



## Outer Hebrides & Skye Adventure

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**Visit:** Cairngorms- Loch Ness- Lewis and Harris- Callanish standing stones- White sands of Luskentyre- Isle of Skye- Eilean Donan Castle

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: Day 1 Grampian Mountains - Loch Ness

Take in views of the softly rounded peaks of the Grampian Mountains Look out for a beast lurking in the depths of Loch Ness You depart the cosmopolitan city of Edinburgh, journey past the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Forth Rail Bridge, and travel into the Highlands. Your first stop of the day is in the village of Dunkeld. You get time here to stretch your legs and admire the cathedral's unusual mixture of architectural styles. You then venture through the shadows of the great and gorgeous Grampian Mountains and stop for lunch at a Highland town in the Spey Valley. Perhaps it's time for you to try haggis. After you've satisfied your taste buds, you head to Loch Ness. Your driver-guide helps you attempt to catch a glimpse of Scotland's most-famously mythical monster. Corrieshalloch Gorge is a lesser-known Scottish

sight, but it's one that you'll love. It's a short walk under forest canopies with a lovely view of a waterfall. In the early evening, you arrive in the scenic fishing port of Ullapool for your overnight stay.

### **Day 02: Day 2**

Travel by ferry through the Summer Isles Explore a lighthouse and the rugged coastline of Lewis Wake up, enjoy your breakfast, and look out over Loch Broom as it glistens under the morning sky. First on the agenda today is a ferry journey across the sea. This two and a half-hour boat trip takes you through the Summer Isles to Stornoway, the main town of the Western Isles. But don't spend your time snoozing and reading as you sail across the ocean; because if you look out to sea, you may spot dolphins and whales. Once you've arrived on Lewis and Harris, you head to the North West coast. Your driver-guide will make the most of what weather you've been blessed with and take you through traditional crofting towns and seaside ports. You even get to see the Butt of Lewis; from the light house here there's nothing but fishes and water between you and America. You spend the evening in Stornoway; a bustling port town and the home of Scotland's most delicious black puddings.

### **Day 03: Day 3 Arnol Blackhouse-Dun Carloway-Callanish Stone Circle**

Step inside a traditional Scottish home at Arnol Blackhouse Ponder over the mysteries of the Neolithic standing stones of Callinish Today, you immerse yourself in the history and landscapes of this wild island. You first head to Arnol Blackhouse. Here, you can experience what traditional farming life was like in these remote reaches without getting your hands too dirty. A little down the road, you visit the stone fort of Dun Carloway. This structure was built before 100 AD and has experienced more battles than you've had hot dinners. It's a wonderful location to ponder over the vast swathes of history that have come before you. You then travel through a landscape littered with crofting villages to one of the most famous sights of the island, the Callanish Stone Circle. This prehistoric sight still mystifies archeologists today. The rest of your afternoon is spent in the beautiful beaches and mountains of the western side of Lewis. You head back to Stornoway in the late afternoon.

### **Day 04: Day 4 Luskentyre Beach - Portree**

Admire the landscapes that inspired Harris Tweed Cast your eyes upon the slender, blonde curves of Luskentyre beach It's time for something a little more dramatic. It's time to enter the region of Harris. Harris boasts the highest mountains in the Outer Hebrides and one of the most beautiful white-sandy beaches in Britain, Luskentyre. The area is also famous for Harris Tweed and myths that are as strange as they are poignant. After a morning of exploring the dramatic landscapes, you stop for lunch. Depending on the weather, we may even go for a picnic on the beach – so don't forget to pack your sunglasses. Your adventure continues on a ferry over the ocean to Portree, the largest town in Skye and your base for the next two evenings.

### Day 05: Day 5 Portree

Set your sights on Scotland's most dramatic landscapes on the Isle of Skye Snap a famous photo of Portree's colourful harbor front Every horizon in Skye conceals something astoundingly beautiful. So today, your driver-guide makes the most out of your time on this marvel-studded landscape. You may travel to the Quiraing mountain pass and enjoy a spectacular walk, venture to Kilt Rock and see a gigantic waterfall, or take a boat trip to the lesser-known Loch Coruisk. After you've enjoyed the sights of Skye, you have your final evening in Portree. There are plenty of fabulous seafood restaurants to celebrate a fine day of exploring.

### Day 06: Day 6 Glencoe -Eilean Donan Castle-Edinburgh

Learn how Eilean Donan Castle survived Viking invasions and 343 barrels of gunpowder Discover how Glencoe earned its name, 'the Weeping Glen' Don't be too sad that your trip is ending today, because there are a lot of amazing things to check out on the way back to Edinburgh. Once you've crossed the Skye Bridge, you get a chance to see Eilean Donan Castle. This classic combination of a sturdy-stone fortification perched upon a loch is about as Scottish a view as you can get. Just ensure you've got some room left on your camera to take photos. You then travel under Britain's tallest mountain, Ben Nevis. The peak of this mountain is likely to be shrouded high in the clouds. Your driver-guide may become a little emotional as you move through the valley of Glencoe. This marvelously mountainous area was the site of one of the most tragic massacres in Scottish history. The story is as unforgettable as the landscape. The hilly views become flatter as you enter the lowlands and travel to Edinburgh. You arrive in the early evening.

### Inclusion

All rates are inclusive of Breakfast unless stated otherwise. Transport in a 16 seat Mercedes mini-coach Air conditioning as standard The stories and services of an English-speaking driver-guide

### Exclusion

Entry fees to visitor attractions Optional activities Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program Personal equipment Travel insurance Gratuities Voluntary tips for guides or drivers Travel and medical insurance Any items not mentioned as included

### Note

All Departures every Monday, Tuesday and Sunday except (16/07/19) ex Edinburg Every Monday and Friday except (27/05/19) & (31/05/19) Hotel Accommodation can be upgraded to 3 Star on request Child supplement applies only to up to 01 child aged 5-15 years old, sharing the same room with 02 adults, No children under 5 years old are permitted, except with special permission Restricted to 14kg (31lbs) of luggage per person Pack your waterproof clothing and walking shoes

## Tour Dates & Pricing

