Iona Abbey Explorer Quiz

Explore our abbey with this fun fact-finding mission. Remember to ask the steward if you need any help.



A cobbled street leads to the abbey. It was called Sràid nam Marbh. What does this mean?



St Columba might have had a writing hut on top of a small rocky hill. What is the hill called?



Two crosses stand in front of the church. Which one is older – St Martin's or St John's?



How many stained glass windows can you count in the church?





How would you write St Columba's name in Gaelic?



Can you name the person who decided to rebuild the abbey in 1899?







Need a clue? Look here...

- J. Look on the information panels near the cobbled path.
- 2. Can you find it in English and Gaelic?
- One of the crosses is actually made of concrete, not stone.
 A. Make sure you look up at the top of the building!
- 5. Look on the information panels it meant Dove of the Church.
- 6. There's a very delicate carving of him in the church, lying beside his wife.
- 7. Look around the edge of the square courtyard with lots of pillars.
- 8. That would be telling!
- 9. Gold, silver and...
- 10. They usually had rope-patterns on them, but sometimes had scenes with people in!





In the museum, can you find the name of this important lady?



Find this tiny face in the museum. What is it made of?



10 Can you decorate your own high cross, like the ones at Iona?



Look at the gravestones around the cloister. How many have boats on?



How many human faces are carved into the cloister pillars?