



NC'NEAN

DISTILLERY TOURS

ORGANIC, LIGHT AND WILD

We are a young, independent, organic whisky distillery on the west coast of Scotland. We exist to create experimental spirits and pioneer sustainable production.



OUR WHISKY

MADE BY NATURE
NOT BY RULES

We're young and independent and this gives us the freedom to experiment. We're exploring new taste profiles every month, seeing what a small batch whisky can deliver.

SCOTLAND'S
EXPERIMENTAL SPIRIT

Scotland has a long history of experimentation and we believe in following that trail-blazing spirit. We're using some of the most imaginative distilling ideas from around the world, combined with the best ingredients Scotland has to offer, to create a whisky that's easy to drink and mix.

We're trying longer mashing times and slower fermentation and experimenting with yeasts not commonly used in distilling. The high, narrow cut on our still is helping us produce a purer spirit. Our unusual lamp-glass-shaped stills encourage a gentle distillation and significant amounts of reflux, creating a lighter spirit that retains its fruity notes. And we've installed temperature controls in our warehouses to create different flavours over time.

OUR DISTILLERY

SCOTCH WITH PURPOSE

Our story began in 2012: Annabel pondering her future whilst working as a consultant in London. During a whisky road trip came a lightbulb moment: why do so many distilleries do things the same way things have always been done... perhaps there are other ways? Then five years creating a distillery from scratch on a wild, west-coast estate.

We started distilling in March 2017 and from the beginning we've set out to do things differently, to get people to think again about Scotch. We're uninhibited by tradition and we're not afraid to colour outside of the lines.

NEACHNEOHAIN: QUEEN OF SPIRITS

Our name, Nc'nean, is an abbreviation of Neachneohain, the Queen of Spirits in Gaelic legend. We pronounce our name Nc-ne-an, which sounds like Nc-knee-anne. Neachneohain was a huntress: strong, independent and never afraid to walk her own path. A quiet rebel.

PROTECTOR OF NATURE

Neachneohain was also a fierce protector of nature. We try to follow that ethos in everything we do: we're the first fully organic distillery in Scotland. We use our own pure spring water. All our energy comes from renewable sources. We recycle waste heat through the warehouses. Our left-over grain feeds the cows on the farm. Nothing is wasted.



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VISIT US

If you're up for an adventure, please come and visit us.

We open our distillery to visitors during the working week, where you can take a look behind the scenes as we make our future whisky, take in the views, and enjoy drinks in our bar.

TOURS

Tours include an introduction to Nc'nean over organic coffee and cakes, a chance to see all sides of our small distillery in operation and a taste of our unaged and evolving spirits. Maximum of 15 people per tour. Approx 2 hours.

LUNCH

We can offer a short lunch menu, designed to showcase the best organic ingredients from Morvern and the Isle of Mull. To help us minimise food waste, lunch must be pre-booked.

BY BOAT FROM TOBERMORY

If you are staying in Tobermory, there is a water taxi once a week from Tobermory directly to Drimnin pier. Please see our website for more details.

TO BOOK

Tours must be pre-booked. For tour times, prices and to book please visit our website ncnean.com or call us on 01967 421698.

TO FIND US

BY ROAD

From the Corran Ferry or Ardnurman peninsula, head towards Strontian and take the turning across the end of Loch Sunart, signposted to Lochaline. On entering Lochaline take the B849 signposted Drimnin – please take this road slowly. Carry on for 11 miles until you see the sign for Nc'nean Distillery and take the Estate track on the right. Follow the signs from here to the distillery for another mile. On arrival, please make your way to the bar.

This Estate track is private and may only be accessed by those with a prior booking. Please allow plenty of time for the journey from Lochaline, it will take longer than you think!

FROM MULL

Coming from Mull, there are hourly Calmac ferries between Fishnish and Lochaline. To get to Mull there are regular services from both Oban and Kilchoan on Ardnurman. Oban to Craignure ferries need to be booked in advance if taking a car. Once a week there is a foot ferry that operates a return journey from Tobermory directly to Drimnin. The day changes each week to accommodate the tides – please see our website for timetables.

BY SEA

If you are coming on your own boat, please phone us in advance so we can advise you of the best place to come ashore and arrange for you to get to the distillery.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Shiel Buses run the local service (507) in and out of the Morvern peninsula and West Coast Motors run the service (95/495) on Mull that connects all 3 ferry ports. There are bikes that can be hired in Lochaline and on Mull. Please phone us for details.

