

OLD KILMUN HOUSE



Welcome!

Hello and welcome to Old Kilmun House and to the stunning surrounding area of Argyll, The Trossachs & Loch Lomond National Park!

My wife Katy and I bought Old Kilmun House in 2019 after falling in love with its charm and the beautiful gardens. The area around the house is exceptionally beautiful so we hope you have a chance to explore it!

We hope you enjoy our beautiful house. Please treat it with the kindness and respect you would for your own home.

Make yourself at home and have a fabulous time!

Ross and Katy
Owners, Old Kilmun House

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History



Old Kilmun House was built by the Duke of Argyll in 1696, with stonework on the house dating back to an earlier 16th or 17th Century house. The property was owned and lived in during the late 19th Century by sugar magnate, collector, philanthropist and founder of Benmore Gardens, James Duncan, and then by the Younger family. James Duncan planted 6 million trees at Benmore, but many of the finest were those he planted in the garden at Kilmun. The whole garden is yours to explore, see if you can find the tree swing or the table and chairs carved from a tree that had lived a few feet away for over 50 years.

It was the Younger family who added the separately owned Victorian extension to the west side of the house. Our lovely neighbor Matthew lives in the extension, if you bump into him, feel free to ask him about any of the rare trees or birds in our garden.

Rooms

Old Kilmun House can sleep 16 people in the main bedrooms and an extra two people in the Cinema room on single sofa beds..



- Triple room with 3 single beds
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First Floor

- 2 King size bedrooms overlooking Holy Loch
- 1 Queen Room overlooking Holy Loch
- 1 Double room overlooking Holy Loch
- 1 King size room this room does not overlook Holy Loch
- 1 Large bathroom with shower, bath and sauna and toilet
- 1 Bathroom with bath and shower
- 1 Separate toilet

Ground Floor

- Large living room with open fire
- Large dine-in kitchen
- Large panelled dining room with open fire
- Shower room and toilet

Basement

- Cinema Room
- Games Room

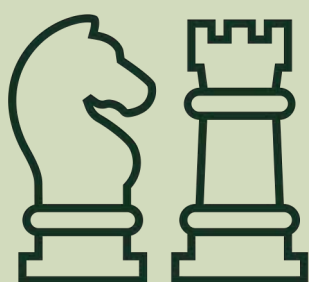


"A fabulous house to spend precious time in with our family. We loved the character of the house and had incredible evenings in the dining room! The children spent hours exploring the garden and loved the little surprises around the garden! We couldn't fault our stay and are already planning our return for the next family celebration."

- Jenny and family



Activities at the House



The house comes with croquet sets, a football goal, four sets of golf clubs and a big trampoline. The games room downstairs has a large billiard table. You'll also find lots of board games in the coffee table in the lounge and in the billiards room.

Football

Billiards

Golf Clubs

Trampoline

Board Games

Croquet Set

Hot Tub

Sauna



The Yurt

Our yurt is a beautiful setting for yoga and meditation. The wood burning stove creates a wonderful atmosphere and an electrical supply for additional heating and lighting ensures it is always cosy regardless of the season.

Please note, our yurt costs an additional £200 to book, We only allow use of the yurt for yoga or wellbeing, it is not included in a standard booking.



"We had the most magical week at Old Kilmun House and fell in love with the charm of the house and the lush gardens surrounding it. The house is so well equipped, and we loved the added bonus of the hot tub overlooking the loch and the sauna. The walk from the house to Pucks Glen was another highlight and definitely not to be missed. We can't wait to come back!"

- The Walker Family July 2021

Food and Drink



The Shore Café

5 mins drive or a 30 min walk

Great for a quick lunch, paninis, wraps, rolls, cakes & coffee. Also sells some basic groceries. Allows dogs outside only.

The Strone Inn

5 mins drive or a 30 min walk

Allows dogs in bar area.

Blairmore Café

10 mins drive

Varied menu of soups, salads, wraps. Good for vegan/vegetarian. Allows dogs.

The Coylett Inn

10 mins drive

Set on the shores of Loch Eck with stunning views, this pub/restaurant offers great food and friendly service. Allows dogs in bar area.

Whistlefield Inn

15 mins drive

On Loch Eck has good live music on a Saturday night and traditional pub food. Allows dogs in bar area

Lorne

15 mins drive in Dunoon

Delicious pub food. Nice terrace outside.

Also in Dunoon

15 mins drive

- Livingstones
- The Lorne Bar
- 51st State Bar and Grill (American Style Diner)

The Osborne in Innellan

18 mins drive

A family run pub with live music and other events, situated in the lovely village of Innellan.

The Creggans Inn

22 mins drive

On the shores of Loch Fyne

Inver Restaurant

30 min drive

Michelin Stared restaurant – one of the best in the area. Fantastic food on the shores of Loch Fyne, be sure to book ahead!

The Colintrave Hotel

33 mins drive

Lovely views of Bute

The George Hotel at Inverary

45 mins drive

The Loch Fyne Oyster Bar

45 mins drive

A great place for fish and chips, oysters, scallops and more! It has a large outdoor garden for takeaway which doesn't need to be booked and allows dogs. The indoor restaurant needs to be booked in advance.

Inverary Portavadie Marina
Restaurants & Bar

45 mins drive

Great views, good food and the world-famous indoor pools



Groceries

Morrison's in Dunoon delivers to Old Kilmun House, but you will need to book a delivery slot at least a week in advance. They also offer a click and collect service.

The closest convenience store is The Cot House Service station which is about 5 minutes' drive from the house in the direction of Dunoon. It has a good selection of basic groceries and wines and is open every day until 10pm.

In Dunoon itself, there is a large Morrisons and a Co-op which are both open 7 days a week.

Loch Fyne deli is on the shore of Loch Fyne and offers delicious smoked salmon, cheese, cold meats, crackers, chutneys etc We highly recommend arranging a wine tasting and getting some cheese and nibbles in from Loch Fyne to accompany the wine.



Hire a Private Chef

Jim Davison (07391005477) or Megan Dickson megandickson555@yahoo.com who will be able to send you their menu options, prices and availability.

Wine Tasting (at the House)

eva.franceschi@corneynandbarrow.com who will be able to let you know the price and availability..

Things to Do

Walks

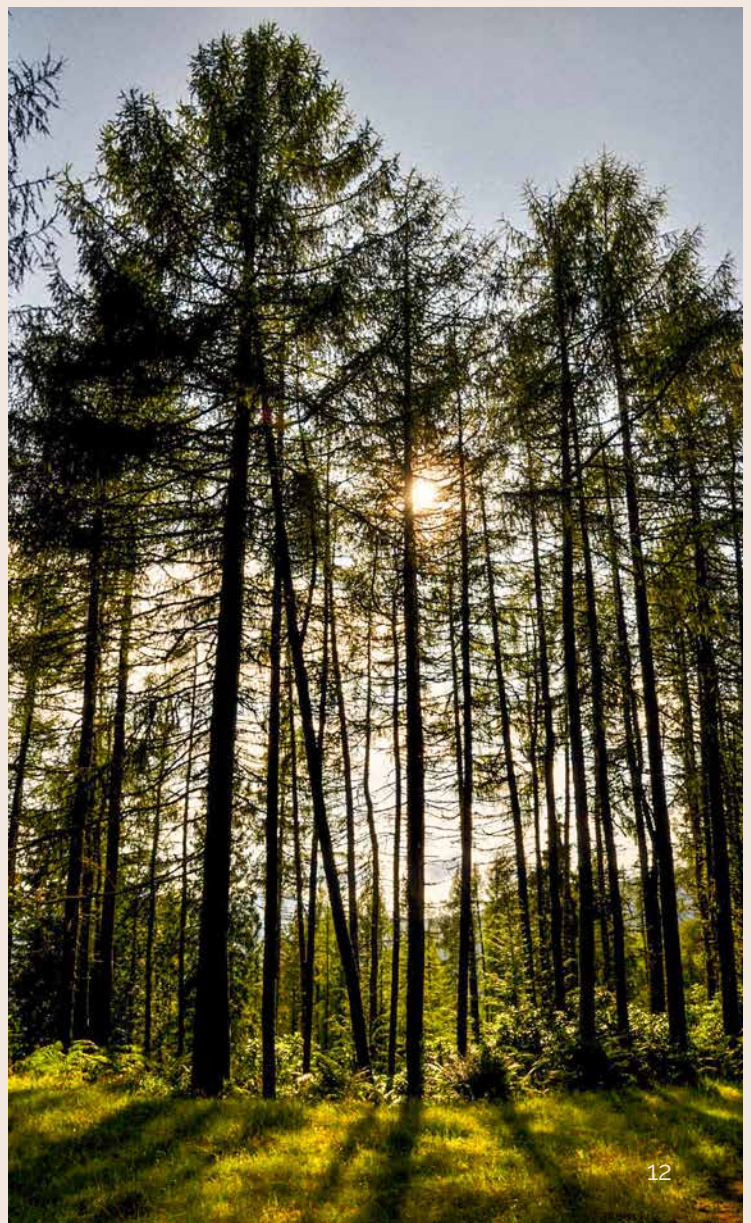
There are incredible walks you can get to directly from the house or within a short drive.

The Kilmun Arboretum

The arboretum is the road directly to the right of the house when you leave the driveway. Walk up the road and you will be able to access 3 trails through the forest. There are more than 150 tree species from around the world!

Benmore Botanic Gardens

This 120-acre mountainside garden is not to be missed and is only a 5 minute drive from the house! With a world-famous collection of plants and trees and spectacular views of Holy Loch and the neighbouring mountains from the high viewpoint, we feel so lucky to have this on our doorstep!



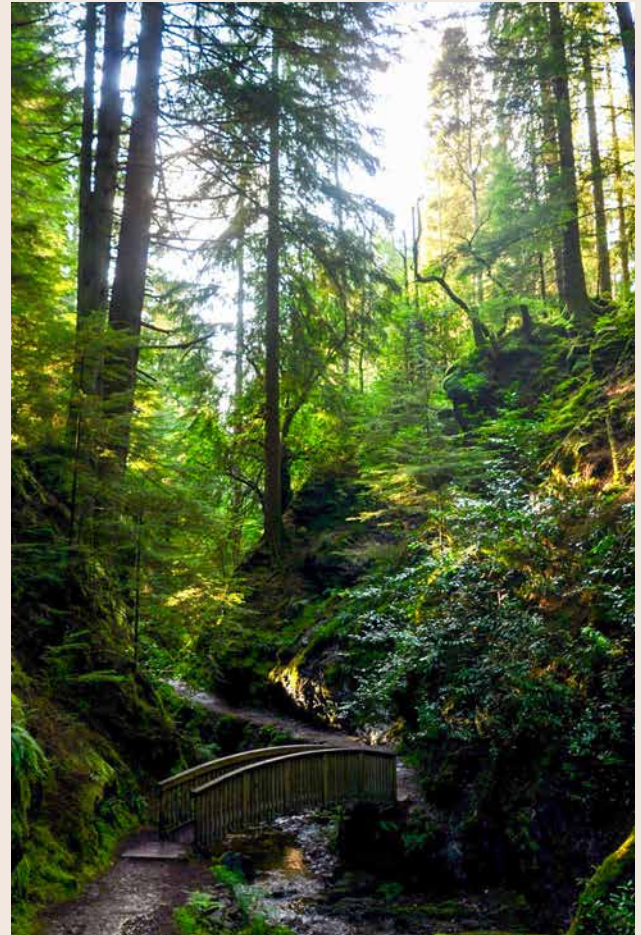
Bishops Glen

This is a lovely, easy and flat circuit of the Bishops Glen Reservoir. It goes through pine forest and also has gorgeous views of the reservoir. It takes about 30 mins in total so it's a great walk to do with kids.

Longer Walks...

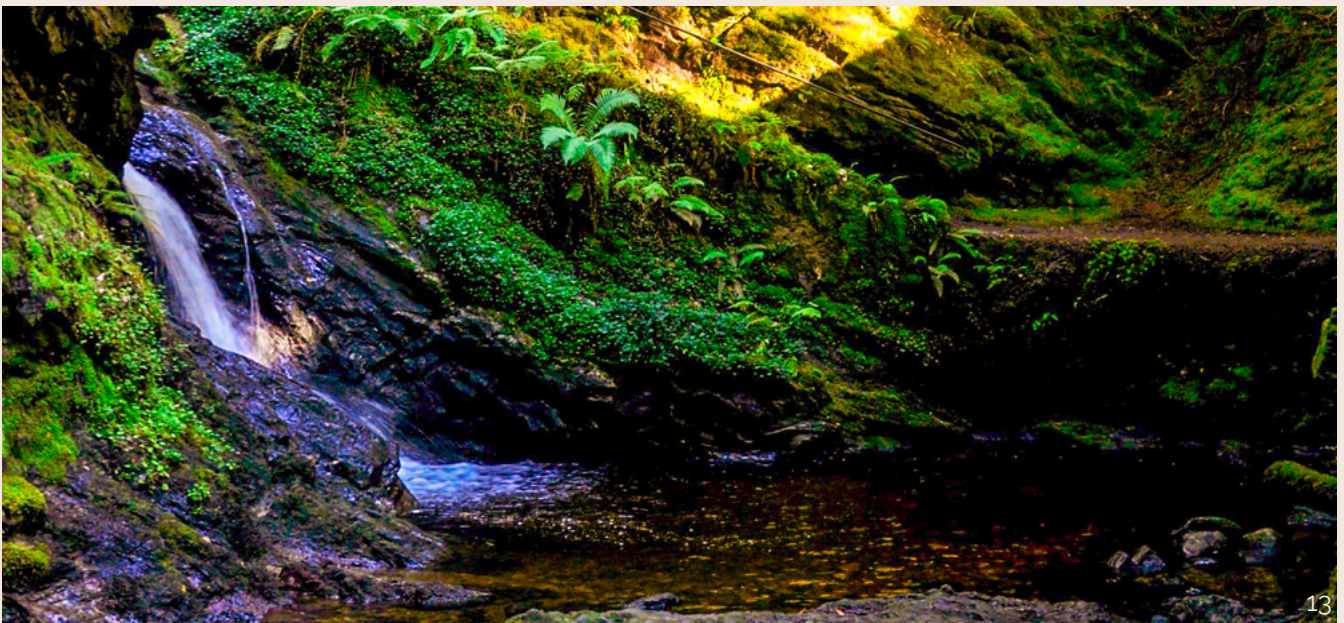
The Ardnadam Heritage Trail, Glen Finnairt, Glen Massan, Glen Brantar, Ardentinny Forest, and Cowal Way are a short drive away. You can do circular routes that take anything from an hour and a half to eight or nine hours.

There are maps and guides in the sitting room, and more details are available from the tourist office in Dunoon.



Pucks Glen

This is our favourite walk and is truly magical! There are stream and waterfalls and it looks like an enchanted forest! From the Arboretum there are multiple ways to walk to Pucks Glen. It takes about an hour and fifteen minutes walk to walk there from the house and the same on the way back. We always use Google Maps to find our way! Alternatively you can drive to the 'Pucks Glen' car park in your Google Maps. It's only a 5 minute drive and then the circular walk through the Glen and then through the pine forest and back to the car is about 45 minutes.



Lochs, Kyles, Jails & Castles

Explore Loch Fyne, Loch Lomond, the Kyles of Bute and the Mull of Kintyre peninsula for absolutely breath-taking scenery.

Inveraray

55 minutes away

Make sure you visit Inveraray Castle, the tall bell tower, the jail and the ruins of Rob Roy's house. Dogs are not allowed in the castle but you can do some lovely walks in the woodlands and along the river which are part of the castle estate.

The Kyles of Bute

48 minutes away

A short and quite pretty drive takes you across to the Kyles of Bute with spectacular views down to the Island of Bute itself and beyond. Tighnabruich and Kames are pretty villages you can stop at on the way

Loch Lomond *1 hour away*

Stunning loch with amazing walks and boat trips. Go for afternoon tea or lunch at the Cameron House Hotel.



Beaches

Ostel Bay/Kilbride just beyond Tighnabruich, is a gorgeous golden sandy beach. This secret little treasure is a little hard to find, park up at Kilbride farm and walk (15mins) along the little lane next to the farm...and *shhhh*, don't tell anyone!

The Isle of Bute *1 hour away*

From Colintraive you can take the the ferry across to Robbodoch on the Island of Bute. A drive around the Kyles, plus a visit to Bute itself adds up to a full day out. Bute is an undiscovered jewel in Scotland's crown of islands. Rothesay is a pretty town with a Castle and Museum, loads of cafes and bars and restaurants, outdoor entertainments for kids and a putting green. There are quite a few gardens open to the public on the island, which is only 25kms long and can be cycled around in a day

Activities Nearby



The Spa at Portavadie

45 mins away

The spa includes a 16 metre indoor pool, a toddlers pool, outdoor spa pools, an outdoor infinity pool and a sauna. It's well worth a visit but you'll need to pre-book your swimming and spa session. There's also a great bar and restaurant.



Quadmania

10 minutes away

Quad Biking, Archery and Clay Pigeon Shooting

01369 810289

<http://www.quadmaniascotland.co.uk>



Golf Clubs

Blairmore & Strone, Strone by Dunoon
9 Hole : 01369 840676

Cowal Golf Club, Dunoon

18 Hole : 01369 705673

Innellan Golf Club, Innellan, Dunoon

9 Hole : 01369 830242

Tighnabraich Golf Club

9 Hole : 01700 811603



Wreckspeditions

Scuba Diving and Power Boat tours

Call Jason on 01369 703477

<https://www.wreckspeditions.com/>

There is also fishing, kayaking and horse riding in the area

Location and Directions



Address
Old Kilmun House
Kilmun, PA23 8SE

Please note if using SatNav, the postcode above will not take you directly to the house.

From the South (Ferry from Mcinroys Point to Dunoon)

If coming from the South, there are two ferry ports in Gourock, the Mcinroys Point Ferry is the one you want (about 5 mins drive West of the Gourock Ferry Port) as this is the Car Ferry. You can buy tickets on the ferry, but it is much cheaper if you buy them from either of the co-ops in Gourock or Paul's Food and Wine shop (94 Shore St, Gourock PA19 1RB).

The ferry is every 20 mins (on the hour, 20 past and 20 to the hour) and takes about 20 mins.

Turn right when you leave the ferry port in Dunoon and follow the road to Kilmun as shown above. Old Kilmun House is the driveway on the left immediately after the road and sign leading to "Kilmun Arboretum" and before the bins. It is just before St Munns Parish Church. Please note SAT NAV does not take you to the exact location.

From the North

If you are coming from the North via the A815, turn left instead of right at the top arrow on the map above and follow the steps above.

From Glasgow International Airport.

By Train

Take a taxi to Paisley Gilmore Street Train Station (5 mins) & then get the Westbound Train to Gourock (30mins). From Gourock train station, walk to the Gourock Ferry Terminal (5 mins) & get the ferry to Dunoon (30mins). You can then get a taxi from Dunoon to the house (15 mins) or get another member of your party to come and pick you up.

By Taxi

You can get a taxi from Glasgow airport to the house, however this may be relatively expensive due to the ferry trip back and forth for the taxi driver. If you choose this option then be sure to prebook the taxi to get the best price.



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