Highlands and Islands of Scotland

HIKING THE OUTER HEBRIDES AND ISLE OF SKYE



Overview





QUESTIONS?

Our Area Specialists are your single point of contact and would be happy to answer any questions about your trip! 800.368.2794 | 510.558.2488

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	9 days
Arrive:	Inverness, Scotland
Depart:	Inverness, Scotland
Lodging:	8 nights hotels and historic inns
Meals:	All meals included except 2 dinners
Activity:	Hiking & Trekking

Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6

8 hiking days on moderate to steep trails, 3-7 hours a day, van support

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike along Loch Ness and in the Caledonian pine woods of Glen Affric
- Enjoy magnificent hotels, including Coul House, set on an ancient estate
- Meet a traditional weaver, hear a local storyteller, taste local whiskies
- Discover the wild landscapes of the Outer Hebrides and Isle of Skye
- · Gaelic legends, sweeping seascapes, and stunning rock pinnacles of the Quiraing
- Walk amid the Callanish Standing Stones, older than Stonehenge

Introduction



In Scotland's realm of mist-shrouded crags and heathered moors, we've crafted a hiking trip from the legendary Isle of Skye to the wild seascapes of the Outer Hebrides, a haven of Scottish Gaelic culture on the outer edge of Europe. Our trails bring us to the glistening lochs of Glen Affric, the sandy beaches of Harris, and among the pinnacles of the Quiraing, a geological wonder and an icon of Scotland. Between hikes, we'll be welcomed into the culture as we meet a tweed weaver, listen to a *seanchaidh* (storyteller), sample fresh scallops, sip fine single-malt whisky, and hear tales of the Campbell and MacDonald clans.

TRIP DATES

June 24-July 2, 2024 July 29-August 6, 2024 August 26-September 3, 2024 September 23-October 1, 2024 April 21-29, 2025 May 19-27, 2025 June 16-24, 2025 July 28-August 5, 2025 September 8-16, 2025





A delightful Georgian-style retreat built in the 1820s as a hunting lodge, the lovingly restored Coul House sits on the edge of the Highland wilderness. Most of its comfortable rooms offer mountain views over the Strathconon Valley, 20 miles north of Inverness. Surrounding Coul House are eight acres of woodland and expansive gardens—perfect for afternoon tea on the lawn, exploring a whimsical "fairy trail," or a game of nine-hole pitch and putt.

Meals: D Hiking Details: 3 miles, 1-2 hours, ascent/ descent of 300' Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 1 INVERNESS, SCOTLAND / LOCH NESS

Meet with the Trip Leader in Inverness for our trip briefing, followed by a short transfer to Loch Ness (plan to arrive dressed for hiking, as we will head out on the trail this afternoon). Our warm-up hike first brings us along the edge of Loch Ness, where we keep an eye out for Nessie, the monster that lurks within Scotland's deepest loch, then hike an easy path to the top of Craigmonie Crag, a rocky hilltop covered with Scots pine trees and protected by the Woodland Trust Scotland. After enjoying fine views across Loch Ness, we drive to our hotel and gather for our Welcome Dinner. Overnight at the Coul House Hotel, an elegant country mansion set in a secluded location in beautiful countryside. It's run by a husband and wife team, which gives it the feel of a country house hotel but the warmth of a local guest house.

Note: You must arrive in Inverness the night before Day 1 of the trip to meet the group on the morning of Day 1.



Overnight: Coul House Hotel Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 3.5 miles, 3-4 hours, ascent/descent of 900' Driving Time: 2 hours

"A wonderful trip and an excellent and varied way to see all the variations of the beauty of Scotland, from woodlands and lochs to windswept grass dunes and beaches, to majestic mountainous glory...plus the towns, restaurants, and inns gave us the perfect amount of comfort at the end of every exerting day!"

-Elizabeth H.Key Largo, FL

DAY 2 HIKING GLEN AFFRIC

Glen Affric is often called Scotland's most beautiful glen. It is a National Nature Reserve and a great place to experience the unique landscape of lochs, mountains, and Caledonian forest's wonderful mixture of pine, birch, and oak trees. The conservation organization Trees for Life has completed wonderful reforestation in the glen, which now brims with native tree species. It's even possible to find the Scottish crossbill (Scotland's only endemic bird) feeding in the pine trees. Our hike today aims for a prominent peak with enviable views across Loch Beinn a'Mheadhain and Loch Affric itself. We start on a fairly easy trail, climbing through the ancient Scots pine forest for which Glen Affric is famous. Rising above the treeline, the trail steepens before easing off as we approach the summit cairn. The views from the top are dramatic, as you gaze across a sea of peaks stretching towards the West Highlands. Later, a short walk takes us to the rushing waters of Dog Falls. While the falls are not particularly high, we'll be viewing them from a natural balcony in the forest, a vantage point that lets us appreciate the power of the water as it is forced through a rocky chasm. We return to Coul House for dinner and overnight. In the evening, we'll be entertained by a local storyteller-storytelling is a much beloved tradition of Scotland's rich cultural heritage,







Overnight: Hotel Hebrides The small Hotel Hebrides has modern décor, a cozy bar, a good restaurant, and a convenient location near the ferry pier in the charming village of Tarbert. Meals: B, L, D Driving Time: 3 hours Ferry Time: 3 hours

DAY 3 TO THE OUTER HEBRIDES ISLANDS / LEWIS AND HARRIS / CALLANISH STANDING STONES

The Outer Hebrides are one of Scotland's best-kept secrets for walking and hiking. There is probably no better place in Scotland to experience the combination of pristine scenery, intriguing culture, and a way of life that doesn't seem to have been caught up in the hustle and bustle of the 21st century. Many visitors start planning their return visit to enchanting Harris and Lewis before they step off the ferry back onto the mainland! A transfer takes us to Ullapool, where we catch the morning ferry to the harbor town of Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis, the largest of the Outer Hebrides. Our ferry crossing is a great opportunity to look for seabirds and whales. The west coast of Lewis is a beautifully wild place to enjoy views across an Atlantic seascape dotted with tiny uninhabited islands and watch the big rollers come in from the sea. There are also various historical sites of interest. We'll start by visiting the Arnol Blackhouse, a traditional stone dwelling with a straw thatched roof, and a well-preserved Iron Age broch, or fortress, then end our day at the magical Callanish Standing Stones, a site that dates back to 2900 BC. There are many theories as to the origins of the stones. Some archaeologists speculate they may be the center of a much larger cross, consisting of several sites across the island group, but no one really knows. There are no fences or barriers here, so we can get right up to the stones and feel the history in our hands. The Disney movie "Brave" featured several scenes set around the stones. Tonight we enjoy dinner and overnight in Tarbert.



Overnight: Hotel Hebrides Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 4.5 miles, 3 hours, ascent/ descent of 500'

"What a wonderful area of the world. It was great to meet so many of the locals and be introduced to weavers, shepherds, and archaeologists." *-Barry W., Elkins, NH*

DAY 4 THE ISLE OF HARRIS / COFFIN ROADS / HARRIS DISTILLERY

Today we walk on one of Harris' historic "coffin roads," dating back to medieval times. Because the lack of deep soil on the east side of the island made burial impossible, people had to take their deceased loved ones from the east to the west to be buried on the machair. Setting off just south of Tarbert, we follow the coffin road—essentially a rough mountain track—past rugged mountain peaks and lakes as we climb gently to a low pass. We then descend toward the incredible white sands of Luskentyre, where the shallow azure sea is breathtaking. After our hike, we visit the Isle of Harris Distillery, a "social distillery" and great addition to the town of Tarbert. It offers tastings of its fabulous whisky and gin. We'll enjoy dinner at the wonderful community cafe on the tiny island of Scalpay, connected to Harris by a bridge, then return to our hotel for overnight.



Overnight: Hotel Hebrides Meals: B, L Hiking Details: 4.5 miles, 3 hours, ascent/ descent of 1,200' Driving Time: 1 hour

"We enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the storyteller, piper, weaver, and artist. Those were good chances to experience the local culture one on one and something we might have missed if we were on our own." *–Jim R., San Diego, CA*

DAY 5 THE ISLE OF HARRIS / TOE HEAD / HARRIS TWEED

We begin our day with a walk on the beautiful sand dunes and beach at Luskentyre, then visit a Harris tweed weaver to learn about the production of this famous island fabric, woven by hand in homes in the Outer Hebrides for centuries and made from wool dyed and spun there. After lunch in a cafe, we take a short hike up the "wee" peak of Toe Head (1,198'), with its fantastic 360-degree summit view—if the weather cooperates, we can see all the way out to the Isle of St. Kilda! We can also cross the bridge to the nearby Isle of Scalpay for a hike to its lighthouse. Dinner this evening is on your own (our Trip Leaders will be happy to make recommendations).





Overnight: Skeabost House Hotel This welcoming hotel, which began life as a hunting lodge in 1871, has been lovingly restored. It's set in a lovely location on the edge of a loch with views out to the sea, and is an ideal base for exploring the Isle of Skye. With just 23 guest rooms, it offers a cozy ambiance and warm hospitality.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 4 miles, 3-4 hours, ascent/ descent of 900'

Transportation Details: 1.5 hours by ferry; 30 minutes of driving

DAY 6 THE ISLE OF SKYE / THE QUIRAING

In the morning we may have time for some last-minute shopping for Harris tweed before we ferry to Uig on the Isle of Skye. We then head out for a spectacular afternoon hike through the incredible rock pinnacles of the Quiraing, a place of wonder and amazement by any measure. The Quiraing's convoluted Jurassic landscape has a supernatural quality, with jagged, thrusting rock spires with names like The Prison, The Table, and The Needle rising from thick green carpets of Scottish grass. Swirling mists and wispy clouds add to the atmosphere of this place. Our planned route (the weather always has the final say!) brings us up a grassy ridge to a summit with wonderful views across the pinnacles and out to the sea. We then descend to the pinnacles themselves and hike among them back to our starting point. The terrain is often rocky, with some loose rock, but well worth the effort. Afterwards, we make our way to our hotel near the bustling town of Portree, built around a natural harbor.



Overnight: Skeabost House Hotel Meals: B, L Hiking Details: 4 miles, 3-4 hours, ascent/ descent of 1,100' Driving Time: 1.5 hours

"An outstanding trip, start to finish. We especially loved the variety of hikes; the terrains were so different and interesting. The other highlight was the constant parade of Scottish figures that we were introduced to. From the storyteller to the weaver to the artist to the accordion player, they were a delight and we learned so much from them; they added a huge cultural dimension. The whole trip was totally up to WT standards, as usual!"

-Nancy and Tom F., Sarasota, FL

DAY 7 THE BLACK CUILLINS / LOCH AN FHIR-BHALLAICH

A steep and compact range rising straight out of the sea, the Cuillins have been a magnet for climbers, scramblers, and walkers for over 150 years, and they are among the most spectacular peaks in all Britain. There are two Cuillin ranges, each with a distinct character. The Red Cuillins are formed of red granite, rounded and gentle in appearance, while the Black Cuillins, in contrast, are jagged, dark forms of volcanic rock. This morning, we enjoy a hike that leads up to a small loch that sits below the cirque of Coire Lagan in the heart of the magnificent Black Cuillins. Coire Lagan is possibly the most impressive corrie (cirque) in Skye, as it's surrounded by several of Skye's highest peaks, including Sgurr Alasdair and the summit of Sgurr Dearg. Our hike starts by the sandy beach at Glen Brittle but we soon gain height as we follow a trail up the hillside. While our eyes are drawn to the high peaks ahead of us, when we reach Loch an Fhir-Bhallaich, it's the view behind us that takes the breath away as we gaze out across the sea to the Small Isles of Rhum and Eigg. Strong hikers with a head for heights may want to scramble farther up the hillside to reach the floor of Coire Lagan itself, but most will be content to enjoy the view from the loch before descending, passing the impressive Eas Mor-where a stream plunges over a cliff into a deep ravine-on our way back down to Glen Brittle. Dinner is on your own this evening, and can be taken at the hotel or in nearby Portree.



Overnight: Skeabost House Hotel Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 6 miles, 4-5 hours, ascent/ descent of 1,350'

"I loved the trip. The scenery was spectacular. The guides took us on amazing hikes I never would have planned or found on my own." *-Herbert G., Knoxville, TN*

Meals: B Driving Time: 3 hours

DAY 8 SKYE / THE ISLE OF RAASAY

Just 20 minutes south of Portree, we board the small ferry to the Isle of Raasay where we walk today. Raasay is an often overlooked gem, and much quieter than Skye. Yet the island has much going for it, including the quality of its scenery and hiking, and it has a fascinating history all of its own to enjoy. Our hike here brings us to Dun Caan, the highest peak on the island. Though just 1,457 feet above sea level, the summit views are sensational—James Boswell is said to have danced a jig when he visited the summit during his famous tour of the Highlands and Islands with Samuel Johnson in 1773! After the hike we return to Portree and celebrate our final night of the trip with a festive Farewell Dinner.

DAY 9 INVERNESS / DEPART

Leaving the Isle of Skye via the graceful arc of the Skye Bridge, we pass Eilean Donan Castle for a short photo stop, then continue east, passing Loch Ness as we return to Inverness for departure on homeward-bound flights.

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy 2024

\$7,195 (10-14 members) \$7,495 (4-9 members) Single supplement: \$1,445

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: \$600 90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No Charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and historic inns
- All meals included except 2 dinners as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Suggested Airport: Inverness Airport (INV) Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 11:30 am or anytime prior to Day 1. If you arrive in an airport other than Inverness, please be sure to allow enough time to transfer to Inverness and meet the group at 1:00 pm.

Meeting Place: You will meet your Trip Leader under the stone pillars outside the entrance of Inverness Library at 1:00pm on Day 1. The library is a lovely old building, with toilets inside, and is located close to the bus and railway stations. Cafe Artysans is nearby. You should be ready and dressed for a day of hiking when you meet the group.

DEPARTURE

Suggested Airport: Inverness Airport (INV) Suggested Date & Time: Day 9, after 3:00 pm

On Day 9, a complimentary transfer is provided from our hotel in Portree to the Ness Walk Hotel in Inverness, Inverness railway station, and to the Inverness Airport. You will be dropped off at the Ness Walk Hotel around 12:30 pm, the railway station at 12:40 pm, or the Inverness Airport by 1:00 pm.

If continuing by train to Edinburgh or Glasgow. Train tickets can be easily purchased in advanced at <u>www.scotrail.co.uk</u> and collected on the day of travel at the railway station. To collect your pre-purchased tickets, all you need is the booking reference number and the credit card you purchased the tickets with.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Scotland.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most farflung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at <u>www.exitotravel.com</u>.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are

confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

The Ness Walk Hotel Inverness, Scotland www.nesswalk.com

Inchgrove House Edinburgh, Scotland www.inchgrovehouse.co.uk

You can easily make hotel arrangements directly from the hotel's website. However, if you have any trouble, we are always happy to assist you.

Trip Leaders

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GORDON ANDERSON

A native Highlander, Gordon Anderson spent his childhood on the Isle of Skye before moving to the "big city" of Inverness. He led a career in scientific research and information technologies, then in 2009, took the big leap to become a professional Trip Leader. Since then, he's been sharing his favorite places in Scotland with travelers. "I love using my knowledge of the nature, culture, and history of the Highlands to enhance people's enjoyment of this land," he says.



RAY ALLWOOD

Ray is a keen hiker, cyclist, climber, mountaineer and skier (not necessarily in that order!). His interest in outdoor life started in 1989 when he was sent on an Outward Bounds course—a week of walking, climbing, and camping in England's Purbeck Peninsula in Dorset. That experience created in him a lifelong joy of climbing and hiking, ultimately leading to him earning certification as a professional guide.



JOE MANN

After receiving a BA in Outdoor Leadership, Joe worked all over the mountain areas of the UK, falling in love with the Scottish highlands. He was 18 when he first explored Scotland's highlands, hiking all 282 of Scotland's "munros" (mountains over 1,000 meters) in 62 days, and in doing so, becoming the youngest person to complete the ascents in one continuous attempt. He says discovering the diverse mountains, lochs, and wildlife he found on that trip is still the best experience of his life. When he's not guiding, you'll find him running or racing in the hills, rock climbing on remote mountain crags, or swimming in a refreshing loch. Joe says, "If I'm lucky, I'll do it all in one day!"



VICTORIA RASTALL

Growing up on a hill farm in the Trossachs of Scotland, Vic learned to love lochs, rivers, hills, trees, cows, and dogs (not in any particular order), She spent many years traveling solo around the world, but settled in the beautiful Scottish landscape of Argyll and Bute. While working in outdoor education, she also built her own business creating clothing, until recently trading online and at festivals, including the acclaimed Glastonbury Festival. For the last few years, the woodlands of the lesser known area of 'Scotland's Secret Coast' has been Vic's playground.

Trip Leaders



RHONA STEEL

Rhona has worked in health care, education, and most recently, agriculture. In the 90s, she went to work in Europe but missed the Scottish highlands' diverse landscape and proximity to the sea. One of her best decisions was to return to live in the highlands, where Sutherland is her long-term Scottish favorite place, but she loves any place handy to Inverness, where she now lives. She is named Rhona for an ancient island near Skye.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated a **Level 3+, Moderate to Strenuous**, according to our trip grading system. You will need to be comfortable hiking 5.5 miles a day, being on your feet for 7 hours a day, and hiking on uneven surfaces including downhill over loose scree. Trail conditions, weather, and the group's level of fitness can affect hiking times and pacing.

Average Hiking Day

- 4-5 miles
- 3-4 hours
- 1,000 feet gain/loss

Challenge Day

- Day 7: 5.5 miles, 5 hours, 2,000 feet gain
- **TERRAIN** While many of the hikes follow recognized trails, they are not "groomed" and can feel quite rugged. There are sections that can be muddy and have loose rocks, but no scrambling is required. As is common in Scotland, we may hike off-trail where the terrain allows. Many hikers prefer to use trekking poles on the less groomed sections.
- **WEATHER** Even in the summer, Scotland is famous for its changeable weather. It is necessary to pack in preparation for cold rain, persistent fog, mist, and beautiful, sunny weather. The rule here is to be prepared for any eventuality by creating a layering system that takes you from shorts to warm rain gear, including waterproof pants. Note that waterproof ponchos are NOT recommended for hiking in Scotland, as the wind makes them less efficient.

ACCOMMODATIONS Our accommodations are in small, quaint hotels that have been selected for their local history and charm. Since they are often in historic buildings, the rooms are not always of uniform or international size. Our leaders do their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip as a whole. Wifi is often spotty and limited. Air conditioning is not common, but it is rarely needed. Our hotel in Tarbert can be noisy as it is located near town, so bring earplugs if you are a light sleeper. Single rooms can be requested but are not always available, due to the limited space in the hotels. If you prefer a single room, please make your request as early as possible.

CUISINE Lunches will either be at local cafes or a packed lunch during one of our hikes. Packed lunches typically include sandwiches, fresh fruit, snack bars, and other Scottish specialties like oatcakes and cheese. Cafes usually offer soups, sandwiches, and paninis. Dinners will be at a local restaurant or at the hotel. Please also note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the US. We do our best to secure early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION Our van will transport the group's luggage, so you only need to carry a daypack for items you need for the day (rain gear, sweater, camera, water bottle, etc.). Trip members are always free to skip a day's hike and travel to the next destination in the support vehicle (or remain at the hotel if we are not transferring that day).

What to Expect

		HIKING D	DRIVING DETAILS			
DAY	MILES	HOURS	ELEV. ASCENT/DESCENT	HOURS		
1	3 miles	1-2 hours	+/- 300'	1.25 hours		
2	3.5 miles	3-4 hours	+/- 900'	2 hours		
3				3 hours driving; 3 hours ferry		
4	4.5 miles	3 hours	+/- 500'	40 minutes		
5	4.5 miles	3 hours	+/- 1,200'	1 hour		
6	4 miles	3-4 hours	+/- 900'	30 minutes driving; 1.5 hours ferry		
7	4 miles	3-4 hours	+/- 1,100'	1.5 hours		
8	6 miles	4-5 hours	+/- 1,325'	40 minutes driving; short ferry crossing		
9				3 hours		

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
Inverness	43/36	46/32	48/36	50/37	55/41	59/46	64/50	63/50	54/41	54/43	46/37	45/36
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Inverness	3.1	2.2	2.8	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.3

Additional Information

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

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REFERENCES

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