

Discover More About This Tour

To enrich your appreciation of this tour we have provided below information on your accommodation, the places and attractions you will visit and see, together with some general information on the destination and regions featured in this tour.

Places and Attractions

Doone Castle - Stirling

This is a magnificent 14th Century courtyard castle, set on the banks of the River Tieth. It features one of the best preserved Great Halls in Scotland and was also the setting for Monty Python and the Holy Grail – learn how the film was made from the wooden badgers to the alternative history of Spamalot.

Dunblane

A small town just north of Stirling, it is notable as the birthplace of tennis star Andy Murray.

Duart Castle – Isle of Mull

On the Isle of Mull, this is the seat of Clan Maclean and was the home of Fitzroy Hew MacLean, a World War Two hero who is widely believed to have been one of the main inspirations for Bond himself. The castle has also featured as a location for other movies including the 1991 'Entrapment' starring Sean Connery who has Maclean ancestry and of course also famously played James Bond.

Fingal's Cave – Staffa

This spectacular sea cave on the uninhabited island of Staffa, is known for its natural acoustics. The 69m-long cavern was described by Sir Walter Scott as 'one of the most extraordinary places I have ever beheld' and after a visit to Staffa in 1829, the German composer Mendelssohn was inspired by the astonishing acoustics to compose his Hebrides Overture.

Glencoe

A village in western Scotland which lies in the steep-sided Glencoe valley. The area is known for waterfalls and trails that climb peaks such as Buachaille Etive Mor and Bidean nam Bian. In the village, Glencoe Folk Museum occupies 18th-century thatched cottages, with displays on local heritage and the Glencoe massacre of 1692. Wildlife in the area includes red deer and golden eagles and was also the setting for the fictional James Bond family estate 'Skyfall'.

Glen Etive

This is a magnet for climbers and hillwalkers, who come here especially to climb the mountains around Ben Starav to the south east and the Glen Coe mountains to the north and west. It is one of the most photographed beauty spots in Scotland with visitors coming to the area to seek out the famous James Bond's Skyfall and Braveheart film locations.

Isle of Bute

Beautiful Bute is one of the most accessible Scottish islands, just a short ferry ride across the Firth of Clyde. Victoriana meets art deco-style in the resort of Rothesay, with its palm trees and promenade. Attractions also include Rothesay Castle, the stately home at nearby Mount Stuart, and some of the country's best toilets!

Isle of Mull

The second-largest island of the Inner Hebrides lies off the west coast of Scotland and is well known for its wildlife including whales, dolphins and sea eagles. Also its culture, scenery and outdoor activities makes it a charming and beautiful centre for a Highland holiday away from the cares and pressures of modern life.

Kilmartin Glen & Museum – Lochgilphead

In the heart of Mid Argyll, this is one of Scotland's richest prehistoric landscapes. Over 800 historic monuments, cairns, standing stones, stone circles and rock art dating back over 5000 years have been recorded within this area. Kilmartin Museum collects and cares for all of the archaeological objects.

Kintra - Isle of Mull

Meaning 'end of the beach' in Gaelic, Kintra is a very picturesque little hamlet and is worth a visit, just for its attractive bay and row of small cottages.

Mount Stuart House – Isle of Bute

This spectacular Gothic house was the ancestral home of the Marquess of Bute. Mount Stuart is an award-winning attraction featuring magnificent Victorian Gothic architecture and design together with contemporary craftsmanship, surrounded by 300 acres of gloriously maintained grounds and gardens.

Staffa Island

The approach to Staffa, which means 'pillar island', by sea is breath taking with great basalt columns flanking the deep caves. During spring and early summer, the cliffs and grassy slopes provide nesting sites for various seabirds including guillemots, razorbills and puffins.

Tarbert

An attractive fishing village on Loch Fyne, which for many visitors acts as the gateway to the beautiful peninsula of Kintyre. The pretty harbour front is best appreciated from Robert the Bruce's 14th century castle above the town.

Treshnish Isles

This group of islands lie just west of Mull and have been landmarks for travellers through the Hebrides for at least 1000 years. Apart from the scenery of the Treshnish and their mystique as a group of uninhabited islands, they hold nationally important treasures in the form of a mediaeval castle as well as a thriving community of wildlife.

Restaurants & Places of Stay

Glasgow Malmaison Hotel – Glasgow

This boutique hotel located in a former Greek Orthodox church is right at the heart of everything Glasgow has to offer, not that you really need to leave it for a fantastic stay. The 72 rooms and suites combine character and style with all modern conveniences and there's a great restaurant serving contemporary French cuisine.

Ubiquitous Chip – Glasgow

Unique Ashton Lane restaurant showcasing world-class food with delicious Scottish ingredients & one of the best wine cellars in the country!

Cromlix House Hotel - Dunblane

Scottish tennis superstar, Andy Murray, has transformed this Victorian mansion into a luxury experience with 10 bedrooms and 5 suites. Its Chez Roux restaurant, established by the legendary French chef and restaurateur Albert Roux is housed in the glass-walled conservatory overlooking the grounds and offers diners a ringside view of the chefs at work in the extensive open kitchen, is run by award-winning executive head chef Darin Campbell.

Glencoe House Hotel – Glencoe

Glencoe House offers elegant accommodation located in 10 acres of private gardens in the heart of Scotland's Highlands. This historic mansion, the former home of Lord Strathcona, offers tranquillity and outdoor adventure.

Isle of Eriska Hotel – Benderloch

Run by the effusive Beppo and his charming family, this delightful island retreat offers a world of luxury, seclusion and not a little eccentricity. Set on its own private island, you can stay in the Baronial mansion, or in a Spa suite, complete with private conservatory, patio, large lounge, luxury bathroom and outdoor Jacuzzi hot tub.

Ninth Wave Restaurant - Isle of Mull

Located in Fionnphort's wild moors, the restaurant is owned by the 2019 Professionals MasterChef contestant Carla Lamont. An award-winning seafood restaurant it also offers island beef, pork and game cooked with flair and imagination. Fresh caught lobster, crab and fish arrive daily as your waiter leaves his fishing day job and dons the kilt for service. Hedonism on a plate!

Western Isles Hotel - Isle of Mull

Overlooking Tobermory harbour, this 19th-century hotel is a 6-minute walk from Tobermory's Main Street and a short drive from Mull Theatre and Glengorm Castle. It has 28 bedrooms and two restaurants that offer stunning views and is also a Whisky Embassy, so there is a fine collection of malts served in an atmosphere conducive to their appreciation.

Glengorm Castle Hotel – Isle of Mull

Set in a 19th-century castle, this high-end B&B with cottages sits on a headland and has 5 upscale, warmly decorated rooms, all with en suite or private bathrooms and 1 has a 4-poster bed. There are also flats and cottages with kitchens and washer/dryers.

The Crinan Hotel – Lochgilphead

The 20 bedrooms over three floors all have views either to the canal basin or look over Loch Crinan and out towards the sound of Jura, and the islands of Scarba and Mull which were Bond movie locations.

Portavadie Marina Hotel - Portavadie

These beautifully designed luxury holiday apartments create a timeless, Mediterranean-style oasis on the shores of Loch Fyne. Open-plan spaces, contemporary comfort, and breath-taking loch views from your balcony – you really will experience Scotland in style.

General Information

Caledonian MacBrayne Ferries

Caledonian MacBrayne, usually shortened to CalMac, is the major operator of passenger and vehicle ferries, and ferry services, between the mainland of Scotland and 22 of the major islands on Scotland's west coast using a fleet of over 30 vessels of varying sizes.

Their ferries from Oban to Craignure on Isle of Mull return, Tarbert to Portavadie, Colintraive to Rhubodach on Isle of Bute and Rothesay to Wemyss Bay are used during this tour.

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