



NORTH OF THE WALL · GOLF

Ardfin Estate, Isle of Jura

Whole-estate exclusive use — the house, its staff and its private links.

Jura has around two hundred residents and rather more deer. Ardfin sits on its southern shore, above the Sound of Islay: a restored Georgian house set in walled gardens, with a golf course laid along the cliffs that is one of the most privately played pieces of ground in Britain.

We do not sell rooms here. Ardfin is arranged on a single basis — the whole estate, for the whole of your stay. The doors close behind your party on arrival and open again when you leave. The staff work for you and no one else. The first tee is unbooked because there is no one else to book it.

“It is the most exclusive thing on our register, and the hardest to obtain. Availability is measured in weeks a year, not nights a month, and it is placed by introduction.”

EXCLUSIVITY & TERMS

BASIS	Whole-estate exclusive use only — no rooms are sold individually	OCCUPANCY	One party at a time; no other guests on the estate
THE LINKS	The cliff-top course is private to the party in residence	MINIMUM STAY	Typically a full week; shorter periods by arrangement
SEASON	Late spring to early autumn	ACCESS	By introduction, arranged well in advance
STAFF	House, kitchen and greenkeeping teams work for your party alone	TERMS	No nightly rate is published; quoted privately against dates and party

WHAT EXCLUSIVE USE INCLUDES

- Exclusive use of the house, gardens and grounds
- Private chef, house staff and butler service
- Estate pursuits: stalking, fishing, boats, beaches
- Unrestricted play on the private cliff-top links
- Anchorage and tender for arriving parties
- Dedicated concierge on call for the duration

THE OCCASION

Ardfin is taken for the gatherings that only happen once. Two patterns account for almost every enquiry we place.

A SIGNIFICANT FAMILY EVENT

A milestone, marked properly.

A seventieth birthday. A golden anniversary. A wedding, or the three generations who come to one. Everyone under one roof, one long table at dinner, and the course to yourselves each morning.

- Whole-house occupancy, so no one is billeted elsewhere.
- Private chef, cellar and one long table for the entire party.
- Piper, ceilidh or a silent night on the terrace — as you prefer.
- Golf for those who play; boats, deer and beaches for those who don't.
- Children and grandchildren accommodated without compromise.

A CORPORATE CELEBRATION

A room no one else can enter.

For a board that needs three days without an audience, a partner reward trip that must feel unrepeatable, or clients you would rather not share a dining room with. The whole island is the perimeter.

- Total privacy — no other guests, no passing trade, no overheard call.
- Private links for a whole-day match, played at your own pace.
- Distillery access on Islay and Jura, arranged with the distillers.
- Private aircraft and helicopter transfers handled end to end.
- Discreet meeting space within the house for board sessions.



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THE HOUSE, THE LINKS, THE ISLAND

THE HOUSE	A restored Georgian house above the Sound of Islay: principal rooms with Atlantic outlooks, drawing rooms, a cellar, and walled gardens kept to the Victorian plan.
THE LINKS	A cliff-top course laid along the southern shore — short, severe and spectacular, played by your party alone, at any hour, for as many rounds as the light allows.
THE TABLE	A private chef and one long table. Menus written against the estate's own garden, the day's landings, and your party's preferences.
THE ISLAND	Jura: some two hundred residents, several thousand deer, one road and one distillery. Islay lies a short crossing to the south.
BEYOND GOLF	Stalking, sea fishing, boats and tenders, empty beaches, and the Corryvreckan whirlpool at the north end of the island.

THE RHYTHM OF A WEEK

Nothing here runs to a timetable but the tide. In practice a week settles into a shape: golf before the wind gets up, the boats or the beaches through the middle of the day, the walled garden and the drawing room in the late afternoon, and one long table at eight. A day is given to Islay — the distilleries, arranged with the distillers themselves — and an evening to whatever the occasion asks for, whether that is a piper on the lawn or no one speaking at all.

ARRIVAL

BY AIR	Private terminal at Glasgow or Prestwick, then light aircraft or helicopter direct to the estate.
BY SEA	Own vessel or chartered motor yacht to the estate anchorage, met by tender.
BY ROAD & FERRY	Chauffeured to Kennacraig, ferry to Islay, then the short crossing of the Sound to Jura.

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HOW AN ENQUIRY PROCEEDS

Send the occasion, your window of dates and the size of your party. We confirm privately whether the estate can be held, then quote exclusive use in full. Nothing is confirmed until we have spoken. Response within forty-eight hours.

Ardfin is placed by introduction. Availability is limited to a small number of weeks each season and is held on a first-agreed basis.