



## Outer Hebrides and Skye Adventure

You'll be surprised at what you find in the Hebrides. This large group of islands conceals beaches as beautiful and blonde as you'll find in the Maldives. There are mysterious, religious sites older than the pyramids. And there are landscapes so ruggedly spectacular that you'll be rubbing your eyes in disbelief. Join this tour and be astounded by the local legends, spectacular sights, and curious culture of this incredible archipelago.



YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

6 days/5 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Edinburgh-Grampian Mountains-Spey Valley-Loch Ness-Ullapool

Depart Edinburgh and travel north into the Highlands. First stop will be the historic village of Dunkeld where you will take a short walk through the forest to some waterfalls. Continuing north the route passes through the Grampian Mountains to the Spey Valley where you will stop for lunch. In the afternoon you will visit the world famous Loch Ness. There will be time for a visit to the impressive waterfalls at Corrieshalloch Gorge before you arrive in the West Coast fishing port of Ullapool for your overnight stay.

#### Day 2: Ullapool - Stornoway, Lewis

Catch the morning ferry from Ullapool for the two hour sail along Loch Broom, past the Summer Isles then out across the Minch to Stornoway - the main town on Lewis and capital of the Outer Hebrides. Look out for dolphins, whales and seabirds during the crossing. In the afternoon explore the North West coast from Arnol with its historic old "blackhouse", through traditional crofting townships to Port of Ness and the very north tip of the island - the Butt of Lewis. From the lighthouse here there is nothing between you and the Americas! Overnight in Stornoway.

#### Day 3: Broch at Carloway - Callanish - Uig and Bhaltois

Today will be spent exploring some of the prehistoric remains on the island as well as its finest beaches. The fascinating circular stone fort, or Broch, at Carloway will be your first stop followed by more traditional crofting communities such as Gearrannan and Shawbost. Then it's on to Callanish with its mysterious ancient stone circle. In the afternoon you will head for the remote district of Uig with its fine, sandy beaches at Bhaltois, dramatic sea cliffs and rugged hills. This is the wilderness of the Western Isles at its finest. Overnight again in Stornoway.

#### Day 4: Lewis - Harris - Luskentyre - Portree, Skye

Travelling south today from the wild moorlands of Lewis to the more mountainous Harris - almost but not quite an island on its own. Famous for the locally produced cloth, Harris Tweed, it is also home to the highest mountains in the Outer Hebrides and the stunning white sands of Luskentyre. After a morning of exploring South Harris you will stop for lunch in the small port of Tarbet. Here you will catch the late afternoon ferry to Skye and continue on to the harbour town of Portree, your base for the next two nights.

#### Day 5: Skye

Today is a very flexible day on Skye. There are many possibilities depending on the weather and your driver/guide's knowledge will help develop the best day out for you. For example you might travel north to the stunning Quiraing mountain pass and enjoy a spectacular walk through some of Skye's extraordinary geological scenery or visit the Kilt Rock, composed of basalt columns (reminiscent of the pleats in a kilt) with its waterfall cascading over the cliffs and down into the sea below. Or, after lunch you could travel to Neist Point for a walk out to the lighthouse at the most westerly point on Skye. Alternatively a visit to Dunvegan Castle, ancient ancestral seat of the Clan McLeod, may be possible.



## Day 6: Portree, Skye - Eilean Donan Castle - Fort William - Glencoe - Edinburgh

Departing from Portree the return journey to Edinburgh has many highlights – a visit to Eilean Donan Castle, Fort William and the dramatic scenery and dark history of Glencoe. Travelling back south through the Central Highland the last stop of the day will be in Killin beside the Falls of Dochart before returning to Edinburgh.

### Details

#### Trip Code:

002334 - W20

#### INCLUDED

- Transport in an air conditioned, 16-seat Mercedes mini-coach
- 5 nights of accommodation
- Breakfast at B&B accommodation
- Stories and services of an English speaking driver-guide

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals not indicated
- Entry fees to visitor attractions
- Gratuities to driver-guide
- Items of a personal nature

#### TOUR NOTES

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