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## Visit the home of Scotch Whisky

Scots and holiday makers can experience first hand how their favourite dram is produced by visiting one of almost 40 distilleries highlighted in a new guide from the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA).

The 'Distilleries to Visit 2011' guide is now available and provides information on distilleries and visitor centres across the country. It lists opening hours, tour times and locations.

Rosemary Gallagher, Communications Manager at the SWA, said: "A visit to a distillery takes you to the very essence of Scotch Whisky. Each distillery has a unique setting which provides the opportunity to learn more about the distinctive way producing Scotch Whisky has evolved over centuries. Visitors can meet the people behind the drink and experience what makes Scotch Whisky so special."

The guide has listings for distilleries in the following regions: Islay, Highland, Speyside and Lowland.

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1. The guide is available on the SWA website at

<http://www.scotch-whisky.org.uk/swa/files/Distilleries%20to%20Visit%202011.pdf>

Hard copies can be requested by calling 0131 222 9235.

2. Every year, more than one million people visit a Scotch Whisky distillery.

3. Visitors can discover Scotch Whisky 'Embassies' - hotels, restaurants and bars with specially trained staff.

4. Issued by Rosemary Gallagher at the SWA (0131 222 9230 or 0743 260 5385 or [rgallagher@swa.org.uk](mailto:rgallagher@swa.org.uk)).

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