

to offer the visitor

A true taste of the West Highlands



Tobermory - the setting for the childrens' TV programme Balamory

More than ten percent of the island's population will benefit economically from the St Columba Steadings project by encouraging islanders to develop their creative and business skills. It offers an economically sustainable future for 11 micro businesses and has created a diverse and lively centre of activity on Iona.

The businesses are Mhairi's own, Aosdana, a craft co-operative of nine small businesses, Oran Creative Crafts and a

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The Island of Iona with the world-famous Abbey on the right of the photograph. Iona Abbey is at the forefront of Celtic Christianity

knitwear business, Issy on Iona. This exciting project will be a sure addition to the Iona visitor itinerary.

Aah, Iona ... ancient burial ground of Scottish kings and the cradle of Celtic Christianity in Scotland.

The island is dominated by its abbey and the story of St Columba who landed here from Ireland to bring Christianity to pagan Scotland. For such a tiny island Iona has a huge Christian reputation and is visited by tens of thousands of people each year.

As well as its religious side, Iona has plenty of bed and breakfast and hotel accommodation and shops selling paintings of local seascapes and landscapes, books and other items. With its air of spirituality and its interesting shops, Iona will draw you back time and again, as will the delights of Mull with its varied offerings for young and old.

Mull Theatre, based just outside Tobermory, is one of the top professional touring companies in Scotland, and has been producing high-quality and innovative theatre for more than 40 years. Each year, a selection of drama, comedy, children's shows and workshops from Mull Theatre can be found in venues all over Mull and Iona.

For 2008, Mull Theatre productions include:
KATIE MORAG – a revival of the hugely successful musical play for children, based



Smile Please! This cheeky seagull hitches a ride on the Oban to Mull ferry

on the popular stories by Mairi Hedderwick

SWINDLE AND DEATH – a new black comedy by the award-winning playwright Peter Arnott

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ACCORDIONIST – a co-production with Right Lines – the legendary comedy ceilidh murder mystery!

MACBETH – Mull Theatre's highly acclaimed version of the Scottish play (All shows are touring Scotland this year.)

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