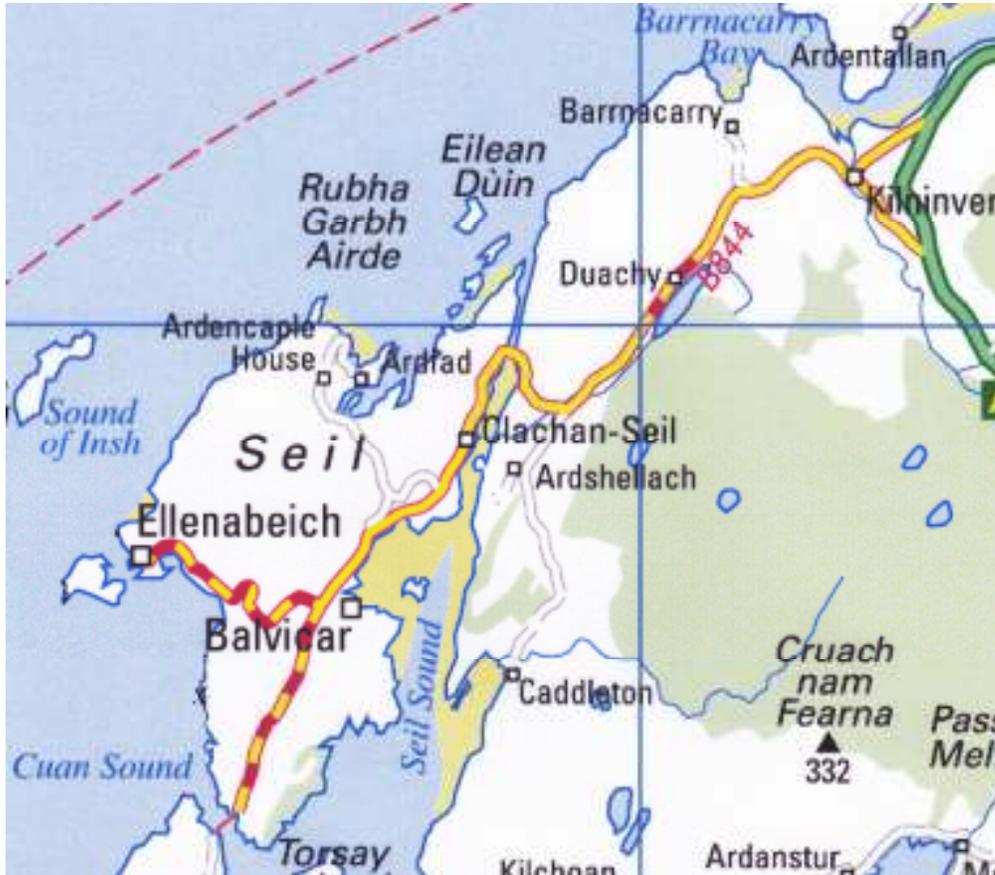


seil and easdale



distance: 16 miles each way
driving time: 40 minutes each way (without stops)

directions:

From Oban, follow the A816 south for about 8 miles. Turn right onto the B844, signposted to Easdale, taking the right turn at Kilninver. Continue along the road, over the famous 'Bridge over the Atlantic' at Clachan and on to the village of Balvicar. At Balvicar (50 metres past Balvicar Stores) take a right turn at the junction and follow the road over the hill to the village of Ellenabeich. At the end of the village you will find parking on the pier or adjacent to Highland Arts. The passenger ferry to Easdale can be summoned by pushing the klaxon in the ferry waiting shed on the pier.

suggested lunch stops:

Oyster Bar, Ellenabeich	Near the pier. Homecooked food and microbrewery.
Puffer Bar, Easdale	Quirky island bar next to the community centre.
Tigh an Truish, Clachan Seil	Historic pub next to the Bridge over the Atlantic.

sights along the way:

1 Bridge over the Atlantic:

Designed by Thomas Telford, this steep hump-backed bridge links the island of Seil to the mainland, thus crossing over the Atlantic.



2 Tigh an Truish Inn:

The name means “the House of Trousers” - at the time of the Jacobites, Highlanders changed from their kilts (banned at the time) into trousers here when crossing to the mainland.



3 Ellanabeich:

The largest village at the end of Seil island, with picturesque white-harled miners' cottages.



4 Easdale Slate Quarries:

The small island of Easdale is dotted with old slate quarries, flooded in storms of 1881 and now disused. The annual World Stone Skimming Championships is held in one of them on the last Sunday of September.

5 Easdale Island Folk Museum:

A small museum on Easdale island, depicting the history of the slate quarries and the social history of the islanders.

6 Boat trips:

Two companies operate boat trips from Seil. Sea-fari run high speed RIB trips to the Corrywreckan whirlpools, leaving from Ellanabeich. Sea-Life Adventures depart from Balvicar, offering whale-watching and wildlife trips.

