



Geowalks Walking Holiday: Arran Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 September 2021

Welcome to the best geology in Scotland! Arran's rocks tell a story stretching over hundreds of millions of years. There are igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks, representing periods of mountain building, equatorial seas, hot deserts, volcanoes and underground cauldrons of magma – it's all here, and Arran is justly famous as an ideal introduction to the study of rocks, and a place to appreciate the link between the rocks and the shape of the land at different scales.

We'll visit the ancient Highland rocks in the north of Arran, the site of James Hutton's unconformity near Lochranza, and the desert sandstones of the south. There will be time to explore all aspects of the island and appreciate the scenery, wildlife and a peaceful place to spend some time.

We'll be based at the Lochranza Outdoor Education & Activity Centre (www.lochranzacentre.co.uk), which includes Arran Geopark's interpretation centre. This is also a great location for exploring the island's geology, with one of Scotland's best geology walks starting from the doorstep. From there, we also have easy access to other key sites on Arran's east and west coasts.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, details may change or the trip may need to be cancelled. The Lochranza Centre is open with safety procedures in place, and our group size will be limited. There will be full details of all safety procedures in the Final Programme, 4 weeks in advance.

Outline Programme

Thursday Travel to Arran; meet in Lochranza early afternoon, walk along the coast to Hutton's Unconformity.

Friday Explore the coastal geology and sedimentary rocks from Glen Sannox to Corrie village.

Saturday Walk from Blackwaterfoot northwards along the coast to the Kings Cave and on to the collections of standing stones on Machrie Moor.

Sunday To Kildonan on the south coast, late afternoon ferry and head for home.

Further Details

Course fee £320, including all meals, accommodation and transport on Arran.

Transport We will be transported by minibus and/or public bus on Arran. You are welcome to take your car if you want and car-sharing might be possible.

Level of fitness required You will need to be reasonably fit and used to walking, but the pace will be moderate with plenty of stops. We'll stick mostly to paths although there will be some rough walking on beaches and uneven ground. The longest walk will be about 10 kilometres.

Accommodation & Catering We will be based at the Lochranza Centre, in single/twin, mostly en-suite rooms with all meals provided – breakfast (hot & cold options), packed lunch and three-course evening meal.

Booking Contact Angus to reserve your place. Full details will be sent out four weeks in advance. You can cancel your booking at no charge until two weeks prior to the trip; full payment will be due then.

If the trip has to be cancelled, you will receive a full refund. It will not be possible to pay any other associated costs, such as travel reservations.

Before the start of the trip, you will receive a full refund if you develop Covid-19 symptoms, are required to self-isolate or because of any Scottish Government Covid-19 restrictions to travel.

If you decide to cancel in the final two weeks before the trip for any other reason, no refund will be possible.



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