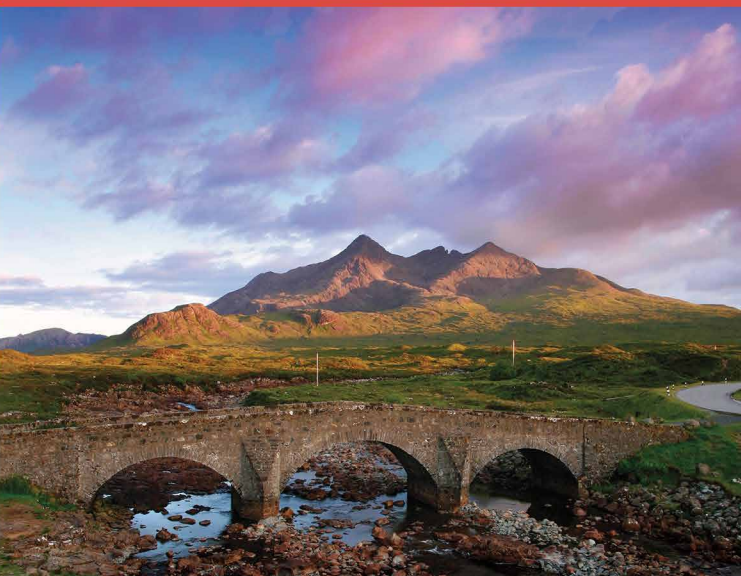


The Highlands & Skye movie map



Before we begin, let's talk a little about The Highlands & Skye

The Highlands, in the far north of Scotland, is made up of seven smaller regions: Caithness; Sutherland; Ross & Cromarty; Inverness, Loch Ness & Nairn; Skye & Lochalsh; Lochaber; Badenoch & Strathspey.

The Highlands really is the Scotland of your imagination - a beautiful and inspiring region of ancient landscapes with a fascinating history, all set against world-renowned backdrops such as Ben Nevis and Loch Ness.

Explore the many mountains, lochs and glens, the stunning islands and stretches of coastline and follow the country's only Malt Whisky Trail.

The Isle of Skye, Scotland's second largest island - also happens to be one of the most beautiful and romantic islands in the country. Explore this dramatic countryside and you'll be enchanted by intriguing tales of its turbulent history from its imposing castles to tiny croft houses.

Skye is renowned for its mountains, in particular the stark peaks of the famous Cuillin range. It's also where you'll find the astonishing geology of the Trotternish peninsula where massive landslips centuries ago resulted in the most fantastical rock formations and pinnacles.

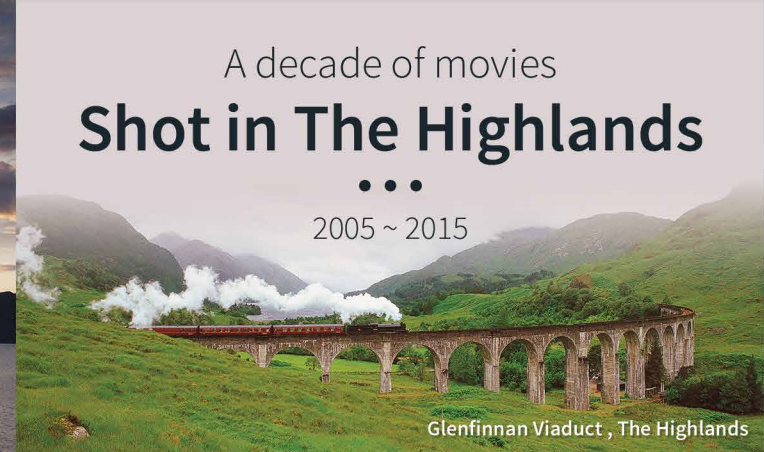
Whichever part of the Highlands you choose to visit, you will be assured of one thing - a genuine, warm Scottish welcome!



View from Aonach Mor, The Highlands



Cullin Hills, Isle of Skye



Glenfinnan Viaduct, The Highlands

A decade of movies Shot in The Highlands

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2005 ~ 2015

Let's have a look at The Classics

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The Highlands has played a leading role in many 'old favourites', which may have been forgotten over time. How many of these have you watched - and what are your favourites?

2001: A Space Odyssey

Braveheart

Breaking the Waves

Dog Soldiers

Flash Gordon

Highlander

Local Hero

Loch Ness

Mrs Brown

Monty Python and the Holy Grail

The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes

The Quest for Fire

Rob Roy

The 39 Steps

The Silver Darlings

Trainspotting

Winter Solstice

Wicker Man

The World Is Not Enough

Find out more on the back of this map on how to share your favourite movie moments.

2015	Macbeth
2014	Under The Skin, What We Did On Our Holiday
2013	47 Ronin
2012	Skyfall, The Dark Knight Rises, Prometheus, Snow White and the Huntsman, The Angel's Share
2011	Harry Potter (2001-11), The Eagle, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen, A Lonely Place to Die
2010	Centurion
2009	Valhalla Rising
2008	Made of Honour
2007	Stardust, The Water Horse
2006	The Queen
2005	Joyeux Noel



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The Highlands on film

Glen Coe, Highland

Filming locations in The Highlands

The Highlands, *Na Gàidhealtachd*, of Scotland have long been a firm favourite of film makers for its stunning skylines, inspiring landscapes and a rich and dramatic history. With its magnificent mountains, captivating seascapes and deep forests, this unique part of Scotland has enjoyed a starring role in hundreds of movies and TV productions over the years, from dramas to thrillers and romantic comedies, with everything in between!

With 'set-jetting' a growing trend and more and more film fans visiting the locations of their favourite movies, where better to explore a destination's relationship with the big screen than the Scottish Highlands?

This map provides a selection of the wide range of films that feature the north of Scotland and the Isle of Skye. There are many more to discover, but as an introduction, let this map take you into the world of cinematic Scotland and re-live your favourite movie moments.



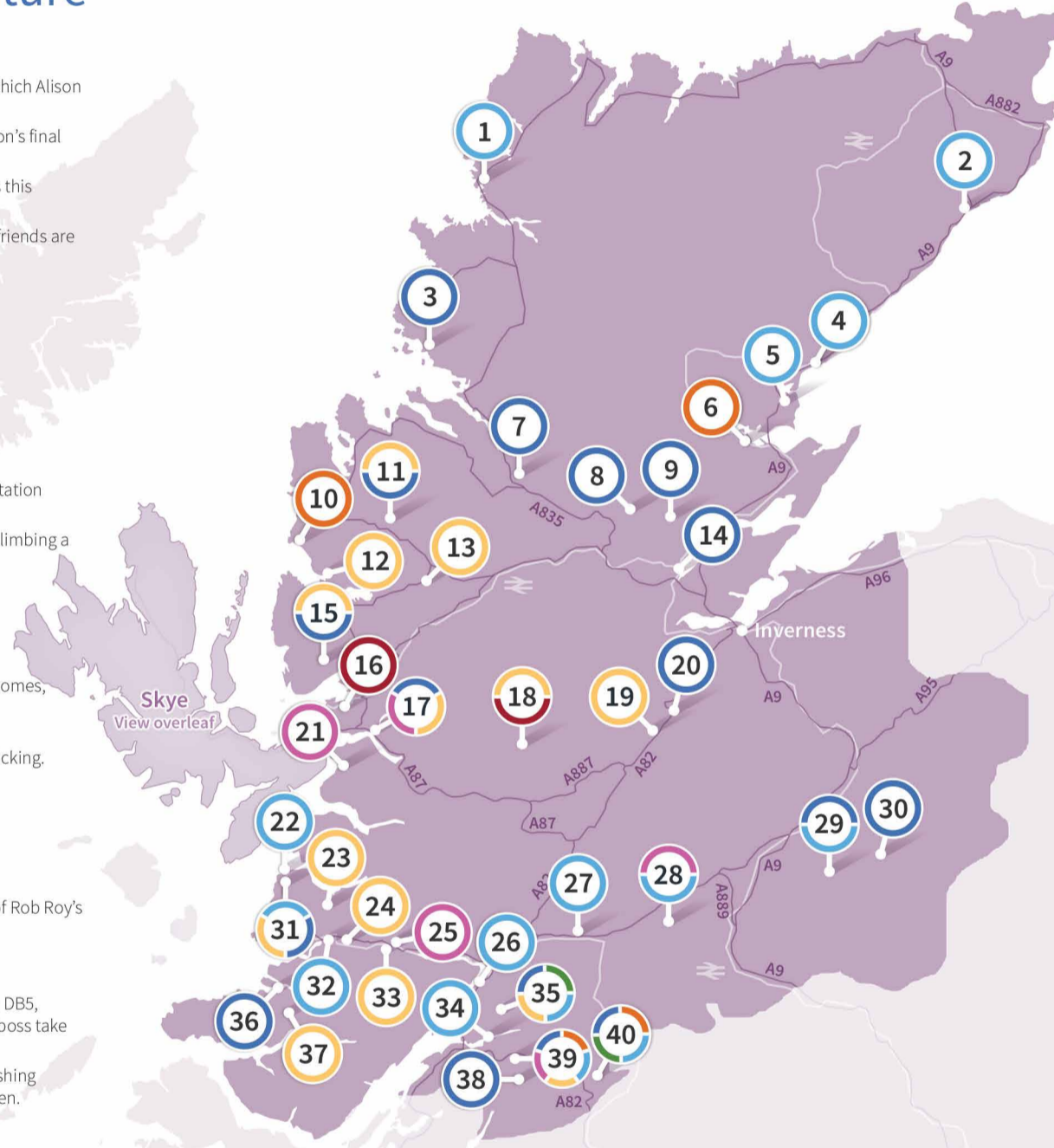
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Did you know?

- The water in Loch Ness (19) is nearly double that of all the lakes of England and Wales combined. Films include: **Loch Ness** (1955) & **The Waterhorse** (2007)
- Eilean Donan Castle (17) is one of the world's most photographed castles. Films include: **Highlander** (1986), **The World Is Not Enough** (1999), and **Made of Honour** (2008)
- The Highland coastline stretches for 3,047 miles (4,905km), and consists of some of Scotland's most beautiful beaches. Films include: **Local Hero** (1983) & **What We Did On Our Holiday** (2014)
- Glencoe (39) is home to "The Bridge of Death" and "The Gorge of Eternal Peril" from **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** (1975). Films include: **Rob Roy** (1996), **Centurion** (2010), and **A Lonely Place To Die** (2011).

Action / Adventure

- 7** **A Lonely Place To Die** (2011)
Corrieshalloch Gorge. The wild stream which Alison leaps into to rescue the young girl.
- 14** **Dingwall.** The site of the festival and Alison's final confrontation with her pursuers.
- 35** **Glen Nevis.** The friends are pursued across this landscape by the kidnappers.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** The peaks and mountains the friends are climbing in the opening scenes.
- 29** **Centurion** (2010)
Glen Feshie. Scenic backdrop.
- 30** **Cairngorms.** Scenic backdrop.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Scenic backdrop.
- 40** **Rannoch Moor.** Scenic backdrop.
- 35** **Quest For Fire** (1981)
Glen Nevis. Seen before the final confrontation with the cave bear.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** The heroes escape pursuit by climbing a lone tree.
- 40** **Rannoch Moor.** The main characters are pursued by lions across the moor.
- 31** **Rob Roy** (1995)
Morar. The location of one of Rob Roy's homes, this one meeting a fiery end.
- 35** **Glen Nevis.** A number of scenes were shot here including the MacGregor's picnicking.
- 36** **Castle Tioram.** The castle appears as the Duke of Argyll's home.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Rob Roy catches up with the band of cattle rustlers at the beginning of the film.
- 40** **Rannoch Moor.** The location of another of Rob Roy's homes.
- 38** **Skyfall** (2012)
Glen Etive. Bond, M and the Aston Martin DB5, an iconic image as the super spy and his boss take a moment during their trip north.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Bond's Aston Martin is seen flashing through the dramatic landscape of the glen.
- 39** **The 39 Steps** (1935)
Glen Coe. Richard Hannay is pursued by the police across the glen in Alfred Hitchcock's classic film version of John Buchan's story.
- 8** **The Dark Knight Rises** (2012)
Loch Bealach Culaidh. Bane makes his daring mid-air escape at the beginning of the film above this loch.
- 9** **Loch Glass.** Bane makes his daring mid-air escape at the beginning of the film above this loch.
- 3** **The Eagle** (2011)
Achiltibuie. The village of the Seal people was constructed a few miles north at Fox Point.
- 11** **Loch Maree.** Appearing in the film Loch Maree is considered one of the most beautiful in Scotland.
- 15** **Bealach na Ba.** Marcus and Esca look out across the landscape before moving on to reclaim the lost army standard.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Marcus and Esca return south pursued by the Seal people.
- 40** **Rannoch Moor.** The moor appears as the barren land north of Hadrian's Wall.
- 17** **The Private Life Of Sherlock Holmes** (1970)
Eilean Donan Castle. Scenic backdrop.
- 20** **Urquhart Castle.** Scenic backdrop.
- 17** **The World Is Not Enough** (1999)
Eilean Donan Castle. The British Secret Service's northern headquarters.



Comedy

- 39** **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** (1975)
Glen Coe. Close to the Meeting of the Three Waters is the site of The Bridge of Death!
- 40** **Rannoch Moor.** King Arthur and Sir Bedevere travel across the moor following their encounter with the Bridge Keeper.
- 6** **The Angel's Share** (2012)
Balblair Distillery. Balblair Distillery - The site of the whisky auction at the end of the film.
- 10** **What We Did On Our Holiday** (2014)
Redpoint Beach. The location of the children's day out with their grandfather and of the films' final scenes.

Science Fiction

- 35** **2001: A Space Odyssey** (1968)
Glen Nevis. Site of the landscapes seen in astronaut Dave Bowman's visions at the climax of the film.
- 40** **Under The Skin** (2014)
Rannoch Moor. Scenic backdrop.

Romance

- 17** **Made of Honour** (2008)
Eilean Donan Castle. Scenic backdrop.
- 21** **Glenelg.** Scenic backdrop.
- 25** **Glenfinnan.** Scenic backdrop.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Scenic backdrop.
- 28** **Salmon Fishing In The Yamen** (2011)
Ardverkie Estate. The Scottish scenes of this film take place around Loch Laggan and the many streams in the area.

Horror

- 18** **Dog Soldiers** (2002)
Glen Affric. Although principal photography took place in Luxembourg, second unit work in and around the glen ensured that the film had the right Scottish feel of the story's intended location.
- 16** **The Wicker Man** (1973)
Plockton. The site of Sergeant Howie's first arrival on Summer Isle.

Drama

- 1** **Being Human** (1993)
Scourie. The beaches around Scourie were used for the prehistoric portions of this film.
- 35** **Glen Nevis.** Seen during the medieval sequences in the film.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Seen in the medieval portions of the film.
- 40** **Rannoch Moor.** Site of the battle witnessed by the film's hero.
- 34** **Braveheart** (1995)
Loch Leven. Wallace is seen running across the ten peaks of the Mamores above the loch.
- 35** **Glen Nevis.** Used in early scenes in the film, including the return home of the adult Wallace and the first attack on the English stockade.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** The landscape seen before the burning of the English fortress.
- 22** **Breaking The Waves** (1996)
Mallaig. Bess goes to the fishing boats in the harbour seeking salvation for Jan.
- 31** **Morar.** The location of the beautiful silver sand beach seen at the end of the film.
- 32** **Lochalort.** The small white church just outside the village is a key location throughout the film, beginning with Jan and Bess' wedding.
- 27** **Joyeux Noel** (2005)
Cille Choirill Church. Scenic backdrop.
- 31** **Local Hero** (1983)
Morar. The beach at the centre of negotiations in the film for purchase of a Scottish village by a Texas oil company.
- 28** **Mrs Brown** (1997)
Ardverkie Estate. Prime Minister Disraeli's journey to visit Queen Victoria at Balmoral takes him close to Ardverkie and Loch Laggan.
- 26** **Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle** (2007)
Fort William. Scenic backdrop.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Scenic backdrop.
- 2** **The Silver Darlings** (1947)
Latheronwheel. The harbour scenes in this version of Neil M. Gunn's classic novel about 18th century herring fishers.
- 29** **The Queen** (2006)
Glen Feshie Estate. Used for Balmoral exterior shots in the film.
- 40** **Trainspotting** (1996)
Rannoch Moor. Location of the boys' day out and Renton's rant on the "virtues" of being Scottish.
- 4** **Winter Solstice** (2003)
Dunrobin Castle. A major location for this adaptation of Rosamunde Pilcher's novel.
- 5** **Dornoch.** The main location for this adaptation of Rosamunde Pilcher's novel.

Fantasy

- 23** **Harry Potter Series** (2001-2011)
Loch Morar. Scenic backdrop.
- 24** **Loch Eilt.** Scenic backdrop.
- 35** **Glen Finnan Viaduct.** Famously a part of the route of the magical Hogwarts' Express.
- 35** **Glen Nevis.** Harry's first Quidditch Match takes place against the background of the glen in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.
- 37** **Loch Shiel.** Scenic backdrop.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** A set consisting of several buildings, including Hagrid's Hut, was built for Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.
- 12** **Highlander** (1986)
Torrifon. Ramirez and Connor practise their swordplay in this dramatically stark area.
- 17** **Eilean Donan Castle.** The castle appears several times in the film as the ancestral home of Connor MacLeod before he is cast out.
- 35** **Glen Nevis.** Ramirez and Connor discuss the future.
- 37** **Loch Shiel.** Ramirez takes Connor out on the loch in a boat and then dumps him into the water to freshen him up.
- 31** **Morar.** Connor and Ramirez race together along the beach as Connor first experiences the quickening.
- 39** **Glen Coe.** Site of the battle where Connor and the Kurgan first meet, and Connor discovers that he is different to most men.
- 12** **Loch Ness** (1983)
Diabaig, Torridon. The village and shores of Loch Ness were relocated west for this movie shoot.
- 17** **Eilean Donan Castle.** Eilean Donan substitutes for Urquhart Castle in this family friendly monster movie.
- 19** **Loch Ness.** The deep dark waters of Loch Ness appear as a scientist searches for its most well known resident.
- 11** **Stardust** (2007)
Loch Maree. Scenic backdrop.
- 15** **Bealach na Ba.** A port for Captain Shakespeare's flying ship on the cliffs overlooking the road.
- 18** **Loch Coulin.** Scenic backdrop.
- 17** **The Water Horse** (2007)
Eilean Donan Castle. Seen during the film's opening titles.
- 19** **Loch Ness.** A brief appearance as the Water Horse is seen in the loch passing Urquhart Castle.
- 24** **Loch Eilt.** Seen during the film's opening titles.
- 18** **Valhalla Rising** (2009)
Glen Affric. A major location in this Viking saga.

Using This Map

- 1** Coloured ring indicates movie genre and number identifies location.
- 2** Multi-coloured ring indicates multiple genres filmed at this location.

Gaelic Culture

Cultar Gàidhlig

The Highland landscape and scenery are well known inspirations for the creative industries. Highland culture, including the traditional language of Gaelic also makes an important contribution. Gaelic is Scotland's oldest language and would have been the native tongue for many people in the Highlands at the time of period dramas such as Braveheart or Rob Roy. Following periods of neglect, the language has survived into the modern century, aided by an increase in popularity from Gaelic media. Particularly significant were the 2007

release of Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle, the first contemporary Gaelic feature film and the more recent launch of a dedicated Gaelic television channel BBC Alba (Alba being the Gaelic name for Scotland). As well as these examples Gaelic is used on an everyday basis. On this map or when travelling around the Highlands you will frequently see the terms Na Gàidhealtachd (Highlands) or Eilean a' Cheò (literally 'misty Isle' - the Isle of Skye). Gaelic is also used on road signs, in town and village names and in music.

Skye.

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From fantasy landscapes to ancient battlefields and prehistoric vistas, Skye has it covered.

Largest of the Inner Hebridian islands Skye, *Eilean a' Cheò*, is dominated by the dramatic Black and Red Cuillin and Trotternish mountain ranges which have provided the back drop to many commercials, television programmes, and of course films.

Skye has made many cinematic appearances; sometimes it makes a brief cameo such as the Old Man of Storr (3) at the start of *Prometheus*. On other occasions it is a major star as when it played the fantasy world of *Stardust*, or portraying itself in *Made of Honour* and *Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle*.

Skye has also doubled for late medieval Japan in *47 Ronin* and will be seen again in the latest film adaptation of Shakespeare's Scottish Play, *Macbeth*, starring Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard.



Neist Point, Skye



Old Man of Storr, Skye



Quiraing, Skye



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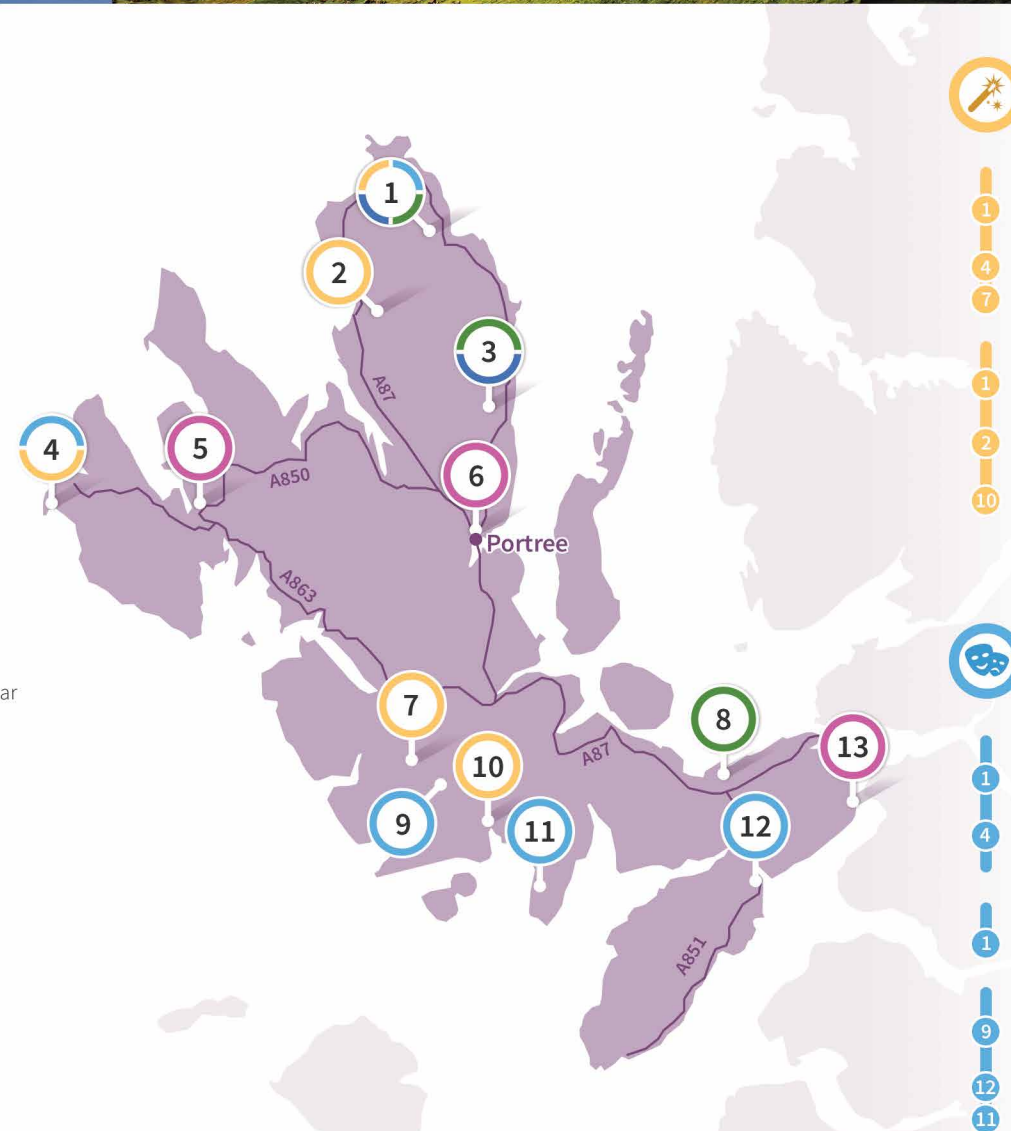
- 1 **Snow White And The Huntsman** (2012)
The Quiraing. The strange otherworldly look of this area adds to the fantastical feel of this film.
- 3 *Old Man of Storr*. A group of travellers are seen in an aerial of this unusual rock formation.

Science Fiction

- 8 **Flash Gordon** (1980)
Breakish. Flash Gordon and Dale Arden board a light aircraft here shortly before Ming the Merciless launches the attack on Earth.
- 1 **Prometheus** (2012)
The Quiraing. The film begins with dramatic aerial footage of this area of northern Skye.
- 3 *Old Man of Storr*. The fictitious cave containing the star map is located under this rock formation in the film.
- 1 **The Land That Time Forgot** (1975)
The Quiraing. The Quiraing is turned into sea cliffs at the end of this fantasy film as the hero casts his message in a bottle into the waves.

Romance

- 5 **Made of Honour** (2008)
Dunvegan. Scenic backdrop.
- 6 *Portree*. Scenic backdrop.
- 13 *Kylerhea*. Scenic backdrop.

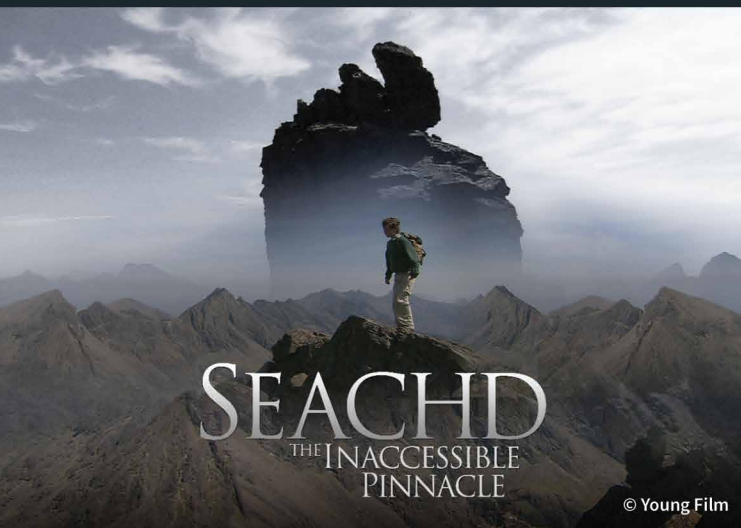


Fantasy

- 47 **Ronin** (2013)
The Quiraing. The site of the film's gigantic (computer generated) stone Buddha.
- 4 *Neist Point*. The coast of western Japan.
- 7 *Glenbrittle*. Scenic backdrop.
- 1 **Stardust** (2007)
The Quiraing. Featuring twice in the film this magical location fits perfectly with the film's overall tone.
- 2 *The Fairy Glen*. The evil Lamia encounters the caravan of Ditchwater Sal parked beside a small loch.
- 10 *Loch Coruisk*. Scenic backdrop.

Drama

- 1 **Breaking The Waves** (1996)
The Quiraing. A shot of this iconic area of Skye was used for a "chapter heading" in the film.
- 4 *Neist point*. Location of the graveyard seen at the film's climax.
- 1 **Macbeth** (2015)
The Quiraing. Scenic backdrop.
- 9 **Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle** (2007)
Sgurr Dearg. This well known peak is the focus of the events in this Gaelic language film.
- 12 *Eilean Iarmain*. Scenic backdrop.
- 11 *Elgol*. Scenic backdrop.



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