

MULL AND IONA - so much to offer the visitor

TO VISIT Mull and Iona is to have, literally, a true taste of the West Highlands. With Iona being almost a stone's throw from the foot of Mull the two islands are inextricably linked. A visit to both will give you a detailed insight into early Celtic Christianity and local history and culture. Mull particularly is well-known for its local produce, including cheese, and its wildlife holidays.



The ferry at Fionnphort

Children will love Mull for it is here that the television series Balamory was set - at Tobermory. The ferry trip from Oban to Craignure, near Tobermory, doesn't take long. They'll be thrilled to be in Balamory with its gaily-coloured houses.

Tobermory also has plenty of bars, restaurants, cafes and hotels offering superb locally grown food. Any idea of dieting will go out of the window when you see the mouth-watering foods you can taste or buy. Mull and Iona are a foodie's paradise and calorie counting will simply be a 'waist' of time.

If you want to sample all that's best about the islands' foods you should visit at the end of summer when a food festival celebrates all that is good about Mull and Iona's produce - the cheeses, meats, seafood and bread are a gastronomic delight.

With its rugged high mountains, Mull is rapidly being recognised as one of the places to go for a wildlife holiday for there is much to be seen. Birds include the recently introduced white-tailed sea eagle. Other rare birds you could spot are mer-

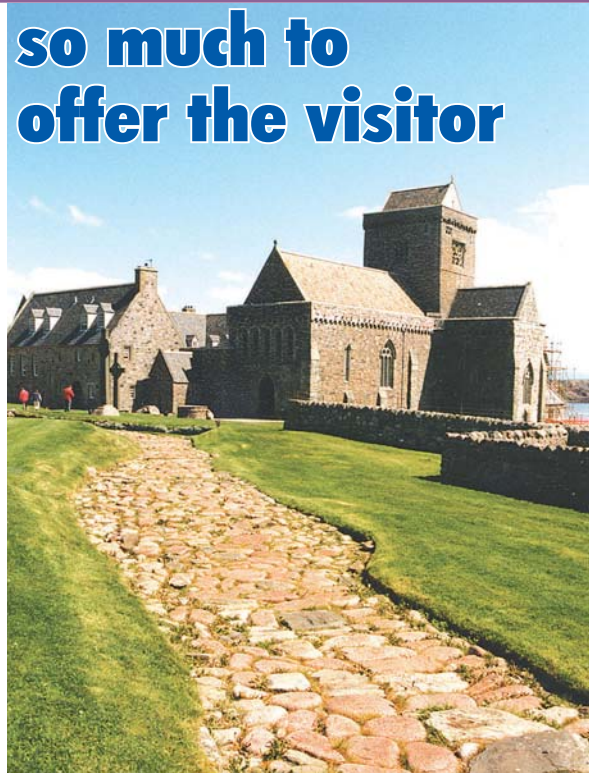
round their shores as well and if it's an all-round experience you want this year's festival of wildlife will be right up your alley.

The islands of Mull & Iona are internationally recognised as areas of outstanding scenery, biodiversity and geology, and are home to some of Scotland's leading wildlife tour operators. Countryside Rangers will lead visitors to see the chicks of world famous White Tailed Eagles of Mull. Experienced tour guides offer close encounters with otter, deer, golden eagles, whales and dolphins, as featured on the BBC programmes presented by Bill Oddie.

More recently the isles have also become known for the quality of produce on offer, from succulent seafood and award winning local cheese to smoked fish and hill reared lamb, showcased in the Taste of Mull & Iona Food Festival.

If this were not enough for the discerning visitor, Mull & Iona offer a varied programme of activities organised by the island's numerous arts, culture and heritage organisations. These include the unique Ionad Eachdraidh an Rois Mhuilich, and An Tobar.

A brand new comprehensive 'What's On' website at www.wildisles.co.uk lists all the activities and organisations involved with contact details and a new e-booking facility for many events.



Iona Abbey - at the heart of Celtic Christianity

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lins, hen harriers and 'incomers' such as the bee-eater. Wildlife abounds on Mull and Iona and for many events.

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