



DUNVEGAN

CASTLE & GARDENS



Any visit to the Isle of Skye would be incomplete without savouring the wealth of history offered by Dunvegan Castle and Gardens.

Built on a rock in an idyllic lochside setting, Dunvegan is the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland. It has been the ancestral home of the Chiefs of MacLeod for 800 years and is still home to the Clan MacLeod Chief.

There is plenty for all our visitors to do:

Castle Tours – take a tour of this historic castle and see:

- ❖ The Great Sword of Dunvegan on display in the North Room - one of only three surviving Scottish medieval claymores.
- ❖ Portraits of the Dunvegan Clan Chiefs and their wives in the Dining Room, including "The Red Man" by Ramsay.
- ❖ The "Fairy Flag".
- ❖ Conservation in Action – see the meticulous work needed to care for the collection, going on in the show rooms.

Seal boat trips – you cannot get closer to the protected common seals anywhere else on Skye.



Fabulous shops with a wide range of Highlands and Islands gifts, jewellery and knitwear:

- ❖ *Castle Shop* - Beautiful bespoke gifts inspired by the castle collection.
- ❖ *Gift shop* – including nature based children’s toys, and many new lines under £10, including delicious chocolates.
- ❖ *St Kilda Shop* (on the Dunvegan Pier road) - Harris Tweed handbags, jackets and accessories, cashmere knitwear and quality locally crafted gifts, beautiful prints and paintings (by local artists).

MacLeod Tables Café

- ❖ Excellent coffee and homemade soup and snacks at the Café, made using produce from the Walled Garden.

Beautiful Gardens and Walks

- ❖ The Water Garden with its ornate bridges, islands and rich, colourful planting.
- ❖ The Round Garden featuring a Boxwood Parterre as its centrepiece.



- ❖ The Walled Garden (formerly the castle's vegetable garden), features Roses, formal planting and herbaceous borders, the fountain in the lily pond and the Victorian style glasshouse.



- ❖ The Garden Museum – with images of the garden before our current head gardener, David McLean, began his work here over 50 years ago.

Opening times: 1st April to 15th Oct, 10am to 5.30pm, last admission 5pm

For further information, see our website: www.dunvegancastle.com

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