Welcome to Armadale Castle, Gardens & Museum of the Isles

*Fàilte gu Caisteal Armadail, Na Gàrraidhean agus Taigh-tasgaidh nan Eilean*

Thank you for visiting Armadale Castle, Gardens & Museum of the Isles. This estate was formerly the seat of the Macdonalds of Sleat and part of the traditional lands of Clan Donald. It is now run by a charitable trust dedicated to promoting the history and traditions of the Clan and the Highlands & Islands.

The gardens, woodlands and museum are all yours to explore. The visitor route takes you through a beautiful, natural setting, so please note that there are slopes, sudden drops, rocky water courses and uneven surfaces which are part of the natural landscape. We ask you to be mindful of the risks, supervise small children closely during your visit, and take notice of any warning signs.

The **castle ruins** date from the 19th century. You’ll find information about the castle’s history on interpretation panels and in the museum. The ruins are currently unsafe to visit and are surrounded by a temporary fence for your safety. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we explore options for stabilising the structure.

The **historic gardens** date in part to the 1790s and were largely remodelled in the 1820s. The woodland gardens include many remarkable specimen trees, mostly planted in the 1870s. More recently developed areas such as the ponds, herbaceous borders and terrace walks provide a tranquil place to sit or stroll.

The **Museum of the Isles** guides you through 1500 years of history and culture of the area known as the Kingdom of the Isles. The Museum is also home to the Library & Archives, with over 7000 books on Highland culture, history and genealogy. The Library is free to use and open 7 days a week (10.00-12.30 and 14.15-16.30). There is a small charge for consulting the Archive, which contributes towards the cost of conserving and developing it.

We have two lovely **gift shops**, one in the Gatehouse and the other at the Museum. Both offer a wide range of beautiful and original gifts, many inspired by the collections in our care and some created especially for us.

Our family-friendly **café** offers a wide selection of specially prepared snacks and light lunches, sandwiches, soups, home-baked cakes and great coffee. There’s free WiFi too.

Beyond the formal and woodland gardens there are many **walks and trails** across the wider estate. Check the interpretation board next to the castle for a plan of our trail networks.

For your next visit why not book our **4-star self-catering accommodation**? Our cosy lodges have fabulous sea views while our luxury suites are full of historic charm. Visit our website for more information.

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If you have any suggestions for improvements don’t hesitate to speak to one of the team, or complete a comment card. Thank you.

Enjoy your visit, and we hope to see you again soon.

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