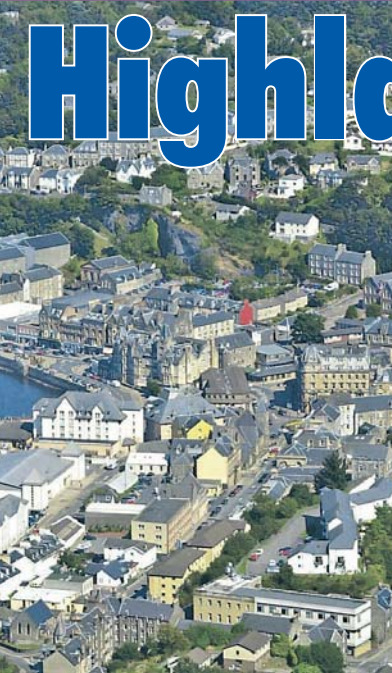


Highlands



dinner and you want to walk it off you could stroll up to McCaig's Tower overlooking the town and bay and offering magnificent views out to sea and glorious sunsets. The tower is a folly and was originally destined to be a museum to house statues of the family of wealthy banker John Stewart McCaig. However, his sister contested his will and the tower was never finished.

Another good walk is up the town's Pulpit Hill which again offers outstanding sea views. Also, a brisk stroll along Esplanade to Oban's lovely war memorial is another popular evening excursion, offering views over to the island of Kerrera which shelters the town from the Atlantic weather. Oban is in a bowl so if you are walking uphill you are heading away from the town centre and if you are walking downhill you will eventually come to the water's edge.

Oban and its surrounding area offer plenty of entertainment throughout the year including several Highland Games where you can see competitions for Highland dancing and music played on the bagpipes, fiddle, Celtic harp and other instruments, as well as athletics and the ancient Celtic game of shinty - similar to Irish hurling. Each August the town stages The Argyllshire Gathering which offers the best in these events. The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival also takes place here in May at various venues including the Corran Halls on the edge of town.

Corran Halls is the main concert venue for the town with plenty of shows, exhibitions, concerts and other events occurring throughout the year. In addition, the town's pubs and bars have live music at night especially in summer, so holidaymakers can enjoy a true flavour of Highland song, music and food. The Oban

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the romantic Outer Hebridean islands of Barra and South Uist, or heading into port. Not for nothing is Oban known as the 'Gateway to the Isles'. You'll also see small sailing boats and bigger charter vessels moored against the harbour walls while seafarers stock up at the town's shops. Don't be surprised if you see a tall ship gliding gracefully into Oban Bay or even a Nato or British warship moored there. Oban serves all kinds of ships and serves them well. Bigger cruise liners call in as well to give their passengers a chance to experience the delights of the town.

A choice of eating establishments in Oban makes choosing a meal very easy. There is everything from fast food outlets, bars and cafes to top-notch award-winning restaurants and hotels serving fresh locally-sourced produce including seafood for which the West Highlands are famous. Our selection of eateries includes Indian and Chinese, and many offer spectacular views across Oban Bay along with their breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks and afternoon teas.

Sometimes it's hard to keep children amused when it's raining and if the skies should happen to open during your stay there are plenty of places to keep them entertained.

One way to keep them happy and occupied in wet - or dry - weather is to visit Mitchell's Family Amusement Centre next to the cinema. Here you will find all the latest video games as well as more traditional amusements such as fruit machines. The centre also has pool tables, children's rides and driving machines.

This family-run business has been operating for 28 years. It also has a sweetie and ice cream shop in George Street, and if the kids need sustenance after their pool or video game there is Mitchell's Coffee House in Argyll Square whose mouth-watering selection of refreshments will easily satisfy their hunger pangs. The menu includes toasted sandwiches and filled baguettes and a range of coffees and tea as well as cold drinks. So if you're up for a latte with a tuna melt, Mitchell's is the place for you.

Night-time strolls in Oban can be full of romance and memory. Once you've had

Meals & Snacks
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Vintage & Classic Lorry Parade
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Organised by Oban & Lorn Lions Club this special Charity Extravaganza is being staged to honour the memory of the late Tommy Owens, who was always at the forefront of many charitable endeavours in the community of Argyll and who founded Oban Express, now a huge employer locally.

Fun Fair and Rides, Music and a Running Commentary on all the vehicles - large and small as they parade through Station Square during the afternoon, culminating in the Grand Parade through the Square, along the Esplanade, along George Street and departing (and arriving) via Combie Street.

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