support Test and Protect and ensure that contact tracing works well. Specific guidance for those visiting hospitality and tourism businesses can be found at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-consumers/pages/tourism-and-hospitality/>

The Boathouse

The Boathouse Café and Restaurant will be open from **15th July** for food and drink. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and limited capacity you are advised to book ahead to avoid disappointment.

Please contact: eat@boathouseongigha.com

Or visit: boathouseongigha.com

Instagram: @boathousegigha

Gigha Hotel Pub and Restaurant

The Gigha Hotel's Bistro and Pub are now open for food and drink with outdoor and indoor seating. Their Hebridean Fine Dining Experience will be open from **21st August**. You must book ahead, and restrictions apply.

Please contact: kendeacon@gighahotel.com

Or visit: <http://www.gighahotel.com>



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Bike Hire

Bikes will be available to hire from Ardmish Stores from **15th July**. The Gigha Activity Centre will remain closed this season.

Please contact: 01583 505251

Achamore Gardens

The gardens will re-open to the public on **15th July**. Please respect social distancing rules and maintain hand hygiene.

Please visit www.gigha.org.uk prior to your visit and download a map of the Gardens. We are encouraging use of digital maps rather than paper leaflets currently.

Play Park

The play park is now open to the public however, there is no COVID-19 control in place. Please keep this in mind and use at your own risk.

Gigha Golf Course

The golf course will not be re-opening this season.

Public Toilets

The Argyll and Bute Council have not re-opened the public toilets at Tayinloan or on Gigha, meaning that they will not be regularly cleaned. If you choose to use these toilets, you do so at your own risk and we strongly advise that you always maintain strict hygiene practices.

Please remember that booking ahead for accommodation, restaurants and attractions is necessary. We ask that those visiting Gigha are respectful of the community and continue to adhere to social distancing. Please do not leave any litter or waste behind on your visit.

Thank you for your co-operation.

This information will be reviewed and updated every 2-3 weeks and in alignment with Government guidelines.

Please keep up-to-date on all the latest Government advice in Scotland by visiting:
<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you experience COVID-19 symptoms, please visit the NHS website for advice:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>