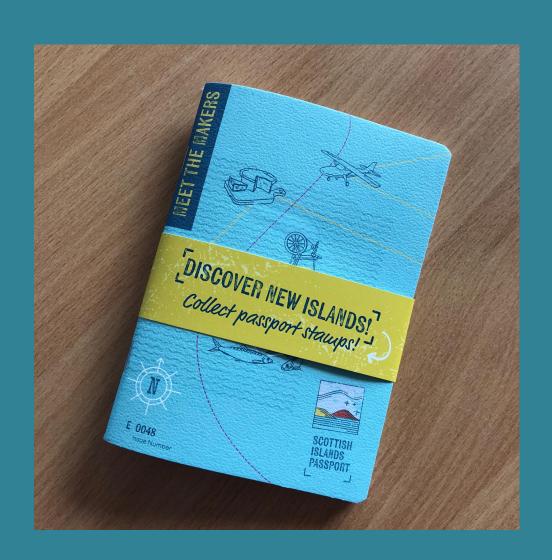


- Series of themed travelogues different islands featured in each
- Designed to inspire potential island travelers and allow folk to collect stamps when they visit islands
- Keepsakes intended to be used over multiple travels
- Perfect for gifting or treating yourself
- *Meet the Maker* released 2022
  - Maker and artist focus
  - 20 islands (plus more in the More to Explore section)
- Wholesale price £4.40-£5.00 depending on number ordered (No VAT as published material)
- Minimum order 10 travelogues
- Stockists to be featured on Scottish Islands passport website and in project social media campaigns.





- Each travelogue comes with a 'bellyband' to help keep it in good condition
- Sample copy of travelogue provided to retailers for browsing
- Point of sale promotional material available



We have been working with local communities to choose locations to install stamps on the islands covered by the Me*et the Maker* travelogue. Stamps are being installed in the following locations for the main islands featured:

- Arran Kilmory Hall
- Barra Bùth Bharraigh
- Benbecula Puffin Studio
- East Burra East Burra Hall
- Eigg Pier building or shop (tbc by community partner)\*
- Fair Isle Community hall
- Fetlar Interpretive centre
- Great Bernera Community-owned campsite
- Harris Talla na Mara
- Islay Community filling station, Port Ellen

- Jura Jura Community Business units
- Lismore Kiosk (tbc by community partner)\*
- Mainland Orkney Stromness Museum
- Mull MICT charity shop
- North Uist Community hub (old Lochmaddy school)
- Rum Bunkhouse
- Sanday (Orkney) Heritage centre
- South Ronaldsay Roberstons café
- Stronsay Fish Mart
- Yell The Old Haa

<sup>\*</sup> Stamps currently on-island and being installed, awaiting confirmation of final location



Snapshot: Inside front cover / page 1



### **MEET THE MAKERS**



Our island communities have long been renowned for their resourcefulness, creativity and skill. Historically, islands were almost entirely self-reliant, depending exclusively on what they could make, grow and produce locally.

This resilience has continued into the modern-day, with island communities having a wealth of talent and skill, inspiring arts and crafts.

With a rich landscape and diverse heritage and culture, Scotland's islands attract craft makers, artists, and designers producing paintings, sculptures, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, photos, soaps, candles, and more.

Bound by the sea and inspired by landscapes of sweeping hills, secluded beaches and rugged cliffs shaped by the powerful Atlantic Ocean, our Meet the makers

# Meet the makers

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Snapshot: Pages 2 and 3



islands, and the creatives who call them home, find endless inspiration.

Let us walk you through our creatively-charged, inspiring islands; from the rich textile heritage of Fair Isle in the north to the numerous craft trails exploring art and sculpture on Scotland's most southerly island, Arran.

This travelogue is by no means a comprehensive guide – think of it as a page from a sketchbook, a teaser of what to expect without unveiling the complete picture. We want you to experience and explore our islands, discovering the magic

of each place as you go, and stumbling across unexpected pockets of creativity.

As well as the 20 featured islands, you can find additional island makers in the 'More to Explore' section and use pages from the 'Sketchbook' to add your own island inspiration as you travel around our creative isles.



#### **COLLECT STAMPS!**

Those blank spaces on the island pages in this travelogue are there for a reason. We have worked with artists across the islands to create 'passport stamps' which reflect the history, landscape and people of the places they love. Each island has its very own rubbing plate which you can use to stamp your island pages when you visit. For more information and a full list of stamp locations head to www.islands.scot/stamps

#### **OUR ISLAND COMMUNITIES**

As islanders ourselves, our island communities are central to everything we do. We have worked hard to try and keep the voices of islanders at the heart of the resources we create to give you an insider view of island life and ensure we are supporting tourism which is meaningful and sustainable for local people. The people living on the islands you visit will always be the experts on their island home and we strongly recommend you check local sources and advice when planning your trip.

#### SCOTTISH ISLANDS PASSPORT PROJECT

Our travelogues were developed as part of the Scottish Island Passport project, which aims to encourage more people to visit more of Scotland's islands for more of the year. You can find out more about the project, our app, and more resources at www.islands.scot



### Snapshot: Example island info page (including space for stamp –

bottom right)

Probably most famous for the Paps of Jura that dominate the horizon and the Corryvreckan Whirlpool that lies between Jura and Scarba, the island has a vibrant community with plenty for visitors to enjoy, including hiking and wildlife spotting. Its name derives from the Norse 'deer island' – and there are still 30 deer for every person on the island today!

#### **FAMOUS FOR**

- George Orwell wrote '1984' at Barnhill and almost drowned in the Corryvreckan Whirlpool.
- In the 1990s, pop group The KLF attempted to burn a million pounds in the Ardfin boathouse.
- The Paps of Jura are visible across the west coast of Argyll and the Inner Hebrides. Although not Munros, they're a challenging climb.



#### **ASK AN ISLANDER**

- In July, the island sports day at Ardlussa is an island institution, with visiting athletes of all ages welcome!
- Walk through Keils to the tranquil graveyard, or take the steeper track opposite the shop in Craighouse for fantastic views of Small Isles Bay.
- Showcase your musical talent with the outdoor instruments at Corran Sands.

#### **MEET THE MAKERS**

- Visit Camella Crafts in Craighouse, where you'll find everything from Christmas decorations and earrings to postcards and prints.
- Check out The Whisky Island Gallery & Studio and marvel at the work of photographer Konrad Borkowski who has been shooting the Jura landscape since 2006. The spacious, light and modern gallery enjoys beautiful views across the bay.
- Throughout the summer, weekly craft fairs showcase the best of the island's crafters and makers.

#### OTHER RESOURCES

www.juradevelopment.co.uk www.islayjura.com www.islands.scot





Snapshot: 'More to explore' section

### **MORE TO EXPLORE**

With our 20 featured islands, we've sketched you a map to help you explore, and we hope you've enjoyed meeting a few of our talented makers and soaking up the atmosphere in their welcoming studios. Still, there's so much more to explore – here are a few more suggestions to get those creative juices flowing.



Visit North Ronaldsay's
Wool Mill to see the fleeces
of the local North Ronaldsay
sheep being processed and
spun into gorgeous
yarn, which is in demand
worldwide.

Glansin Glass is a fused glass business based on Shetland's most northerly island of **Unst**. Visit the new studio, which opened in 2021, to participate in regular glass-making workshops. To enjoy the collective art scene of **South Uist**, grab a copy of 'Made in the Outer Hebrides' to explore the island's vibrant Art Trail.



The Millport Gallery on Cumbrae allows visitors to explore the island's creative side, with the gallery featuring work by local artists.

Pick up some local arts and crafts at The Green Shed on the Isle of **Muck**. This quirky little shop is open for business 24 hours a day on

an 'honesty' basis - you can stock up on local produce here too!

Get fired up and create your own designs or take home a locally-made ceramic piece to commemorate your visit to **Burray** at The Corner Art & Crafts Ceramic Studio. If you love ceramics, the island is also home to John Struthers Contemporary Ceramics.



Make a pilgrimage to Iona and check out the well-stocked Iona Craft Shop, selling a wide range of island-made crafts. Iona is also home to local craft cooperative, Oran Creative Crafts, which includes weaving, candles, glass and knitted goods.

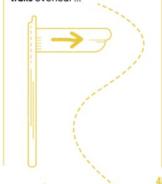
For something different, visit **Tiree** Glass Studio, which

specialises in recycled glass, turning used bottles into something entirely different.



Stocking a wide array of arts, crafts and gifts, including work from local and visiting artists, The Old Waiting Room Gallery on Colonsay is well worth visiting.

Find out more about **craft** trails overleaf ...



**Snapshot:** Craft trails and page 1 of travel info

### CRAFT TRAILS IN THE ISLANDS

Many of our islands have developed craft trails to guide visitors through the arts and crafts scene and bring them directly to the makers. The following are a few to explore throughout the islands:

#### ARRAN

arranarttrail.com arranartsheritagetrail.com arranopenstudios.com arranmakers.com

#### **MULL & IONA**

mullandiona.art

#### ORKNEY

orkneyartsandcrafts.com

#### **OUTER HEBRIDES**

Made in the Outer Hebrides: Art, Craft & History Guide visitouterhebrides.co.uk

#### SHETLAND

shetlandartsandcrafts.co.uk

#### SKYE

art-skye.co.uk

#### **STRONSAY**

visitstronsay.com

#### UIST

SUSTAINABLE AND CONSIDERATE TRAVEL

leisurely pace? Many ferry providers don't

charge for bicycles. Leaving your car at

home can also help local communities where ferry capacity is an issue.

Our islands are fantastic for walking and cycling and, for

some of the smaller islands, it might be worth considering leaving the car at home to enjoy exploring at a more

**Uist Sculpture Trail** 

#### SANDAY

Sanday Artists Studio Trail

(also for Jura), Lewis (for Harris and Great Bernera), Lismore, Mull, Rum, South Uist (for Benbecula and North Uist).

argyll-bute.gov.uk Lismore, Islay to Jura.

### **GETTING AROUND**

#### BY FERRY

The following operators sail to the main islands listed in this travelogue:

#### NORTHLINK

northlinkferries.co.uk Mainland Shetland (for Fetlar, East Burra, Yell and Fair Isle) and Mainland Orkney (also for South Ronaldsay, Sanday and Stronsay).

#### PENTLAND FERRIES

pentlandferries.co.uk South Ronaldsay (also for Mainland Orkney, Sanday and Stronsay).

#### CALMAC

calmac.co.uk Arran, Barra, Eigg, Harris, Islay

#### ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

#### ORKNEY FERRIES

orkneyferries.co.uk Sanday and Stronsay (from Mainland Orkney).

#### SHETLAND ISLAND COUNCIL

shetland.gov.uk/ferries Fetlar, Yell and Fair Isle (from Mainland Shetland).

#### JURA DEVELOPMENT TRUST

jurapassengerferry.com Jura.

#### THE SMALL ISLES FERRY

arisaig.co.uk/islandferry Eigg and Rum.

#### JOHN O'GROATS FERRY

jogferry.co.uk South Ronaldsay (also for Mainland Orkney, Sanday and Stronsay).



Ferries often require advance bookings check operator website for more information.

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## Snapshot: Travel info continued

#### **GETTING TO A PORT**

Scottish Citylink (www.citylink.co.uk) operates longdistance coach travel between major hubs in Scotland and a large proportion of ferry ports. Many ports are also accessible by train (www.scotrail.co.uk). Traveline Scotland provides comprehensive information on using public transport to help you plan your trip.

#### BY PLANE

You can fly to the following islands in this travelogue with Loganair (www.loganair.co.uk), Hebridean Air (www.hebrideanair.co.uk) or Airtask (www.airtask.com/shetland-islands-inter-island-service):

#### ISLAY

Loganair operates daily flights between Islay and Glasgow. Hebridean Air operates scheduled flights between Oban and Islay (some fly via Colonsay).

#### HARRIS & GREAT BERNERA

Loganair operates flights to **Stornoway** in **Lewis** from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness and **Benbecula**. Once you arrive in **Lewis** it is possible to drive to **Harris** and **Great Bernera**.

#### ARRA

Daily scheduled flights to **Barra** from Glasgow are operated by Loganair.

#### BENBECULA

Loganair offers flights to Benbecula from Glasgow, Inverness and Stornoway. From Benbecula, a causeway links to North Uist.

#### MAINLAND ORKNEY

Loganair operates flights to Kirkwall Airport from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness and Sumburgh. A series of causeways makes it possible to travel by road from Mainland Orkney to South Ronaldsay.

#### **EAST BURRA**

Loganair operates flights to Sumburgh Airport from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness, Manchester, Bergen and Kirkwall, Orkney. Several road bridges link East Burra to Mainland Shetland.

#### **YELL & FETLAR**

Loganair operates flights to Sumburgh Airport on Mainland Shetland from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness, Manchester, Bergen and Kirkwall, Orkney. From Mainland Shetland, an interisland ferry service operates to Yell and Fetlar.

#### FAIR ISLE

Airtask operates regular flights between Tingwall on Mainland Shetland and Fair Isle. Loganair operates flights to Sumburgh Airport on Mainland Orkney.

#### SANDAY

Loganair operates regular flights between Sanday and Kirkwall on Mainland Orkney. Flights may go via Stronsay.

#### STRONSAY

Loganair operates regular flights between Stronsay and Kirkwall on Mainland Orkney. Flights may go via other islands.

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#### OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Traveline Scotland – a central point for public transport information on the islands, www.travelinescotland.com

Visit Scotland - accommodation listings throughout Scotland, www.visitscotland.com

**Isle Holiday** – the accommodation site which supports island communities. **www.isleholiday.com** 

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Snapshot: 'Sketchbook' section for travelers to make their own notes.





See accompanying 'Invitation to become a retailer' document for full information, terms and conditions and to start the process of becoming a retailer for the Scottish Islands passport Travelogues.

Or contact passport@islands.scot if you have any questions.

Thanks!