



ARMADALE

CASTLE, GARDENS & MUSEUM OF THE ISLES

ISLE OF SKYE

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Armadale Castle welcomes tour groups with extended season

Meet the team at Visit Scotland Expo – stand F14



One of Skye's most popular visitor attractions has announced an extension to its visitor season, in response to the island's growing popularity as a year-round visitor destination.

South Skye's 5 star visitor attraction is now open 9 months of the year, with full daily opening from the beginning of April to end October, and 5 days a week in March and November. The extended opening will enable group and individual visitors to enjoy the changing seasons at Armadale's magnificent gardens, and offer more opportunities to explore the permanent and temporary exhibitions at the acclaimed Museum of the Isles.

The visitor attraction welcomes tour groups big and small, and will be exhibiting at Visit Scotland Expo in April (stand F14). Tour operators are encouraged to visit the stand, meet the team and pick up the new Group Travel Welcome brochure.

Armadale Castle, Gardens & Museum has also announced a busy programme for all ages and interests, including family activities, music and garden events. Events planned for 2019 include a 'Clan Donald Gaelic Arts Week' in June and a Jacobite Day with costumed re-enactors in July. Weekly activity sessions for all the family will run throughout the school holidays. For full programme visit www.armadalecastle.com/events

The attraction is fast becoming a foodie destination too, with the new café-bar-restaurant, Gasta at Armadale Castle, winning plaudits from locals and visitors alike. Based in the historic

stables building, Gasta offers delicious breakfasts, lunches and teas during the daytime, and evening meals at weekends. There's regular live music too.

Sue Geale, Armadale Castle's Museum Manager and member of the Management Committee, commented: 'We had a great season last year with lots of positive feedback from both local residents and visitors. The new café, family activities and musical events were particularly successful and we are delighted to be building on those in our programme this year. We're greatly looking forward to the season and welcoming both local friends and visitors from around the globe.'



Notes to editors

Armadale Castle, Gardens & Museum of the Isles is a Visit Scotland 5 Star visitor attraction in Sleat, south Skye. The castle ruin, historic gardens and award-winning Museum sit at the heart of a 20,000 acre estate that was once part of the traditional lands of Clan Donald. The estate is now run by Clan Donald Lands Trust, a Scottish Registered Charity whose mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of Clan Donald, the Lordship of the Isles and the Highlands & Islands.

- Opening times: Low season (4 March – 29 March; 1-29 November) Mon-Fri, 10 am – 3 pm; Main season (1 April – 31 October) daily, 9.30 – 5.30 pm
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Gasta at Armadale Castle is the new café-bar-restaurant in the Stables building – offering superb food and drink, and live music at weekends. A joint venture with Armadale Castle, it is run by the team behind Deli Gasta (Broadford) and Isle of Skye Candles. For more information: www.gastaarmadale.co.uk/, Tel. 01471 844774, gastaarmadale@outlook.com

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