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THE COLUMBA CENTRE, FIONNPHORT
EXHIBITION AND GIFTSHOP
An exhibition describing the arrival of



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The Nunnery remained occupied until the Reformation, when it passed into the hands of the MacLeans of Duart. Today, although ruinous, Iona Nunnery is one of the best preserved medieval nunneries in Britain.



A regular 10-minute ferry service runs between Fionnphort, Mull to Iona at peak times. For complete ferry times contact Caledonian MacBrayne on 01631 566688.



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A collage of three historical Scottish sites. The top image shows a large stone castle with a prominent tower. The middle image features a large, ornate Celtic cross standing in front of a stone building. The bottom image depicts a stone ruin with arches. At the bottom of the collage is a blue ribbon banner with the text 'HISTORIC SCOTLAND' and a small logo of a castle tower.

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One of Scotland's most historic and venerated sites, Iona Abbey is a celebrated Christian centre and the burial place of early Scottish kings. The Abbey and Nunnery grounds house one of the most comprehensive collections of Christian carved stones in Scotland, ranging in age from 600AD to the 1600s.

Welcome to Iona Abbey and Nunnery

THE COLUMBA CENTRE, FIONNPHORT

This centre houses a free exhibition describing the arrival of St Columba to Iona and the growth of Christianity throughout Scotland (allow 20-30 minutes). There is a small giftshop and coffee point and advance tickets to the Abbey can be purchased here.

Open May to September only, 10am-5pm.

IONA ABBEY

The Abbey was founded in 563 by St Columba, and since that time the island has held an important place in the story of Christianity in Britain. This was confirmed in



the 13th century when the Benedictine Abbey, parts of which are still visible today, was founded by Reginald, son of Somerled. Eight hundred years later the island's significance was reaffirmed when the Abbey buildings were restored and an active community again took up residence. Visitors can tour the Abbey, including Torr an Aba – the site of St Columba's writing cell – which provides a view over the Abbey; St Columba's Shrine; the Abbey church and cloisters. To the north-east of the Abbey is the Michael Chapel and the Infirmary Museum where a magnificent collection of carved stones is on view. Times for guided tours are posted at the Abbey entrance.

WORSHIP

The Iona Community, founded in 1938 by the Rev George Macleod, now occupies the monastic buildings. The tradition of worship at the Abbey continues through daily services and teaching. Visitors are welcome to join services. For service times please contact 01681 700404, or check at the Abbey entrance where daily times are posted.

THE BURIAL GROUND

Adjacent to the Abbey is the Reilig Odhrain, the burial ground for the island in which many early Scottish kings and chiefs are buried, alongside monks and islanders. Many of the finely carved gravestones from here are now on display in the Abbey and museum. St Oran's Chapel, originally 12th century, is principally reserved for visitors who wish quiet contemplation or prayer, and we would ask that this designation be respected.

