



HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS

# 2026 CRUISE DIRECTORY



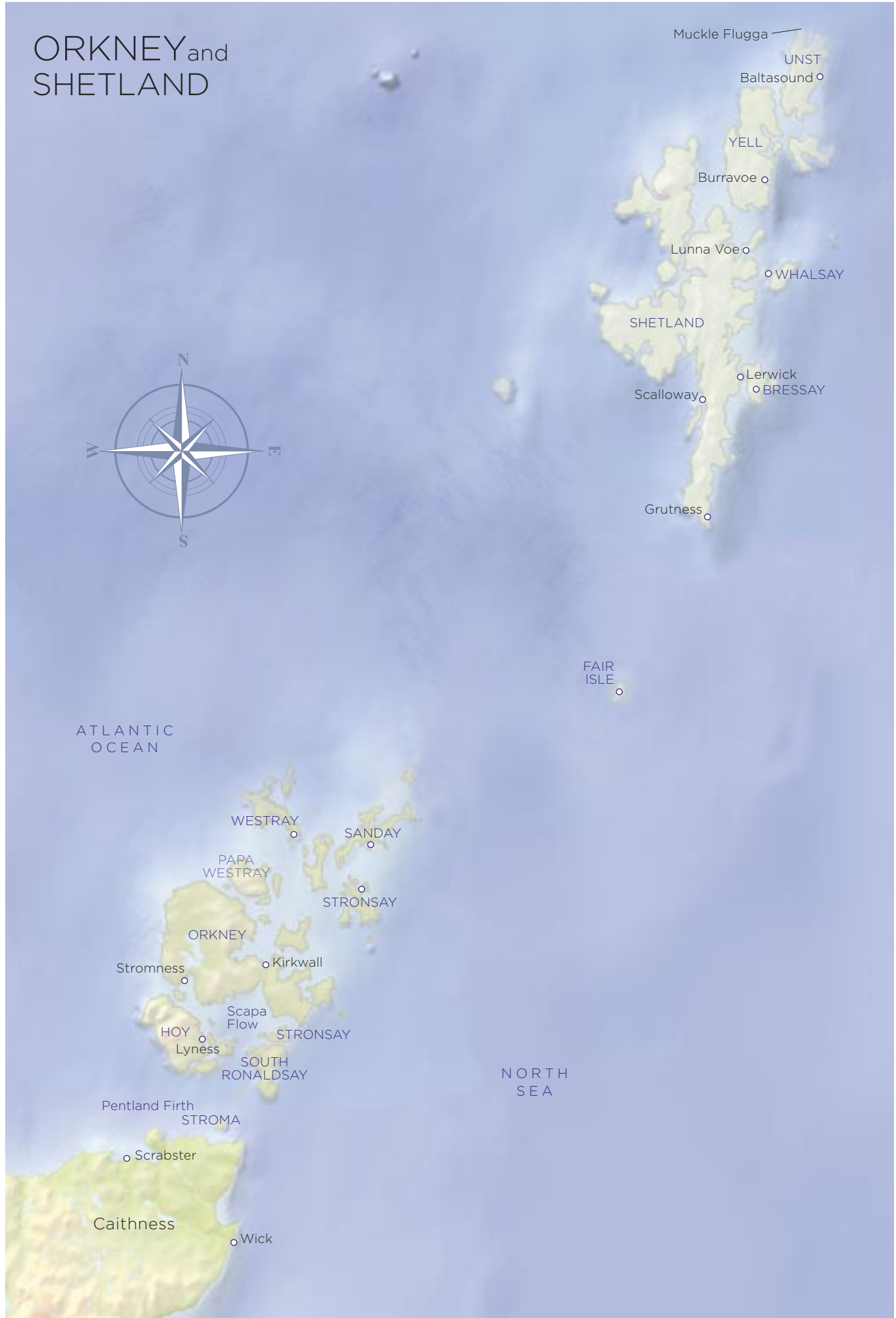




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# ORKNEY and SHETLAND



ATLANTIC OCEAN

NORTH SEA



# WELCOME TO THE 2026 HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS CRUISE COLLECTION

Highlands and Islands of Scotland, Orkney,  
Shetland, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man

Hebridean Island Cruises has been crafting luxury cruises for more than 35 years. For us, luxury is not just about understated elegance, sumptuous comfort, delicious fine-dining and breathtaking destinations, it's also about meticulous attention to detail and a refined level of personal service. It's the little things that make our cruises so special, it's the knowledge and expertise gained over decades that help make memories last a lifetime.

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# THE HEBRIDEAN DIFFERENCE

## BEAUTIFULLY SMALL

The delectably small and exclusive *Hebridean Princess*, purpose-built for the Western Isles and launched by Hebridean Island Cruises as a cruise ship in 1989, has been synonymous with luxury cruising for over 35 years. During this time she has established an enviable reputation for the highest of standards and attention to detail.

## PERSONAL SERVICE

From the very first welcome, our friendly crew, numbering almost one to each guest, ensures exceptionally high standards, which embrace every aspect of life on board and ashore. Unobtrusive and friendly service, with that personal touch and constant attention to detail, sets *Hebridean Princess* apart from other cruise ships: unique and unmatched, she is simply in a class of her own.

## A WARM ATMOSPHERE

Perfectly complementing the wildly beautiful Scottish scenery through which she cruises, *Hebridean Princess* offers the unrivalled comfort and refined service of a country house. The welcome on board is always warm with the congenial atmosphere of a house party where old friends meet up, new acquaintances are quickly made and the unaccompanied need never feel alone.

## LUXURIOUS DÉCOR

The epitome of good taste, an understated elegance pervades the whole ship in a carefully chosen décor of co-ordinating furnishings, fabrics and colours. Delightful features abound: peaceful corners that are perfect for reading, the home-from-home feel of the Inglenook fireplace in the Tíree Lounge and many more.

Twenty eight beautiful cabins are unusually spacious, offering Hebridean bathrobes, slippers and a large selection of Molton Brown toiletries for your convenience. Individually designed, each cabin is tastefully furnished with the best of classic and contemporary design and the finest fabrics.

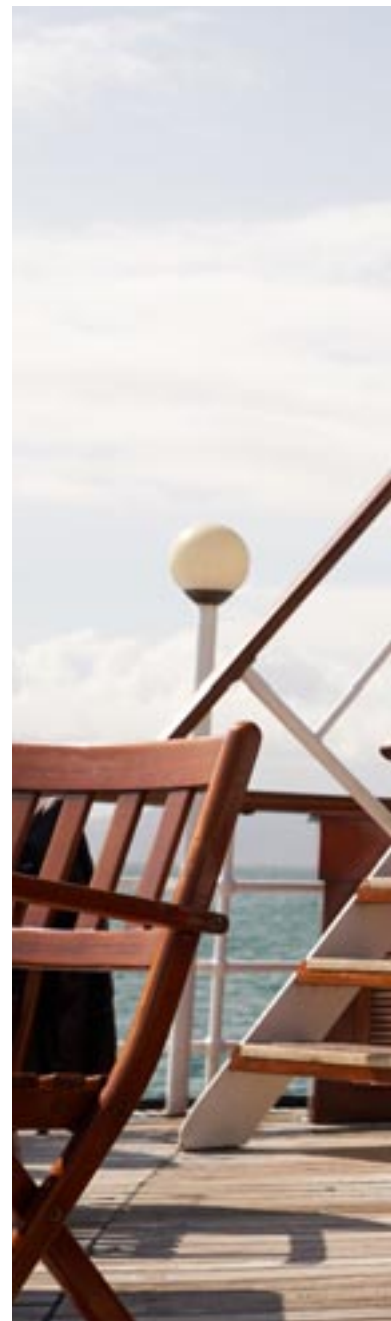
## GOURMET CUISINE

With an ever-changing menu, dining on board *Hebridean Princess* is a sensational feast. Our talented and dedicated chefs use only the freshest, locally sourced ingredients allowing the creation of the most delectable breakfasts, lunches, afternoon teas and dinners.

## MAKING MEMORIES

There is a world of difference between an ordinary holiday and a memorable one.

*At Hebridean we create unique  
experiences for a few people  
— never something ordinary for a crowd*















## GENUINELY FULLY-INCLUSIVE CRUISING

There is nothing quite like that sense of freedom you will feel, knowing that everything from tours ashore, to meals and drinks, port taxes and even gratuities are included in the fare you pay. *Hebridean Princess* cruises are genuinely fully-inclusive; not an empty promise, but a Hebridean pledge to ensure that you have a carefree holiday both on board and ashore.

### FINE DINING EXPERIENCES

Dining is a major element of any cruise and on board *Hebridean Princess* you will dine in the elegant Columba Restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea is served in the comfort of the Tìree Lounge. Barbecues on the Skye Deck and picnics ashore are occasionally offered depending on daily activities.

### COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS

Complement your meal with specially selected wines of the day, and enjoy other house wines and spirits, soft drinks and beers, tea and coffee during your time with us at no extra charge. Taittinger Champagne is also included by the glass throughout your cruise.

### ENGAGING SHORE VISITS

There is no need to decide in which tours and visits you would like to participate as these are all included, as are fishing trips and speedboat rides, which can be arranged on request.

### GRATUITIES ON BOARD AND ASHORE

Knowing when and how much to tip can be a difficult decision, but on every *Hebridean Princess* cruise all gratuities are included in your cruise fare, both on board and ashore.

### GUIDES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Knowledgeable guides accompany all cruises, both on board and on the tours ashore. Renowned guest speakers feature on selected cruises; passionate about their subject, these captivating orators bring each itinerary to life.

### BICYCLES

Should you wish to invigorate yourself and explore independently, why not take one of the ship's modern bicycles ashore and enjoy the stunning scenery of the islands, many of which are traffic-free.

### A CELEBRATION

If you plan to mark a special occasion on board, perhaps a wedding anniversary or birthday, we will be only too happy to help you celebrate by arranging for champagne, a cake or canapés, to enjoy in the privacy of your cabin, or maybe share with family and friends in the Library. To celebrate these happy moments in true Hebridean style, please place a special request through our reservations staff.

### TRANSFERS AND CAR PARKING

Private coach transfers from the local airport or train station to and from *Hebridean Princess* are included. For those wishing to drive, complimentary secure parking is provided.

### INTERNET ACCESS AND WI-FI

Free Wi-Fi access and use of the ship's iPads, located in the Library.

## DISCOVERING MORE WITH HEBRIDEAN'S EXCEPTIONAL CREW

At Hebridean Island Cruises we believe it is simply not possible to look after large numbers of guests properly and give them the really personal service that differentiates an extraordinary holiday from a merely good one. That is why, on *Hebridean Princess*, you will find only 48 like-minded guests and 38 crew.

If you would like to be known by your name within moments of stepping on board, to have your smallest preferences remembered, then mass-market style cruising will never be a satisfactory alternative.

Everything we do receives the same level of care and attention; from the carefully conceived shore visits to the spectacular overnight anchorages, the exquisite menus and the unique and individually designed cabins, every little detail aims to ensure that the whole experience is so complete that you will never even notice.

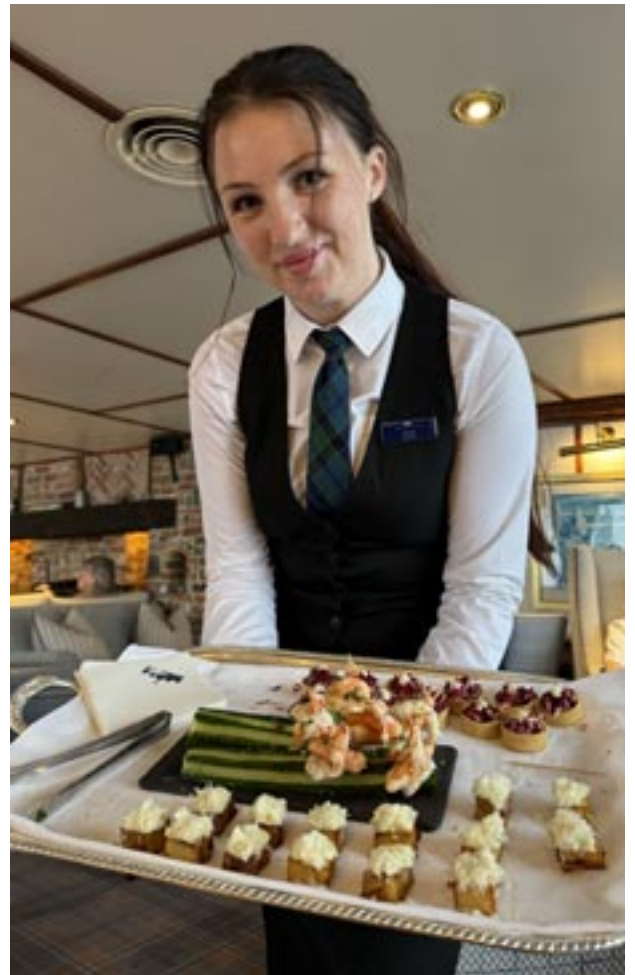
Discreet service is the bedrock of our reputation and the uncannily accurate anticipation of your needs is a skill that our crew has developed into almost an art form.

For us, resoluteness in the pursuit of perfection is something for which, in our view, there is no alternative. Behind the scenes we will be striving day and night to ensure that yours is the best holiday you have taken.

*Your job is to simply sit back, relax  
and enjoy – Hebridean style!*











Tiree Lounge







Conservatory



Tiree Lounge Bar



Library

## LIFE ON BOARD

After an energetic walk ashore, the comfort and homeliness of *Hebridean Princess* welcomes you back as though to your own home; and that is how we, and more importantly our guests, like to think of this unusual little ship. 'Like home but better' is how she is often described.

The public rooms on board *Hebridean Princess* offer a truly cosy and welcoming atmosphere.

The Tiree Lounge, with its intimate bar, is the social focal point; beautifully designed and filled with soft armchairs and welcoming sofas providing cosy areas grouped around perhaps the most extraordinary feature of the ship – a brick inglenook fireplace!

'A Floating Country House' is how we have described *Hebridean Princess* for many years. Forty eight like-minded guests mix in a convivial atmosphere and create a house party mood.

In the peaceful wood-panelled Library a masculine feel has been created, using leather, unique upholstery and dark woods and should a spot of solitude appeal, there is a fine selection of reference and general interest books to be enjoyed.

The soft tones furnishing the Look Out Lounge flow seamlessly from the colour palette in the foyer areas, creating a relaxing space to take in the stunning views.

Painted, rattan furniture brings a casual feel to the Conservatory and the natural look has been complemented by the beautifully original teak deck. A wonderfully calm space to enjoy the scenery.

The emphasis on low key entertainment is complemented by the gentle art of conversation and the certain knowledge that fellow guests have chosen this style of holiday as much for what it doesn't offer as for what it does.

## DINING AND CUISINE

Fine dining is a vital part of the perfect cruising experience. On *Hebridean Princess*, we take special pride in the quality of our cuisine, prepared by expert chefs from locally sourced produce. Our wines are carefully selected to complement our varied menus.

Dinners and lunches are served in the elegant Columba Restaurant, where awe-inspiring scenery is on view through the picture windows. Whilst dinner is usually at anchor, breakfast and lunch are often served en route to our next destination, as breathtaking landscapes roll by.

Weather permitting, light barbecues are sometimes held on deck or ashore. Hebridean picnics on some of our longer Footloose walks are said to be legendary!

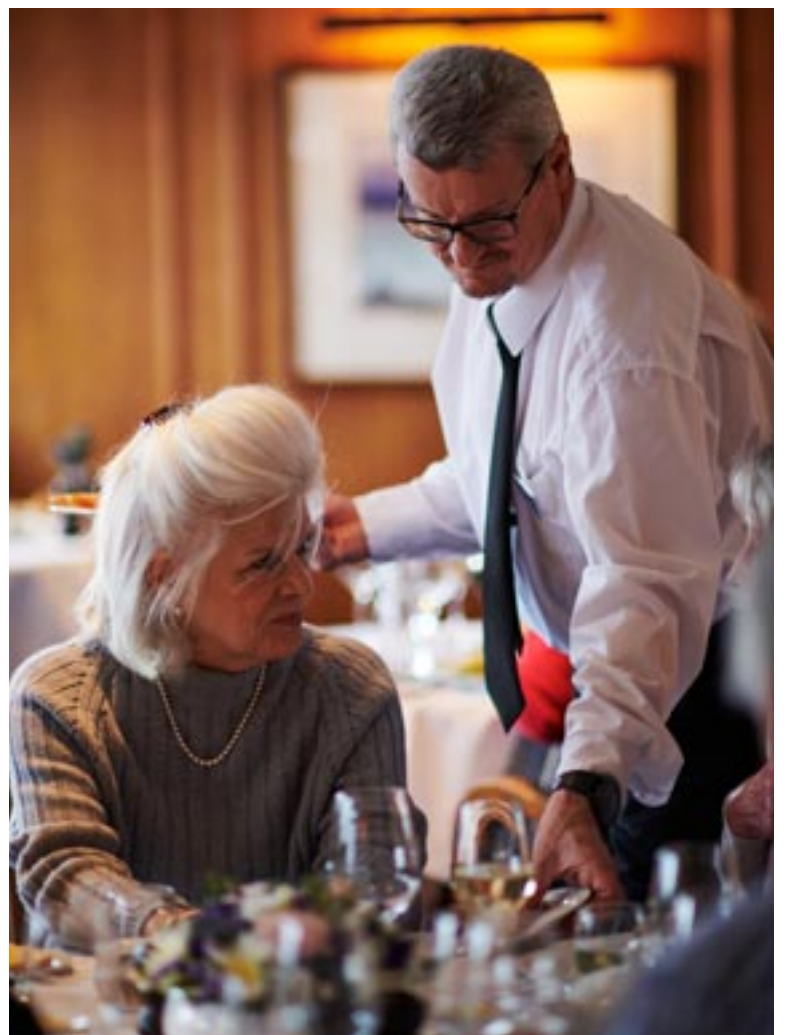
Breakfasts are informal and are as healthy or as hearty as you choose with fresh fruit, home-baked breads, cooked Scottish fayre and of course, Chef's own take on that Scottish staple (porridge), with or without a wee dram!

Our Gala Dinners are sparkling occasions, from the Champagne reception in the Tiree Lounge to a gourmet dinner – and no cruise would be complete without a traditional recital of Robert Burns' Address to a Haggis!

Guests can choose to dine on their own, with a companion or on a larger table hosted by one of the Ship's Officers, ideal for solo travellers.













Isle of Bernerary Cabin

## LUXURIOUS CABINS

At sea, comfortable personal space is the greatest luxury. Most cabins on board *Hebridean Princess* have ocean views through the picture windows or twin-opening portholes. Sumptuous bed linen, plush mattresses and indulgent down or hypoallergenic duvets and pillows aid restful sleep. Fluffy towels and full sized baths or refreshing showers add to the sense of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Four cabins with private balconies offer uninterrupted views of soothing surf and endless horizons, daydreaming in your own teak steamer chair with your favourite tippie. The Isle of Arran suite has a large private sitting room, perfect for entertaining old friends or new, or just curling up with a good book.

Almost one third of cabins are dedicated to solo travellers.

Please refer to pages 98-109 for full details of cabins and to the inside back cover for cabin dimensions, facilities and deck locations.





## GOING ASHORE

Unlike most cruise ships, a *Hebridean Princess* cruise includes all shore visits. From cultural to historical, energetic walking and biking to simply strolling around the bay, the opportunities to experience the peace are endless.

On most days *Hebridean Princess* berths or anchors in different locations both morning and afternoon, whilst the ship's tenders are on hand to operate a shuttle service ashore. Manned by our experienced able-bodied seamen, they are always ready to offer a friendly word of reassurance and a steadying hand. Should you choose to wander at will, the small boats are always available to transport you back on board if the yearning for a glass of something or chef's afternoon tea prove too hard to resist.

Some of the islands we visit are so off the beaten track that no landing place is available. We will then use our special beach landing craft for an exciting chance to wander an uninhabited island or headland.

Our long-standing connections in this remote corner of the kingdom enable us to arrange visits to privately owned castles and gardens, with an opportunity to talk to the owners and enjoy the different dimension of a visit that is utterly personal.

A highly knowledgeable and experienced guide, with three guides on our Footloose walking itineraries and two on selected themed cruises, will accompany your visits ashore. Whether exploring remote islands and historic sites, or simply taking in the magnificent scenery on board, you will appreciate their knowledge and insight of the spectacular areas through which *Hebridean Princess* cruises. The guide's evening talk is a convivial get-together in the lounge after dinner – and an ideal opportunity to relax over coffee or a digestif and mingle, whilst learning more of the tantalizing places to come.

In addition to our usual range of activities, the more adventurous can enjoy speedboat rides, fishing trips or cycling ashore on the ship's bikes, all of which can be arranged on request.















## KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDES

On board *Hebridean Princess* and on visits ashore, we are fortunate to have an invaluable team of enthusiastic and energetic guides, all adept in their fields, whose broad knowledge of history, architecture, culture, folklore, wildlife and flora of the Scottish Highlands and Islands adds a special dimension to our cruises.

A highly knowledgeable and experienced guide accompanies guests for the duration of each cruise, with three on 'Footloose' walking itineraries and two on wildlife, golf and cycling cruises, always there to offer information and an occasional helping hand. Single guests can enjoy their company at dinner, when they join an Officer's table in the Columba Restaurant. After-dinner talks outline the next day's activities and shed fresh light on the unique regions through which we sail.

## ENRICHING GUEST SPEAKERS

The enrichment of discovery and thrill of knowledge put *Hebridean Princess* cruises in a category of their own.

Our on board speakers are chosen precisely because they are among some of the best authorities in their field. Passionate about their subject, these captivating orators bring each cruise alive and are delighted to share their knowledge with their fellow guests – a true meeting of minds.

During our 2026 season Guest Speakers will accompany ten specially selected cruises - please refer to page 19 for details.

## THEMED CRUISES

If you are bewitched by wildlife, inspired by Scottish food and drink or fascinated by history and architecture then one of our specially themed itineraries may appeal to you.

In 2026 our themed cruises will also include gardens, golf, cycling and a brand new cruise designed around lighthouses. Indulge your passion in the company of like-minded guests.

See page 19 for full details of all our themed cruises.









## THEMED CRUISES



### HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE UPPER CLYDE

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### FOOTLOOSE ON THE CLYDE

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### GEMS OF ARGYLL

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**Guest Speaker: Philip Serrell**



### FLAVOURS OF THE HEBRIDES

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### FOOTLOOSE TO THE NORTH WEST SEABOARD

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### BLOOMING WONDERS OF THE WEST COAST

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**Guest Speaker: David Mitchell**



### NATURAL WORLD OF THE GAELIC ISLES

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**Wildlife Guide: Richard Thaxton**



### GARDENS OF ARGYLL AND ANTRIM

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**Guest Speaker: Gareth Austin**



### ST KILDA AND WESTERN ISLES WILDLIFE

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**Guest Speaker: Kate Humble. Wildlife Guide: David Sexton**



### FOOTLOOSE OVER THE WESTERN ISLES

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### ST KILDA AND THE MAGIC OF THE HEBRIDES

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**Guest Speakers: Kirstin Birdier, Derek Alexander and Ali MacLeod**



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**Guest Speaker: Simon Calder**



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**Guest Speaker: Mike Bullock**



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**Guest Speaker: James Naughtie**



### FOOTLOOSE IN ORKNEY AND SHETLAND

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**Arts Society Accredited Speaker: Jeremy Burton**



### GOLF IN ARGYLL AND AYRSHIRE

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### FLAVOURS OF THE HEBRIDES

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**Guest Speaker: Garry Richardson**

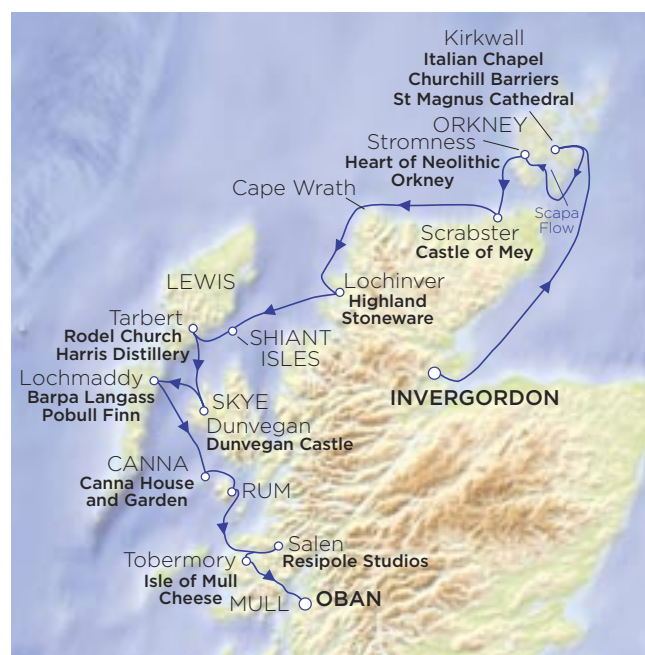
## PARTNERSHIPS

# THE ARTS SOCIETY TRAVEL AFFILIATE

The Arts Society's affiliation with Hebridean Island Cruises, through The Arts Society Tours, ensures that its members, who enjoy luxury small ship cruising, can visit cultural destinations, with excellent lecturers in the company of like-minded people.

The Arts Society was founded in 1968.

It remains a leading arts education charity, with a global network of local arts societies, continuing to connect people to the arts and each other and offering a warm welcome to all.



The society's world class lecturers continue to entertain and share the specialist knowledge with members and it believes that the arts enrich peoples' lives.

The Arts Society continues to support the skills of makers and artists, whilst its volunteering programme helps preserve our heritage for future generations to enjoy.

We are pleased to welcome an Arts Society Accredited Lecturer on the following cruise:

### HOME FROM THE FAR NORTH

Departing from Invergordon on Wednesday 19th August 2026 featuring accredited Arts Society accredited lecturer, **Jeremy Burton**. Please refer to pages 74 and 75 for full details of this cruise.



Hebridean Island Cruises and our guests have been supporting the marine conservation charity Sea-Changers for over a decade and have contributed well over £40,000 in that time, to support the charity's varied community based marine conservation activities, including many projects in and around the islands of Scotland. The partnership continues and as Hebridean has introduced online booking, guests now have an opportunity to donate £10 as part of the booking process. If you would like to support the marine environment further, you can make an online Gift Aided donation here:

[www.cafdonate.cafonline.org/24698](http://www.cafdonate.cafonline.org/24698)

or scan the unique QR code.





## PRIVATE CHARTERS



Iconic and the epitome of understated elegance, *Hebridean Princess* is the ultimate vessel for a private charter for up to 48 guests or delegates.

Whether a conference with a difference, a celebration of a special birthday or anniversary, *Hebridean Princess* delivers a style of service from a bygone age. More akin to a private yacht than a conventional cruise ship, the 28 cabins are each uniquely and elegantly furnished. Public rooms are reminiscent of a country house with service from an exceptional crew to match. Audio-visual equipment is available in the beautiful Tiree Lounge and break out rooms are available in the tastefully furnished Conservatory, Look-Out Lounge and Library. The Columba Restaurant is the setting for magnificent dining created by our talented brigade of chefs. For something more informal, barbecues can be arranged on the Skye Deck or buffet lunches in the restaurant. Remain in touch with business back home via telephone and Wi-Fi internet facilities. Unforgettable entertainment can be organised in the form of ceilidh bands, accordionists for Scottish country dancing or pipers. As a venue for your conference, convention, private cruise or other event, chartering *Hebridean Princess* is equivalent to hiring your own luxurious private yacht.

## BELMOND ROYAL SCOTSMAN TRAIN



*Hebridean Princess* and Belmond Royal Scotsman, Scotland's luxury sleeper train, have teamed up to offer the ultimate luxury tour of Scotland. Belmond Royal Scotsman takes you straight to the heart of the Scottish Highlands to explore the wild wonders and unique heritage that the area has to offer.

Akin to a country house on wheels, Belmond Royal Scotsman carries just 40 guests, in private ensuite cabins, through Scotland's finest countryside. From every window, there are glorious views of the passing scenery, but to really absorb the views head to the Observation Car with its open verandah. Come evening relax in the Bar and enjoy a dram, with a choice of over 50 whiskies.

Life on board this luxury train is relaxed and indulgent. In the two wood-panelled dining cars, the on

board chefs create gastronomic delights, where menus feature flavoursome and seasonal ingredients from regions of where the train travels. Unwind in the most unique spa in Scotland and experience a world of indulgence on the rails. The Bamford Haybarn Spa is the perfect pampering retreat after a day exploring the Highlands.

Service on board the train is attentive, but never intrusive and colourful touches, such as being welcomed on board at Edinburgh Waverley Station by a Highland

Piper, add to the thrill of the experience. Along the way, guests disembark to meet local personalities, talk to experts on subjects from salmon fishing to whisky tasting and take part in fun activities; a truly Scottish rail vacation par excellence.

### **Belmond Royal Scotsman Train Journeys include:**

Private en suite cabins, including all meals, wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, visits and onboard entertainment as stated in itineraries.

**For more information and to check if your chosen cruise can be extended with a Belmond Royal Scotsman train journey please contact our reservations team on 01756 704704**



## SCOTTISH ISLANDS A-Z

The wildly beautiful coast of Scotland is scattered with hundreds of islands and islets shaped by the relentless pounding of the sea and the ever-changing weather. Sublimely secluded, all are unique, forming a world apart that is little-known and accessible to the very few – yours to explore from the comfort of our delightfully small ship, *Hebridean Princess*. Experience their magic and mystery; revel in their rich diversity from the Firth of Clyde to the Inner and Outer Hebrides and the Northern Isles of Orkney and Shetland. Come and discover these precious island gems.

### AILSA CRAIG

Firth of Clyde Islands

Ailsa Craig is a granite islet at the mouth of the Firth of Clyde, nicknamed 'Paddy's Milestone' for its location halfway between Glasgow and Belfast. The name Ailsa Craig is thought to derive from Gaelic words meaning 'Fairy Rock.' Its rock has been used to make curling stones and the precipices have large breeding colonies of gannets and other seabirds.

Please see page 82.

### ARRAN

Firth of Clyde Islands

Influenced by the mild North Atlantic Drift, Arran is a wildlife haven rising to high peaks, including four Corbetts. At the foot of the highest, Goatfell, nestles 16th century red-sandstone Brodick Castle, close to Brodick town. Fifteen miles (24 km) to the north, the 14th century ruined castle of Lochranza was once a royal hunting lodge.

Please see pages 26, 82, 94.

### BARRA

Outer Hebrides

Named after a 6th century saint and world-famous for its unique beach airport, Traigh Mòr, Barra is a beautiful, tranquil island with a fascinating history. Golden beaches backed by sandy, wild flower-dotted machair surround a more rugged interior. The main centre is the once prosperous herring port of Castlebay, where the Macneil's medieval fortress, Kisimul Castle, perches on a rocky outcrop offshore.

Please see pages 56, 64, 76.

### BERNERAY, MINGULAY AND PABBAY

Bishop's Isles, Outer Hebrides

At the south tip of the Hebrides, these three uninhabited Bishop's Isles, swathed in white sandy beaches and flower-scattered machair, are awe-inspiring from the sea.

Please see pages 58.

### BUTE

Firth of Clyde Islands

Crossed by the Highland Boundary Fault, Bute is an isle of distinctly contrasting landscapes from the bare, rounded and craggy uplands of the north to the lower, undulating and fertile south. Golden beaches fringe the west coast, many with views over the sound towards Arran. The Victorian resort of Rothesay is the only town.

Please see pages 28, 34, 94.

### CANNA, SMALL ISLES

Inner Hebrides

Joined to Sanday by a causeway, secluded Canna lies less than 5 miles (8 km) off Rum. Dubbed the 'Garden of the Hebrides', this elongated, green and grassy isle is capped by magnetic Compass Hill at 458 feet (140 m) in the north. Canna was one of the earliest Christian settlements, associated with St Columba, who was later adopted as its patron saint.

Please see pages 38, 58, 62, 76, 80.



## COLL

### Inner Hebrides

The rocky, wild and virtually treeless island of Coll was first settled in the Stone Age. Dotted with ruined cottages, this bird haven is picturesquely clad in flower-dotted machair, fringed by silver-white beaches, and offers refreshing bike rides and walks. Lying four miles west of Mull, Coll measures 13 miles in length and four miles across at its widest point. Arinagour is the main village which is home to half of the island's population.

Please see pages 38, 88.

## COLONSAY

### Inner Hebrides

Colonsay is located eight miles from Jura's north coast and the same distance from the west coast of Jura. Scalasaig is the main settlement. Another bird haven, home to some 200 bird species including the elusive corncrake, and 400 species of flora, Colonsay is a landscape of many contrasts from machair to woods, moors to green fields and rocky to sandy cliff-backed shores. Its finest beach is dramatic Kiloran Bay and inland lie the exotic woodland gardens of Colonsay House.

Please see pages 42, 48, 92.

## CUMBRAES

### Firth of Clyde Islands

The contrasting Cumbraes afford fine views to the mainland, Arran and Bute. Green and undulating Great Cumbrae is home to the only town at Millport, elegantly lining Millport Bay. Here the tiny but beautiful Cathedral of the Isles, regarded as Britain's smallest cathedral, seats only 100 worshippers. Rough and rocky Little Cumbrae, held by the Hunters and later by the Montgomeries, was maintained as a royal hunting forest. Its surviving ruins include the castle demolished by Oliver Cromwell's army in 1650 and a small chapel dedicated to St Beya.

Please see pages 32, 96.

## EIGG, SMALL ISLES

### Inner Hebrides

Bought out by its islanders in 1997, Eigg has been settled since prehistoric times and was once the seat of the Lord of the Isles. Its rich past is marked by Iron Age forts, a 6th century church, Viking burial mounds and a graveyard that is a moving testament to the 395 MacDonalds massacred in a cave by the MacLeods in 1577. Rising sheer above the plateau of this wildlife reserve, columnar pitchstone An Sgùrr adds magic and mystery.

Please see pages 36, 38, 44, 62, 76.

## ERISKA

### Inner Hebrides

'Water-nymph' island in Gaelic, Eriska is a flat tidal 300 acre (121ha) island at the entrance to Loch Creran, linked by a bridge to the mainland. Privately-owned, it is run as a luxury hotel resort, based at Scottish baronial Eriska House, built in 1884 by the Stewarts of Appin, in wooded grounds.

Please see pages 42, 92.

## ERISKAY

### Outer Hebrides

The reputation of the tiny, hilly yet well-populated isle of Eriskay extends far beyond its shores. Home to a rare pony breed, once used in the mines, it was here that Bonnie Prince Charlie first stepped onto Scottish soil in 1745. Eriskay is also famed as the site of the sinking of the SS Politician offshore in 1941, which inspired Compton Mackenzie's novel and the 1949 film, 'Whisky Galore'.

Please see pages 60, 62.

## FAIR ISLE, SHETLAND

### Northern Isles

Fair Isle's landscape of high red-sandstone cliffs descends to a low coastline in the south. Archaeological sites bear witness to its occupation since the Bronze Age. An important watch-point for migrating birds, Fair Isle has been the site of a

permanent observatory since 1948. The island is also synonymous with its unique geometric knitting, of possible Spanish or Scandinavian origin.

Please see pages 68, 70, 72.

## GIGHA

### Inner Hebrides

Three miles (4.8km) west of Kintyre, green and fertile Gigha, 'God's' or 'Good Island' is now owned by its community. In addition to dairy farming, goats are reared to produce a distinctive, fruit-shaped cheese - one of the island's main exports. Ardminish is the only village and site of Achamore House set in 50 acre (20 ha) gardens planted by Sir James Horlick.

Please see pages 52, 82, 88.

## HANDA

### Inner Hebrides

This small, rocky isle sits across the Sound of Handa from the wildly beautiful west coast of Sutherland. Magnificent, horizontally stratified rocks of Torridonian sandstone to the north-west, weathered through time into ledges, form a perfect habitat for nesting seabirds, making Handa one of the largest colonies in north-western Europe.

Please see page 54.

## HARRIS

### Outer Hebrides

Historically and geographically apart from Lewis, Harris is a small region of many contrasts, offering wonderful walks and the beauty of Luskentyre beach on its sandy western shores. Rodel boasts the finest Pre-Reformation church in the Western Isles and the Harris tweeds produced here are world-famous.

Please see pages 56, 60, 64, 74, 80.

## HOY, ORKNEY

### Northern Isles

Synonymous with the world-famous sea stack the Old Man of Hoy, Orkney's second largest island rises dramatically from the sea. Hoy is rightly famous for its birdlife. 10,000 acres of moorland and dramatic sea cliffs form an RSPB Nature Reserve which attracts large numbers of migrating and resident birds, including the much loved Puffin.

Please see page 72.

## IONA

### Inner Hebrides

The exiled Irish prince and missionary St Columba reached Iona in 563 to found his community, landing at pebbled St Columba's Bay in the south, as the legend goes. Originally dating from the 12th century, the restored abbey remains a much-revered place of pilgrimage.

Please see pages 36, 38, 42, 48, 58, 88.

## ISLAY

### Inner Hebrides

Erstwhile seat of the MacDonalds, Lords of the Isles, mild Islay is renowned for the peaty single malts of its ten operating distilleries. Islay abounds in birdlife at the RSPB Loch Gruinart Nature Reserve, hub of a barnacle geese colony and historic treasures from the 18th century round church at Bowmore to the late 9th century High Cross of Kildalton.

Please see pages 34, 50, 78, 82, 88, 92.

## ISLE MARTIN

### Summer Isles

Uninhabited Isle Martin is the closest of the Summer Isles to Ullapool and is owned by the communities of Lochbroom and Coigach. The island has been the site of a monastery, a herring curing station and a flour mill. St. Martin, after whom the island is named, is reputed to have established a monastery on the island around 300-400 AD. Agriculture and fishing have been the mainstays of the island economy for most of its history.

Please see page 86.

## JURA

### Inner Hebrides

Crowned by the landmark Paps, Jura is a place of wild beauty offering a haven to a wide range of wildlife, including some 6,500 red deer. Glaciated raised beaches are a marked feature of its western shores, with the treacherous Corryvreckan Whirlpool to the north. Jura has one tiny village of 200 residents, Craighouse, where the small Jura Distillery has produced a unique single malt since 1810.

Please see pages 36, 88, 94.

## KERRERA

### Inner Hebrides

Tiny Kerrera tranquilly guards the entrance to Oban from its two sheltered harbours at Ardentrive Bay and Horse Shoe Bay. Historically a stepping-stone for cattle drovers between Mull and the mainland, this fertile and hilly isle is crowned by the Renaissance MacDougall stronghold of Gylen Castle.

Please see page 34.

## LEWIS

### Outer Hebrides

Lewis is the largest and most northerly of the Hebrides, forming one island with Harris. Most of its wild landscape, rising to 1,800 feet (549 m) in the south, is cloaked in peat bog – hence its Gaelic name ‘Leodhas’, meaning ‘marshy’. The Callanish Standing Stones and well-preserved Carloway Broch stand testament to its occupation since prehistoric times. The port of Stornoway is the only town.

Please see pages 48, 54, 56, 60, 62, 64, 80, 86.

## LUNGA, TRESHNISH ISLES

### Inner Hebrides

Designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Lunga is rich in plant life with many rare and endangered species native to the island. Described as a ‘green jewel in a peacock sea’ Lunga was inhabited until 1857 and the remains of the ruined village and its blackhouses can still be seen today.

Please see page 54.

## MUCK, SMALL ISLES

### Inner Hebrides

The flat and fertile Isle of Muck, scattered with wild flowers and rimmed by silver shell-sand beaches, is a peaceful haven for puffin, kittiwake, fulmar, shearwater, sea-eagle and the porpoises that swim off its shores. Port Mòr is the only village, where the tearoom and craft shop serves delicious home baking.

Please see pages 36, 38, 44, 48, 56, 60.

## MULL

### Inner Hebrides

Fringed by an indented 300 miles (480 km) coastline, Mull is an island of sweeping moors broken occasionally by picturesque clearings. Colourful Georgian-fronted Tobermory is the capital and Craignure the main port, south-east of which lies the ancient Duart Castle, seat of the Macleans.

Please see pages 36, 38, 42, 46, 54, 58, 60, 74, 80, 88, 92.

## NORTH RONALDSAY, ORKNEY

### Northern Isles

North Ronaldsay is the most remote of the Orkney Isles, further north than the southern tip of Norway. There are a number of Neolithic sites on the island including stone burial cists, standing stones and the Broch of Burrian. The lighthouse on North Ronaldsay is the tallest land-based lighthouse in Britain, rising to a height of over 100 ft with views on a clear day reaching to Fair Isle and Shetland.

Please see page 66.

## ORKNEY, MAINLAND

### Northern Isles

Home to the burgh of Kirkwall, the Orcadian capital, and more recent Stromness, dating from the 16th century, Mainland is the most densely populated of the Orcadian isles. Its fertile soil attracted settlers from prehistoric times, as witnessed by the UNESCO World Heritage Neolithic Heart of Orkney, and later Pictish remains. As with the whole of the archipelago, the influence of the Norsemen was strong.

Please see pages 66, 68, 70, 72, 74.

## PAPA WESTRAY AND WESTRAY, ORKNEY

### Northern Isles

Westray, affectionately known as the ‘Queen o’ the Isles’, is a thriving community of 600 islanders. The island’s rich archaeological heritage is etched across its landscape. The high sea cliffs at the RSPB reserve at Noup Head identify one of the most important seabird sites in the UK. At Papa Westray step back in time and encounter the oldest house in Northern Europe, The Knap of Howar, a Neolithic farmstead which predates the Pyramids by over 1,200 years.

Please see pages 68,70.

## RAASAY

### Inner Hebrides

Located between Skye and the mainland, Raasay, ‘Isle of the Roe Deer’, is relatively low-lying in the north and mountainous in the south, rising to 1,453 feet (443 m) on central Dun Caan. Visited by Boswell and Johnson in 1773, the island is most famous as the birthplace of Scottish Renaissance poet Sorley Maclean. The main village is Inverarish.

Please see page 42, 44, 48.

## RUM, SMALL ISLES

### Inner Hebrides

Capped by Askival (2,664 ft/ 812 m) in the rocky Cuillin, the wildlife haven of Rum is a National Nature Reserve and research centre. Owned by Nature Scotland since 1957, it was bought by the Lancashire industrialist John Bullough in 1879. At the turn of the 20th century, his playboy son, Sir George built the folly of Kinloch Castle, which remains a time-capsule of those headier Edwardian days.

Please see pages 44, 54, 62, 74, 80, 84.

## SANDA

### Firth of Clyde Islands

Sanda, ‘Sandaigh’ in Gaelic, is a small, privately-owned island off the southern tip of the Kintyre Peninsula. An important bird migration and breeding point, it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), housing the first bird observatory on the west coast of Scotland. Although the island is treeless today, north-western Wood Hill indicates that this was not always so.

Please see page 94.

## SANDAY, ORKNEY

### Northern Isles

One of the most northerly and third largest of the Orkney isles, fertile Sanday, named after its sandy shores, has been settled for some 5,000 years, as its prehistoric brochs and cairns attest. North Loch is home to a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the habitat of rare orchids, and the island’s birdlife is prolific. The main settlements are Lady Village and Kettletoft.

Please see pages 66, 70.

## SHETLAND, MAINLAND

### Northern Isles

Home to Shetland’s only burgh of Lerwick, Mainland is the third-largest of the Scottish Islands. The long peninsula of South Mainland, south of Lerwick, consists mainly of mixed farmland and moorland with many important archaeological sites, including Sumburgh and Scalloway. Blessed with varied scenery ranging from the charming to the wildly dramatic, the island is a paradise for birds and wildlife from otters to orcas.

Please see pages 68, 70, 72.



## SHIANT ISLES

### Outer Hebrides

Privately owned by the Nicolson family since 1937, the Shiant Isles are geologically outliers of Skye, ringed by basalt rocks, reminiscent of Staffa and the Giant's Causeway, that teem with thousands of seabirds. Mythically haunted by kelpies, the isles are a renowned wildlife haven for common seals, basking sharks, puffin, herring gull, oyster catcher, eider, shag and many more.

Please see pages 54, 56, 60, 62, 74, 80.

## SKYE

### Inner Hebrides

The largest of the Inner Hebrides, Skye was connected to mainland Scotland by the Skye Bridge in 1996. Created volcanically some 60 million years ago, its awe-inspiring landscapes are a paradise for walkers and climbers. Bizarre rock formations punctuate The Quiraing, with the Old Man of Storr, Trotternish to the north-east and Vatarnish to the north-west. The island has a rich history covering the Highland Clearances, the Jacobite Rebellion and Clan Warfare. Skye is home to both Clan Macdonald and Clan MacLeod who have their clan castles on the island.

Please see pages 36, 38, 42, 46, 48, 56, 60, 62, 64, 74, 84, 92.

## ST KILDA

### Outer Hebrides

The last 36 Gaelic-speaking residents of St Kilda evacuated the main island of Hirta at their own request in 1930, thereby ending some 5,000 years of continuous settlement. Behind them they left a deserted village that survives today as an outdoor museum, roamed by Soay sheep. Renowned for its awe-inspiring bird cliffs and stacs, St Kilda's remote and exposed Atlantic location makes visits weather-dependent. The archipelago is now a double UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Please see pages 48, 54, 58.

## STAFFA

### Inner Hebrides

Staffa, named 'Stave' or 'Pillar Island' by the Vikings, lying 6 miles (10 km) west of Mull, was formed volcanically at the same time as the Giant's Causeway, cooling into mainly hexagonal black basalt columns. Cliffs rising to 131 feet (40 m) are riddled with caves, the most famous of which is Fingal's Cave at Staffa's southern tip, named after legendary Irish hero, Finn MacCool.

Please see pages 60, 80.

## STROMA, ORKNEY

### Northern Isles

Stroma is an island off the northern coast of the mainland of Scotland, the most southerly of the islands in the Pentland Firth between the Orkney islands and Caithness. The name is from the Old Norse *Straumr-øy* meaning 'island in the tidal stream'. Now uninhabited, most of the islanders were

fishermen and crofters; some also worked as maritime pilots to guide vessels through the treacherous waters of the Pentland Firth. Stroma's final abandonment came in 1997 when the lighthouse keepers and their families departed. The island is now owned by one of its former inhabitants, who uses it to graze cattle and sheep.

Please see page 72.

## STRONSAY, ORKNEY

### Northern Isles

This fertile and flat island of rich farmland supports an array of rare plant species, including the blue-flowered oyster plant. The Vat of Kirbister is a spectacular feature of a varied coastline with pristine beaches. The population of 380 is mainly based in the northern village of Whitehall.

Please see pages 68, 72.

## TIREE

### Inner Hebrides

Enjoying long hours of sunshine, mild, fertile Tiree is the most westerly of the Inner Hebrides. This wild flower and birdlife haven, with shell-sand blown machair and surf-washed beaches, is much favoured by artists for its natural beauty and colour. Duns and brochs bear witness to its ancient history, while the white Thatched House Museum in Sandaig reveals its more recent crofting past. Housed in the old signal room at Hynish is the Skerryvore Lighthouse exhibition which tells the fascinating story of the hazardous construction of Scotland's tallest lighthouse.

Please see pages 36, 38, 48, 66, 88.

## THE UISTS

### Outer Hebrides

North and South Uist are linked by causeways running via Benbecula and Grimsay. A paradise for walkers, these tranquil islands abound in geological and historical contrasts. The low-lying bird-haven of North Uist, scattered with green-blue lochans, is Norse and Protestant by tradition, and a world apart from the Catholic and Gaelic stronghold of South Uist. The second-largest of the Outer Isles, South Uist's softer, undulating landscape is carpeted in flower-decked machair and fringed by dunes.

Please see pages 54, 56, 60, 62, 64, 76, 80, 86.

## ULVA

### Inner Hebrides

Situated off Mull, the tiny isle of Ulva is a traffic-free haven covering barely 2 square miles (5 km<sup>2</sup>) and home to only 16 permanent residents. One of the most ancient settlements in the Western Isles and erstwhile seat of Clan MacQuarrie, the island is now owned by the North West Mull Community Woodland Trust. Ulva's past is well documented at Sheila's Cottage Museum on the west coast. The island is separated from Mull by a narrow strait and connected to neighbouring Gometra by a bridge.

Please see pages 44, 86, 88.

## UNST, SHETLAND

### Northern Isles

Britain's most northerly island has a landscape more varied than most in Shetland due to its unusual geology. This stunningly beautiful and varied landscape supports a rich variety of wildlife, as well as purebred Shetland sheep and ponies which roam the common grazing land. Large colonies of breeding seabirds inhabit the impressive cliffs at Hermaness National Nature Reserve. The Unst Boat Haven is dedicated to the history of the islands' distinctive wooden boats.

Please see page 68, 70, 72, 76.

## VATERSAY

### Outer Hebrides

The most southerly inhabited island of the Outer Hebrides, Vatersay is one of the most scenic and beautiful in the archipelago with vast white sandy beaches and turquoise waters. It is now linked to Barra by a causeway which was completed in 1991, the island is home to some of the largest colonies of seabirds including razorbill, gannet, guillemot, and puffin.

Please see pages 56, 60, 76.

## WHALSAY, SHETLAND

### Northern Isles

Whalsay is known as the 'bonnie isle', named as such by visiting 19th-century Scots fishermen, and has around 1,000 inhabitants. The close-knit community has a distinctive, unique dialect sound and enjoys an active and sociable lifestyle. Islanders are heavily involved in the fishing industry and the harbour in Symbister shelters the island's renowned modern fishing fleet.

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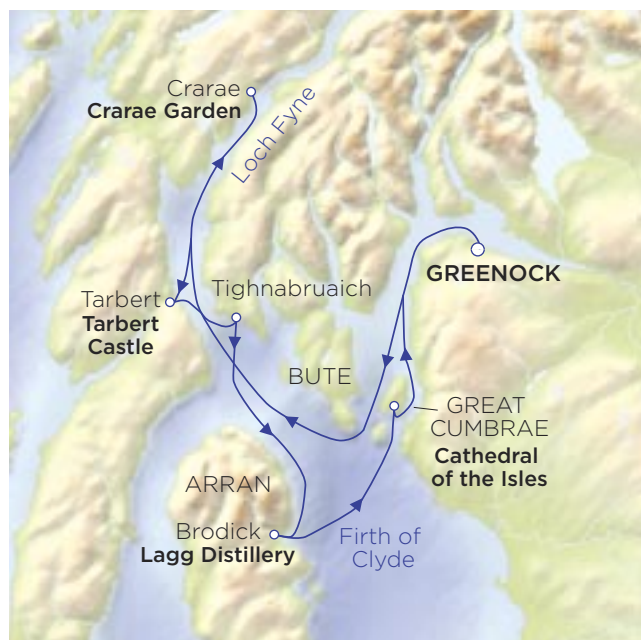
## YELL, SHETLAND

### Northern Isles

Yell is the second largest of the Northern Isles after Mainland Shetland and holds great appeal for geologists, botanists and birdwatchers, claiming to be the 'Otter Capital' of Britain. During the summer the coastline of Yell is also alive with breeding birds such as whimbrel and golden plover. The landscape inland is one of blanket peat bog dotted with crofting settlements. Yell has been inhabited since the Neolithic times, and a dozen broch sites have been identified from the pre-Norse period. Notable buildings on the island include the 17th century Old Haa of Brough in Burravoe, a merchant's house now converted to a museum and visitor centre.

Please see page 68.

# Clyde Coast Sampler



## Travel Plan – 4 nights

### Monday 2nd March

Greenock – Embarkation

### Tuesday 3rd March

Cruise Loch Fyne

Crarae – Crarae Garden

### Wednesday 4th March

Tarbert – Tarbert ruined castle/walks ashore

Tighnabruaich – Viewpoint and walks ashore

### Thursday 5th March

Brodick, Arran – Lagg Distillery

Great Cumbrae – Cathedral of the Isles

### Friday 6th March

Greenock – Disembarkation

## Greenock to Greenock

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March 2026

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

As we emerge from winter into spring, join us at the start of the 2026 season, exploring the beautiful Clyde Coast visiting spring gardens, a tiny cathedral and an island distillery. Cruising the sheltered waters of Loch Fyne, relish the tranquillity of this magical region from the warm comfort of the delightfully small *Hebridean Princess*.

Sail Britain's longest sea loch, the picturesque Loch Fyne, which extends 40 miles inland from the Sound of Bute and forms part of the coast of the Cowal peninsula. The sparkling waters of Crarae Burn form the centrepiece for a woodland paradise garden of rocky gorges, wooden bridges and thickets of maple, birch and evergreens, blending with sprays of flowers.

The idyllic fishing village of Tarbert plays host to morning walks. Known as the gateway to the Kintyre peninsula, the natural harbour is still home to a working fishing fleet. Take a stroll up to Robert the Bruce's 14th century ruined castle to appreciate the panoramic vistas over East Loch Tarbert.

Discover the coastal village of Tighnabruaich, a magical corner of Argyll off the beaten track. Travel to the splendid viewpoint to the north of the village which overlooks Loch Riddon and the Kyles of Bute.

Ashore on Arran, a tour of the new distillery at Lagg will add to your appreciation of peated malt. They are working to bring a contemporary style to traditional methods of whisky production. Our final visit is Great Cumbrae where we find Britain's smallest cathedral, the Cathedral of the Isles, which dates from 1851 and seats only 100 worshippers. It was built on ground owned by the Boyle family, and its founder, George Frederick Boyle, later became 6th Earl of Glasgow.

## Hebridean Highlights

- Crarae Garden
- Tarbert ruined castle
- Tighnabruaich
- Lagg Distillery
- Cathedral of the Isles







Tarbert Castle



Craræ Garden



Lagg Distillery, Arran

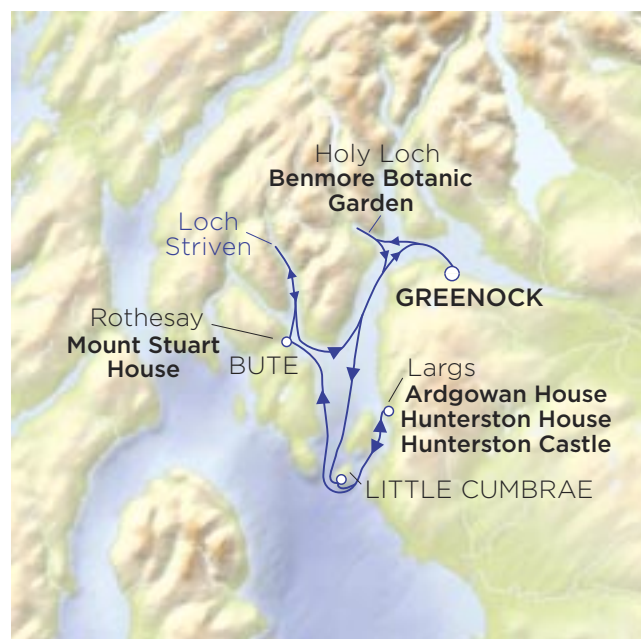


# Highlights of the Clyde

## Greenock to Greenock

Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th March 2026

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner



The Clyde estuary is a veritable treasure trove of lush gardens, ancient castles and historic houses. Explore them and discover their hidden secrets in the company of our knowledgeable guide on this enthralling short, spring break which is the ideal introduction to the exclusive world of *Hebridean Princess*.

The magnificent mountainside setting of Benmore Botanic Garden beckons with its towering 150 year old Redwood Avenue and renowned collections of rhododendrons and conifers. A walk through Benmore can bring close encounters with red squirrels, sparrowhawks and the occasional Golden Eagle.

Known locally as 'wee Cumbrae', Little Cumbrae plays host to tranquil walks ashore. Rough and rocky, Little Cumbrae bears more of a resemblance to a Hebridean island than to some of its neighbours on the Clyde.





Sail to Largs for our visit to Ardgowan House, a magnificent privately owned stately home set within 400 acres of woodland overlooking the Clyde estuary. Built in the 18th century, the 76 room Palladian mansion has been the ancestral seat of the Shaw Stewart family for 800 years.

Built in 1263, Hunterston is one of the very few castles in Scotland that still belongs to the original family, the Clan Hunter. In 1799 the Hunter family started to build a house 500 yards away from the castle and this was to become their main mansion house.

Steaming to the Victorian town of Rothesay, we tour the flamboyant Neo-Gothic Mount Stuart House, testament to the 3rd Marquess of Bute. An eclectic mix of architectural styles, Mount Stuart was the first house in Scotland to be wired for electricity. Our voyage concludes with a relaxing cruise of scenic East Kyle and Loch Striven which was used for practice bomb tests before the Dambuster attacks during WWII.

## Travel Plan – 4 nights

### Friday 6th March

Greenock – Embarkation

### Saturday 7th March

Holy Loch – Benmore Botanic Garden

Little Cumbrae – Walks ashore

### Sunday 8th March

Largs – Ardgowan House

Largs – Hunterston House and Hunterston Castle

### Monday 9th March

Rothesay, Bute – Mount Stuart House

Cruise Loch Striven and East Kyle

### Tuesday 10th March

Greenock – Disembarkation



Mount Stuart House, Bute



Benmore Botanic Garden

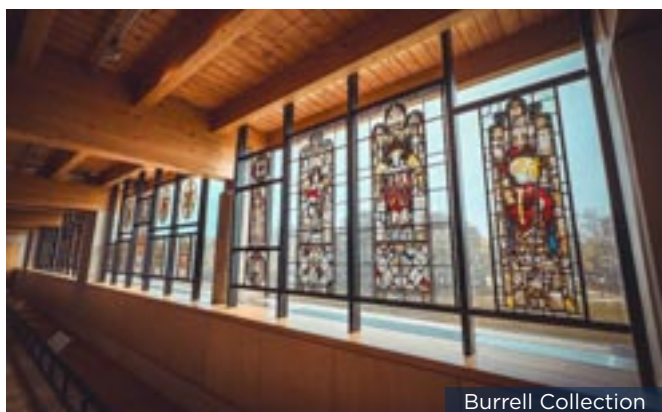
## Hebridean Highlights

- Benmore Botanic Garden
  - Little Cumbrae
  - Ardgowan House
- Hunterston Castle and Hunterston House
- Mount Stuart House





Hill House



Burrell Collection



Holmwood House



# Hidden Treasures of the Upper Clyde

## Greenock to Greenock

Tuesday 10th to

Saturday 14th March 2026

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Scotland has a rich heritage of art and architecture and today the traditional and the contemporary all have their place in the fabric of the country. Visit one of the nation's most renowned art galleries and appreciate the work of Scottish architects whose legacy has left lasting marks on the landscape.

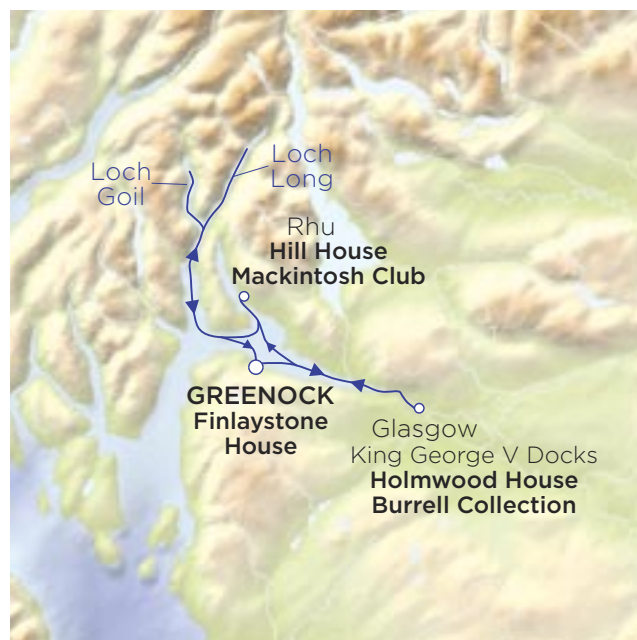
A warm welcome from a member of the family awaits at Finlaystone House, seat of the Clan MacMillan. Set in 500 acres of ancient woodland and mature gardens overlooking the Clyde, this impressive mansion has been home to five families in its 800 year history.

After navigating the narrow channel of the Upper Clyde, rich in shipbuilding history, we travel to Holmwood House and discover the richly embellished architecture of Alexander 'Greek' Thomson.

The magnificent Burrell Collection houses a staggering 9,000 objects which form one of Europe's most beautiful museums. Named after its donor, the shipping magnate Sir William Burrell, the history of the collection spans over 6,000 years and displays a range of work by major artists including Rodin, Degas and Cézanne.

Charles Rennie Mackintosh's architectural masterpiece of Hill House turns art into a home. Be inspired by the unique building, interiors and collection designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret Macdonald Mackintosh in the 'Glasgow style'. The newly discovered Mackintosh Club in Helensburgh is his first complete commission dating back to 1894. The red sandstone building contains many features which can be seen as forerunners of Mackintosh's greatest building, Glasgow School of Art.

Set amidst magnificent west Highland scenery, Loch Goil forms an arm of Loch Long and a coastal section of the Cowal Peninsula.



## Travel Plan – 4 nights

### Tuesday 10th March

Greenock – Embarkation

### Wednesday 11th March

Greenock – Finlaystone House  
Cruise the Upper Clyde

### Thursday 12th March

King George V Docks, Glasgow – Holmwood House  
King George V Docks, Glasgow – Burrell Collection

### Friday 13th March

Rhu – Hill House and Mackintosh Club  
Cruise Loch Long and Loch Goil

### Saturday 14th March

Greenock – Disembarkation



Finlaystone House

## Hebridean Highlights

- Finlaystone House
- Holmwood House
- Burrell Collection
  - Hill House
- Mackintosh Club

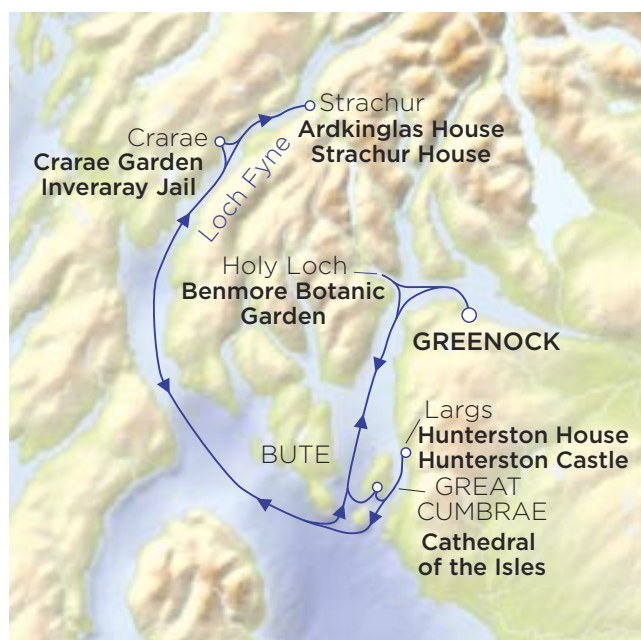


## *Footloose on the Clyde*

### **Greenock to Greenock**

Saturday 14th to Thursday 19th March 2026

5 nights including 1 Gala Dinner



A taster of our regular 'Footloose' cruise adventures, this short cruise is a tantalising blend of walks and visits that will appeal to all. Join our experienced walking guides to explore the unspoilt beauty of the Clyde estuary and its awe-inspiring lochs or discover some hidden gems, charming villages and exotic gardens at a gentler pace.

Ashore on Great Cumbrae, visit the tiny but remarkable Cathedral of the Isles or embark on the captivating Inner Circle Walk which offers excellent views over Largs, Fairlie, and the North Ayrshire hills. Stride out on the 10,000 acre Ardgowan Estate or take a guided tour of the romantic 76 room Palladian mansion, including the family's private state rooms.

Steaming Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne, we arrive in Crarae where our intrepid walkers enjoy the circular





## Walking Highlights

- Half day walk on Great Cumbrae
- Half day walk on Ardgowan Estate
  - Full day walk at Leacainn
  - Full day walk in Glen Fyne
- Half day walk to Puck's Glen



Leacainn walk which features forests, waterfalls, rivers, pastures and loch views. If a more leisurely pace tempts you, why not opt for the tranquillity of the woodland garden at Crarae and step back into the mid 1800's at Inveraray Jail and meet the costumed characters who bring the past to life.

Through stirring landscapes, a full day walk in the dramatic scenery of Glen Fyne awaits our walkers whilst the strollers can appreciate the architectural gem of Ardkinglas House, and the late 18th century mansion of Strachur House.

From peaceful Holy Loch stroll the paths of exotic Benmore Botanic Garden, or you may choose to follow the magical trail to Puck's Glen, a deep, woodland gorge with cascading waterfalls. The dramatic rocky gorge is said to be home to mischievous spirits, keep a sharp eye out and you might just spot the mystical Ghillie Dhu!

## Travel Plan – 5 nights

### Saturday 14th March

Greenock – Embarkation

### Sunday 15th March

Great Cumbrae – Cathedral of the Isles or Inner Circle walk  
Largs – Ardgowan House or Ardgowan Estate walk

### Monday 16th March

Crarae – Crarae Garden or Leacainn full day walk  
Crarae – Inveraray Jail

### Tuesday 17th March

Strachur – Ardkinglas House or full day walk in Glen Fyne  
Strachur – Strachur House

### Wednesday 18th March

Cruise Loch Fyne  
Holy Loch – Benmore Botanic Garden or Puck's Glen walk

### Thursday 19th March

Greenock – Disembarkation

# Gems of Argyll



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 24th March

Greenock – Embarkation

### Wednesday 25th March

Cruise Loch Fyne

Strachur – Strachur House

### Thursday 26th March

Strachur – Ardkinglas House

Inveraray – Inveraray Castle Private Apartments

### Friday 27th March

Largs – Ardgowan House

Rothesay, Bute – Mount Stuart House

### Saturday 28th March

Troon – Full day at Dumfries House with lunch

### Sunday 29th March

Cruise the Mull of Kintyre

Port Ellen, Islay – Lagavulin Distillery

### Monday 30th March

Croabh Haven – Arduaine Garden

Kerrera – Walks ashore

### Tuesday 31st March

Oban – Disembarkation



This cruise starts and ends in different ports.  
Please refer to page 110 for travel options.

## Greenock to Oban

Tuesday 24th to Tuesday 31st March 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Soak up stunning coastal vistas and absorb the Clyde region's most treasured historic houses and castles during unforgettable visits ashore. Evoking mystery and romance, these architectural gems hide secrets of an often turbulent past. Rounding Kintyre, an island distillery, colourful garden and rugged island also await.

The picturesque waters of Loch Fyne transport us to the late 18th century mansion of Strachur House, home of Sir Charles and Lady Maclean. Generally considered to be Sir Robert Lorimer's masterpiece, Ardkinglas House is situated against a spectacular background of hills and forests.

Discover the fairytale Inveraray Castle, home of the Dukes of Argyll, Chiefs of the Clan Campbell. The current castle was designed by Roger Morris and decorated by Robert Mylne. Sail to Largs for our visit to Ardgowan House. Built in the 18th century, the 76 room Palladian mansion has been the ancestral seat of the Shaw Stewart family for 800 years.

Steaming to the Victorian town of Rothesay, we tour Mount Stuart House, testament to the 3rd Marquess of Bute. An eclectic mix of architectural styles, Mount Stuart was the first house in Scotland to be wired for electricity.

Enter an 18th century time-capsule at Dumfries House, built by brothers John and Robert Adam. Here we have the full day to explore and enjoy lunch, before rounding the Mull of Kintyre en route to the whisky isle of Islay.

Lagavulin is thought to be one of the longest established distilleries in the country, here we watch the master distillers at work and sample the complex, rich, peaty Malt Whisky. Embrace the springtime glory of Arduaine Garden, high above Loch Melfort, and onwards to lush Kerrera for tranquil walks, before arriving in Oban.

## Hebridean Highlights

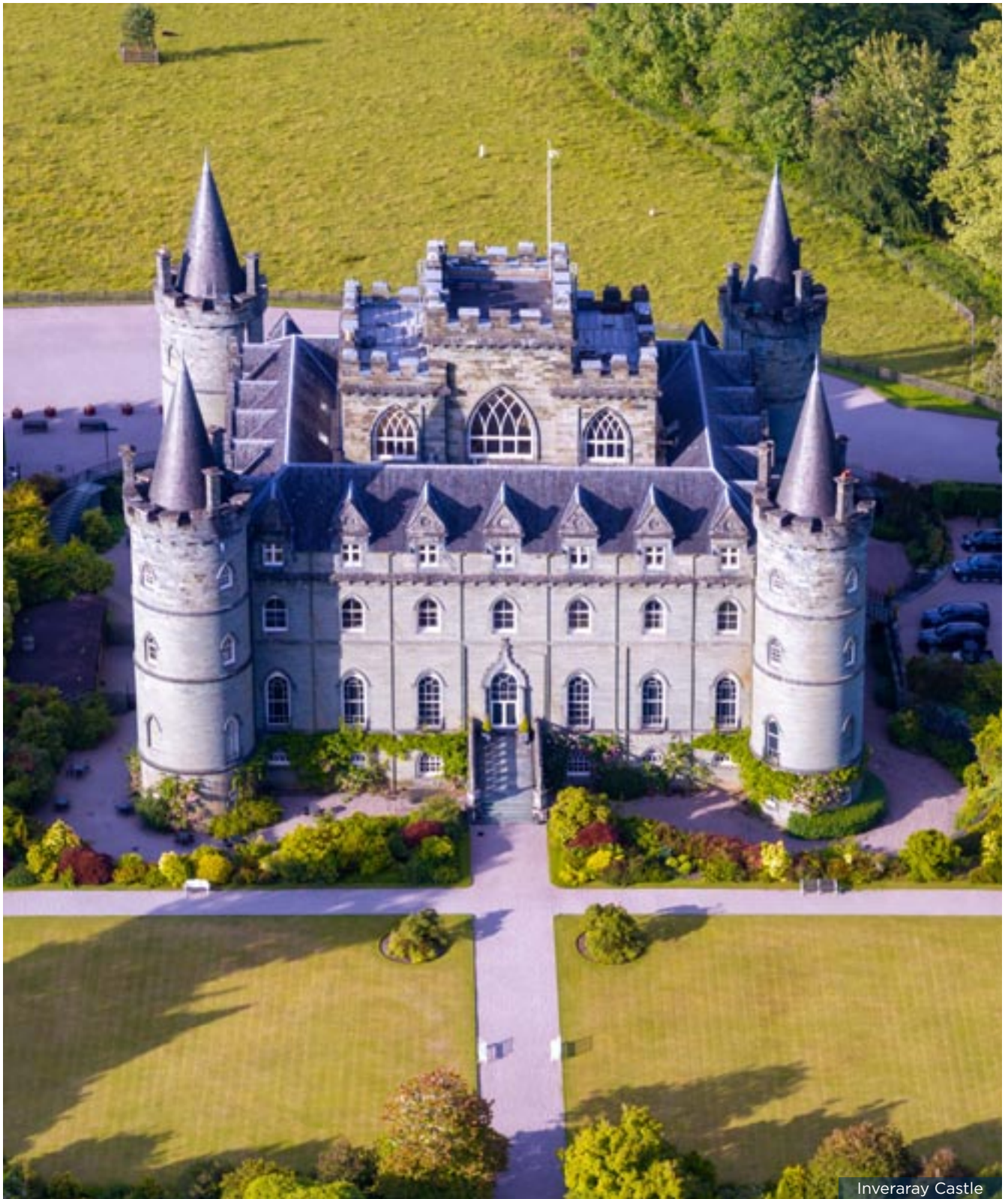
- Ardkinglas House
- Inveraray Castle Private Apartments
- Ardgowan House
- Dumfries House
- Lagavulin Distillery



### Guest Speaker Philip Serrell

Philip Serrell is one of the most recognisable auctioneers appearing on a number of television antique programmes. All a long way from his first career as a PE teacher - Philip now runs his own auction room in Worcestershire dealing with a myriad of items. Outside of work his interests are cars, cricket and rugby as well as being an appalling golfer. He maintains that he has passed the mid-century and vintage stage and is now an antique in his own right.





Inveraray Castle



Lagavulin Distillery, Islay



Dumfries House



# Easter Explorer

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 31st March to Tuesday 7th April 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Join *Hebridean Princess* on this enthralling and thought-provoking Easter break as we follow in the footsteps of St Columba to experience the unique atmosphere of Iona Abbey on Easter day. Discover the diversity of the idyllic Inner Isles and succumb to the eternal appeal of the remote and beautiful Highlands.

Resipole Studios is an award-winning fine art gallery located on the edge of Loch Sunart, browse the contemporary works of Scottish painters and international artists ahead of a cruise around Ardnamurchan, bound for the Misty Isle of Skye.

Ashore at Armadale, look back into Clan Donald history at the Museum of the Isles, set in the 40-acre grounds of the ruined castle. Contrast the unusual artist's garden at Attadale, which was superbly remodelled by its owner, Nick MacPherson, after the 1980 storm.





Land on the unspoilt wildlife haven of Eigg for tranquil strolls beneath the pitchstone ridge of An Sgùrr. Bought out by its islanders in 1997, Eigg has been settled since prehistoric times. Flat and fertile Muck is scattered with wild flowers and rimmed by silver shell-sand beaches.

Hynish village on Tiree was built to house the workers whilst they constructed the outlying Skerryvore Lighthouse and now houses a museum telling the story of the lighthouse and the famous Stevensons who designed it.

On Mull, the hidden gem of Lip na Cloiche Garden is waiting to be discovered, before unwinding in the spiritual calm of Iona Abbey, with the opportunity to join the Easter Sunday service, on the site where St Columba began his mission in 563.

Our final ports of call are Craighouse on Jura, a wild and rugged isle where red deer outnumber people, and the picturesque village of Tayvallich.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 31st March

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 1st April

Salen, Loch Sunart – Resipole Studios  
Cruise Ardnamurchan and Kyle Rhea

### Thursday 2nd April

Armada, Skye – Armadale Castle and Museum of the Isles  
Kyle of Lochalsh – Attadale Gardens

### Friday 3rd April

Eigg – Walks ashore  
Muck – Walks ashore

### Saturday 4th April

Hynish, Tiree – Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum  
Ulva Ferry, Mull – Lip na Cloiche Garden

### Sunday 5th April

Iona – Iona Abbey  
Cruise the Sound of Islay

### Monday 6th April

Loch na Mile, Jura – Craighouse village walks  
Tayvallich – Walks ashore

### Tuesday 7th April

Oban – Disembarkation



Iona Abbey



Lip na Cloiche Garden, Mull

## Hebridean Highlights

- Resipole Studios
- Attadale Gardens
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- Lip na Cloiche Garden
- Iona Abbey

# Highland and Island Escape



## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 7th to Tuesday 14th April 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Enjoy the awe-inspiring contrast of untamed beinns, glens and the breathtaking drama of Glencoe and its tragic past, with the gentle beauty of the Small Isles and breathtaking lochs as they awaken in spring. A true voyage of discovery, offering a wonderful variety of scenery and wildlife, all waiting to be explored from *Hebridean Princess*.

Explore Kingairloch, a 14,000-acre Highland estate, located in an unspoilt area of beauty, ahead of discovering the story of the 1745 Jacobite Rising at Glenfinnan, where the moving tribute to those who died fighting for the cause is framed by dramatic Highland scenery. From Ballachulish, enjoy the majesty that is Glencoe, a spectacular area of outstanding natural beauty with a dark past.

A warm welcome awaits at the ancient seat of Clan Maclean, Duart Castle. On the Small Isle of Canna, given to the Natural Trust for Scotland by the great Gaelic scholar John Lorne Campbell, we visit his former home, the newly restored 19th century Canna House.

The smallest of the Small Isles, Muck, plays host to scenic walks and wildlife watching. A world away, clamber along rocky Loch Coruisk created 60 million years ago by volcanic lava. Discover the history and magic of Talisker Distillery and its whisky, standing proudly on the shores of Loch Harport.

Explore the unspoilt wildlife haven of Eigg, below the impressive lava mass of An Sgùrr and the rocky and wild Isle of Coll, picturesquely fringed by silver-white beaches. On Tiree, learn the story of the remarkable construction of the Skerryvore Lighthouse, before our final visit to the sacred island of Iona and the beautifully restored Benedictine Abbey.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 7th April

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 8th April

Kingairloch, Loch a' Choire – Kingairloch Estate walks  
Fort William – Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre

### Thursday 9th April

Ballachulish – Glencoe Visitor Centre  
Craignure, Mull – Duart Castle

### Friday 10th April

Muck – Walks ashore  
Canna – Canna House and Garden

### Saturday 11th April

Loch Scavaig, Skye – Walks at Loch Coruisk  
Loch Harport, Skye – Talisker Distillery

### Sunday 12th April

Eigg – Walks ashore  
Coll – Walks ashore

### Monday 13th April

Hynish, Tiree – Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum  
Iona – Iona Abbey

### Tuesday 14th April

Oban – Disembarkation

## Hebridean Highlights

- Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre
- Duart Castle
- Canna House and Garden
- Loch Coruisk
- Talisker Distillery







St Columba's Church, Canna

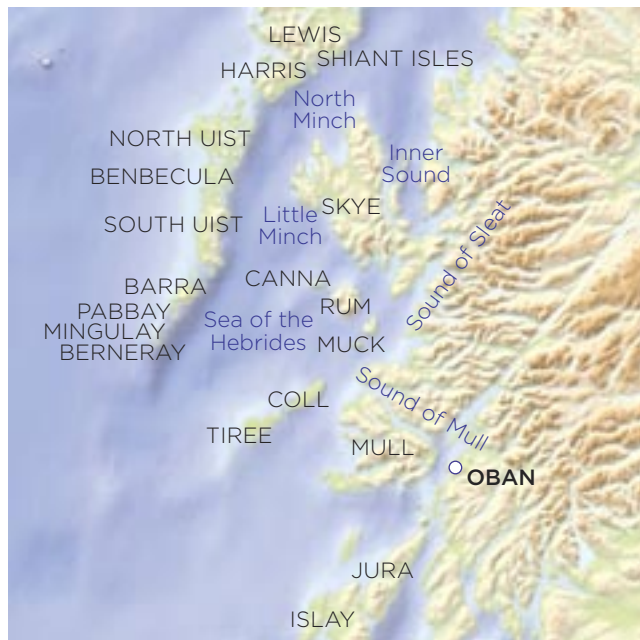


# Springtime Surprise

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 14th to Tuesday 21st April 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Embark on a voyage into the unknown and join us on our Springtime Surprise where only the Captain knows our course.

As spring awakens, discover the hidden treasures, magic and mystery of Scotland's West Coast and the remote and wildly beautiful Hebridean islands. The Captain will take you to some favourite destinations, revealing the itinerary on a day-to-day basis.

Although the itinerary is unknown, the high level of comfort and service on board *Hebridean Princess* is always assured.











Islay Mull Cheese



The Torridon Hotel



Three Chimneys Restaurant, Skye



# Flavours of the Hebrides

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 21st to Tuesday 28th April 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

A similar itinerary departs on 20th October 2026

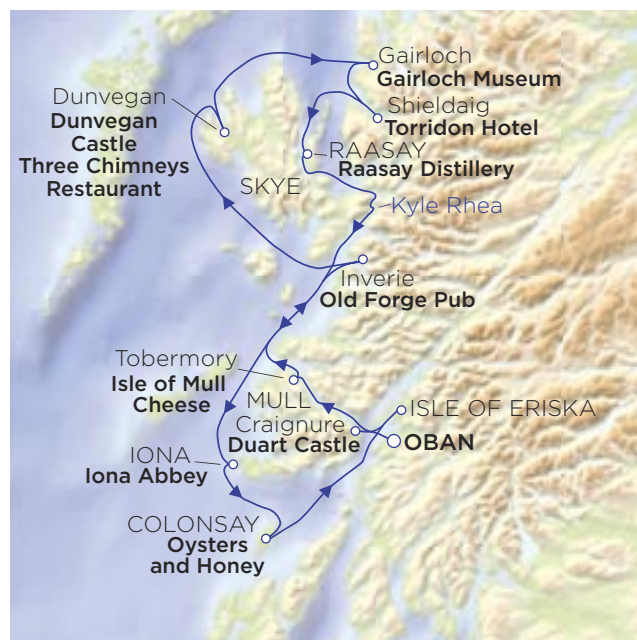
Scotland is rightly proud of its reputation for its wonderful natural larder and those who produce mouth-watering creations. Join *Hebridean Princess*, on this gastronomic voyage, as we explore the wonderful culinary offerings of the Highlands and Islands.

Enjoy a tour of Isle of Mull Cheese, a resourceful, family-run dairy farm on the Isle of Mull which produces 100% sustainable energy to create award-winning cheese and spirit, ahead of a visit to the most remote pub on the British mainland, the Old Forge at Inverie.

Steaming into Loch Dunvegan, a guided tour of the oldest continually inhabited castle in Scotland, precedes lunch at the world renowned Three Chimneys Restaurant. North to Gairloch where the local museum, housed in a converted nuclear bunker, showcases the history, culture and natural heritage of this beautiful area.

Enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Torridon Hotel, nestled in secluded splendour and set amidst spectacular scenery before sampling hand crafted spirits at the Isle of Raasay's first legal distillery. Pausing a while for tranquil walks on the sacred isle of Iona, we plot a course for Colonsay where we meet the man who supplies *Hebridean Princess* with oysters and learn about his other passion - honey and the black tailed bees he keeps.

Indulge your culinary cravings at the Isle of Eriska hotel, a destination to savour the highest quality of local, seasonal produce from handpicked suppliers. Our adventure concludes with a private Champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan Maclean, Chieftain of Clan Maclean.



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 21st April

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 22nd April

Tobermory, Mull – Isle of Mull Cheese  
Inverie – The Old Forge pub

### Thursday 23rd April

Cruise the west coast of Skye  
Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle / Lunch at the Three Chimneys restaurant

### Friday 24th April

Gairloch – Gairloch Museum  
Shieldaig – Afternoon tea at the Torridon Hotel

### Saturday 25th April

Raasay – Isle of Raasay Distillery  
Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Small Isles

### Sunday 26th April

Iona – Iona Abbey  
Colonsay – Colonsay Oysters and Honey

### Monday 27th April

Isle of Eriska – Lunch in the fine dining restaurant  
Craignure, Mull – Champagne reception at Duart Castle

### Tuesday 28th April

Oban – Disembarkation



Isle of Eriska Hotel

## Hebridean Highlights

- Three Chimneys Restaurant Lunch
- Torridon Hotel Afternoon Tea
- Isle of Raasay Distillery
- Isle of Eriska Hotel Lunch
- Duart Castle Champagne Reception

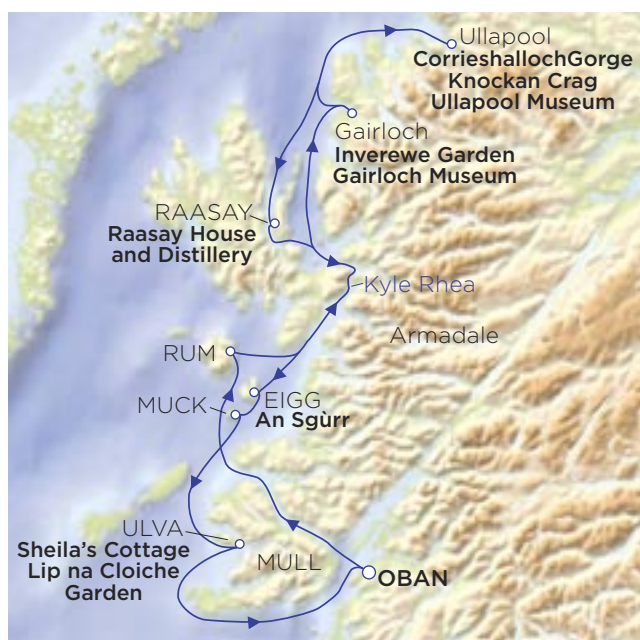


## *Footloose to the North West Seaboard*

### **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 28th April to Tuesday 5th May 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Head north to the wild and remote landscapes of Sutherland on this 'Footloose' walking adventure where dramatic scenery awaits. The diverse islands of the Inner Hebrides are stepping stones along the way, hidden gems to enthrall and excite, offering refreshing strolls, fascinating museums and delightful gardens.

Step ashore on the island of Rum, a vast nature reserve and walkers' paradise, to enjoy a bracing amble or a more sedate stroll. Relax on board as we steam north through Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound.

Stride out in the awe-inspiring scenery of Wester Ross from Gairloch and explore this area of rugged natural beauty, or discover the lush, tropical oasis of Inverewe and the fascinating Gairloch Museum of local heritage.





Hebridean Princess, Raasay



Knockan Crag

## Walking Highlights

- Full day walk at Gairloch
- Full day walk at Knockan Crag
- Half day walk on Raasay
- Half day walk on Eigg
- Full day walk on Ulva



A must for the hikers, the nature reserve at Knockan Crag offers a fascinating snapshot of Scotland's geological past. The less energetic can marvel at the deep chasm of Corrieshalloch Gorge, ahead of a visit to Ullapool's local history museum.

A warm welcome awaits at Raasay House and the pioneering new distillery, or strike out from Churchton Bay on a beautiful coastal walk to explore the area around the village of Inverarish. The Small Isles of Eigg and Muck are magical places which present a peaceful haven for wildlife and the opportunity to stretch our legs.

A place apart with a unique atmosphere, Ulva has a varied landscape and makes ideal walking country. Sheila's traditional crofting cottage has been faithfully restored and depicts the history of the island. Our final visit, Lip na Cloiche, is a self-made garden on Mull with an eclectic collection of shrubs and plants.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 28th April

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 29th April

Rum – Walks and strolls

Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound

### Thursday 30th April

Gairloch – Inverewe Garden or full day walk

Gairloch – Gairloch Museum

### Friday 1st May

Ullapool – Corrieshalloch Gorge or full day walk at Knockan Crag

Ullapool – Ullapool Museum or free time

### Saturday 2nd May

Cruise the coast of Wester Ross

Raasay – Raasay House and Distillery or Inverarish woodland walk

### Sunday 3rd May

Eigg – Strolls or An Sgùrr walk

Muck – Walks and strolls

### Monday 4th May

Ulva – Sheila's Cottage or full day walk

Ulva Ferry – Lip na Cloiche Garden

### Tuesday 5th May

Oban – Disembarkation

# Blooming Wonders of the West Coast



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 5th May

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 6th May

Oban – Ardmaddy Castle Gardens  
Craobh Haven – Arduaine Garden

### Thursday 7th May

Ulva Ferry, Mull – Lip na Cloiche Garden  
Cruise the Small Isles

### Friday 8th May

Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle Gardens  
Kyle of Lochalsh – Attadale Gardens

### Saturday 9th May

Cruise the Inner Sound and Loch Broom  
Ullapool – Durnamuck Garden and Dundonnell House Garden

### Sunday 10th May

Loch Ewe – Inverewe Garden  
Cruise the north coast of Skye

### Monday 11th May

Loch Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle and Gardens  
Cruise the west coast of Skye and the Small Isles

### Tuesday 12th May

Oban – Disembarkation



## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 5th to Tuesday 12th May 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

As the spring colours explode into vibrant life, visit some of the most spectacular and alluring gardens in the British Isles - gardens warmed by the Gulf Stream with deep, rich, acidic soils that support a matchless variety and richness of plants.

Ardmaddy Castle Gardens are shielded to the north by mature woodlands, full of magnificent rhododendrons and rare shrubs. Arduaine is an exotic garden full of colour and fragrance, evoking glamorous destinations.

On a remote hillside on the northwest coast of Mull, appreciate the idiosyncrasy of one woman's astonishing personal achievement at Lip na Cloiche, a self-made garden in a remote location. Later, the romantic ruins of Armadale Castle beckon. Here magnificent 200-year old trees tower above stunning displays of orchids and wild flowers.

Onwards to the skilfully restored Attadale Gardens where 20 acres of water gardens and ancient paths winding through woodlands contrast with an impressive collection of well-hidden sculptures scattered throughout.

Little Loch Broom is home to the ancient walled garden at Dundonnell House which boasts a restored Edwardian glasshouse, riverside walk and arboretum. The coastal garden at neighbouring Durnamuck offers a rich mix of herbaceous borders, trees and shrubs, wild meadow and stunning views.

At Loch Ewe we visit the lush oasis of Inverewe Garden, a paradise of 2,500 exotic sub-tropical species, before steaming the north coast of Skye bound for Loch Dunvegan.

Dunvegan Castle's five acres of formal gardens began life in the 18th century and form a stark contrast to the rugged landscape in which they sit.

## Hebridean Highlights

- Ardmaddy Castle Gardens
- Arduaine Garden
- Durnamuck Garden
- Dundonnell House Garden
- Inverewe Garden



### Guest Speaker

**David Mitchell** SHM, FLS, FRGS, FCI Hort, AAHI

David has over 40 years of horticultural experience, which began at Threave and Inverewe, before he progressed to become a Curator at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, eventually retiring in 2014. Currently Vice Chair of the National Trust for Scotland, he is also a past Chair of Scotland's Garden Scheme. Passionate about plants, gardens, biodiversity and the natural world;

he aims to inspire 'a sense of wonder for the land and its future' in all generations. An experienced expedition speaker he has travelled the world. A practised radio and television broadcaster he has worked for the BBC, STV and Channel Four and more recently with Scots Radio developing podcasts.





Ardmaddy Castle Gardens



Arduaine Garden



Inverewe Garden

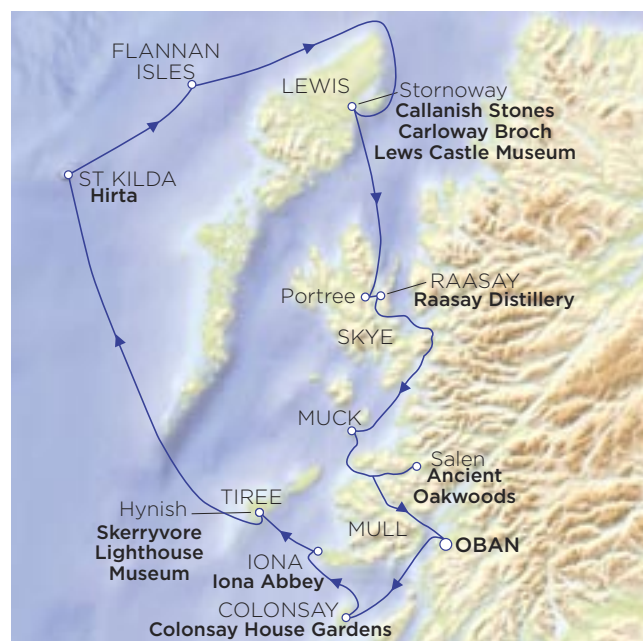


# *The Mystery of St Kilda and the Outer Isles*

## **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 12th to Tuesday 19th May 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Made up of five islands and three stacs, the mysterious archipelago of St Kilda is the UK's only double UNESCO World Heritage Site. Few experiences can match the thrill of the sea stacks as they loom from the mist on the horizon or the profound sense of abandonment of this far-flung isle.

We plot a course for Colonsay House where the magnificent 20 acre rhododendron and woodland garden contains many rare trees and shrubs. Onwards to Iona where the restored Benedictine Abbey allows for peaceful reflection.

Visit the Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum on Tiree, to find out how the heroic engineers and keepers built and maintained Scotland's tallest lighthouse, on one of Britain's most dangerous rocks, over 10 nautical miles out to sea.





Few sights can compare with the bird cliffs of Boreray and Stac Lee emerging on the horizon to the echoing cries of seabirds as we approach Hirta, the jewel in St Kilda's crown. As the cleits and grazing Soay sheep come into view, we go ashore to explore the abandoned village.

Cruising past the mysterious Flannan Isles, we arrive in Stornoway to wonder at the awe-inspiring Callanish Standing Stones, and the well-preserved, 2,000-year-old Carloway Broch. Discover how the diversity of the Outer Hebrides is shaped by a unique combination of land, sea and people at the Lews Castle Museum.

We make landfall on Skye at the bustling capital of Portree before pausing awhile at neighbouring Raasay to taste a wee dram at the first legal distillery on the island. Our final ports of call are the Small Isle of Muck and the beautiful ancient oak woodlands at Salen.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 12th May

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 13th May

Colonsay – Colonsay House Gardens

Iona – Iona Abbey

### Thursday 14th May

Hynish, Tiree – Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides

### Friday 15th May

Hirta, St Kilda – Land at Village Bay for walks ashore

Cruise past the Flannan Isles

### Saturday 16th May

Stornoway, Lewis – Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch

Stornoway, Lewis – Lews Castle Museum

### Sunday 17th May

Portree, Skye – Walks ashore

Raasay – Raasay Distillery

### Monday 18th May

Muck – Walks ashore

Salen, Loch Sunart – Ancient Oakwoods

### Tuesday 19th May

Oban – Disembarkation



Village Bay, Hirta, St Kilda



Callanish Stones, Lewis



Colonsay House Gardens

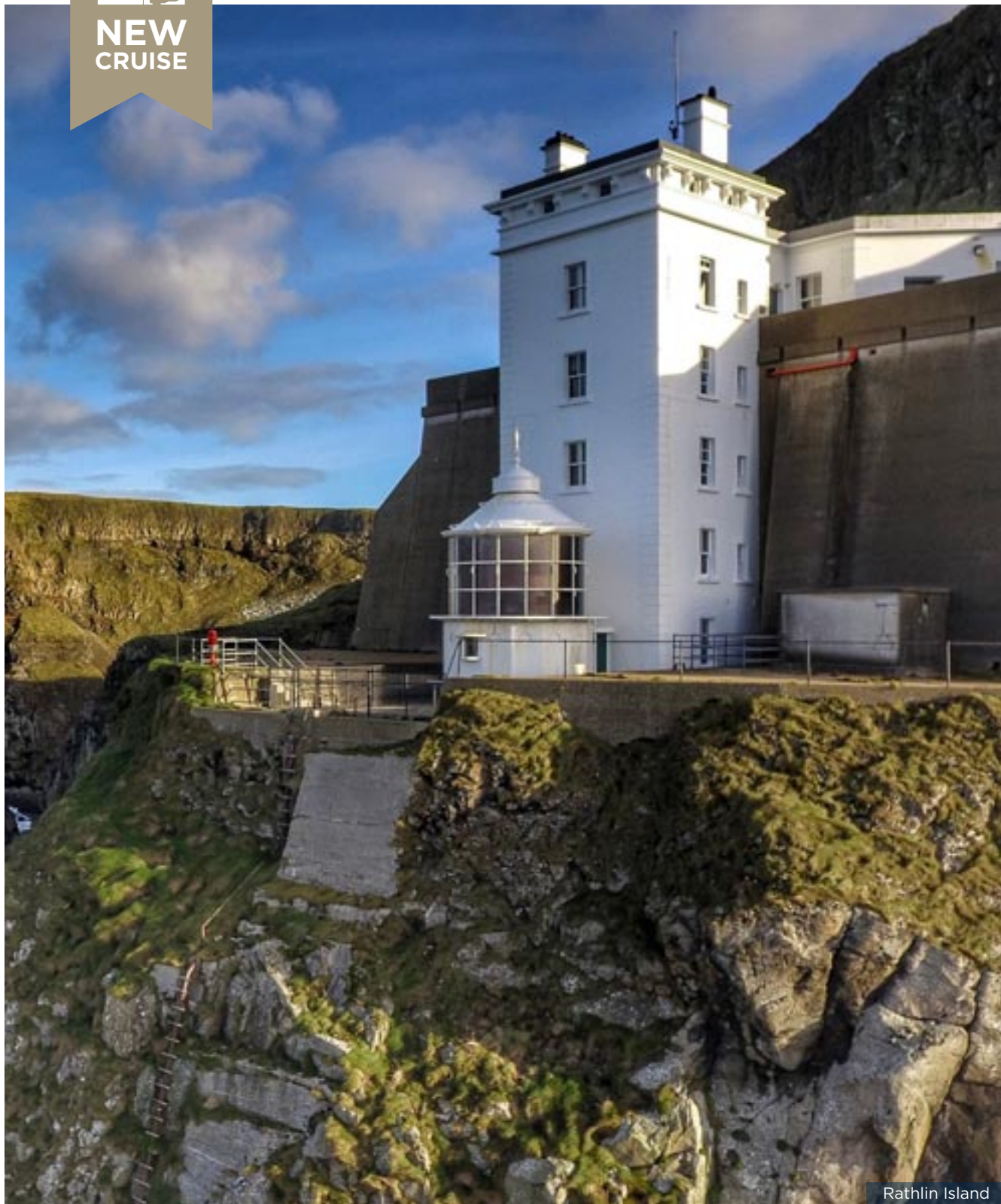
## Hebridean Highlights

- Colonsay House Gardens
- St Kilda – Double UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch
  - Raasay Distillery
  - Salen Ancient Oakwoods





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Rathlin Island



Lapwing



Puffin



# Natural World of the Gaelic Isles

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 19th to Tuesday 26th May 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This brand new cruise exploring the natural world of the southern Hebrides, Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man is a must for nature lovers. These kingdoms, linked by their Gaelic roots, are home to all sorts of wonderful wildlife, not to mention stunning scenery as far as the eye can see.

At Loch Gruinart in spring, wading birds take centre stage. The corncrake starts its distinctive calling in May and Loch Gruinart is one of the best areas to catch a glimpse of these secretive birds.

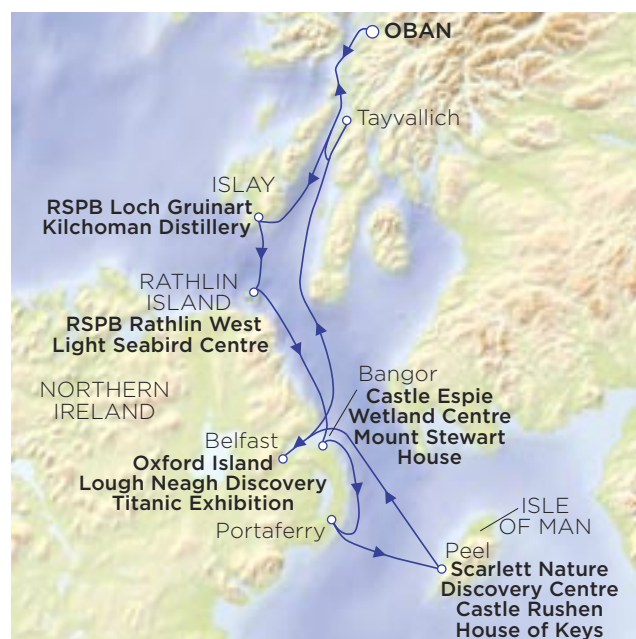
RSPB Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre offers unrivalled views of Northern Ireland's largest seabird colony and a chance to explore the unique 'upside down' lighthouse.

Wander through the wetlands of Castle Espie, nestled on the shores of Strangford Lough, where a huge variety of birds pattern the sky, shores and waters, or visit Mount Stewart, the 19th-century former home of the Marquess of Londonderry, where stunning neo-classical interiors meet one of the finest gardens in the world.

On the Isle of Man, the Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre offers outstanding coastal scenery, great spring flowers and plenty of birds to see. Explore the history of Castletown, the ancient capital of the Isle of Man, at the medieval Castle Rushen and former seat of the world's oldest continuous parliament, the Old House of Keys.

The sublime beauty of Oxford Island awaits – a designated National Nature Reserve situated on the southern shores of Lough Neagh. Alternatively, learn the story of the *RMS Titanic* at the very place where she was designed, built and launched.

Enjoy tranquil strolls at Tayvallich, ahead of our final chance to spot wildlife as we cruise the Slate Islands and Sound of Luing en route to Oban.



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 19th May

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 20th May

Islay – RSPB Loch Gruinart / Kilchoman Distillery  
Cruise the North Channel

### Thursday 21st May

Rathlin Island – RSPB Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre  
Cruise the Antrim Coast

### Friday 22nd May

Bangor, NI – Castle Espie Wetland Centre / Mount Stewart House and Garden  
Portaferry, NI – Guests rejoin ship

### Saturday 23rd May

Peel, IOM – Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre  
Peel, IOM – Castletown, Castle Rushen and House of Keys

### Sunday 24th May

Belfast, NI – Oxford Island and Lough Neagh Discovery Centre / Titanic Exhibition  
Cruise the North Channel

### Monday 25th May

Tayvallich – Walks ashore  
Cruise the Slate Islands and Sound of Luing

### Tuesday 26th May

Oban – Disembarkation



### Wildlife Guide Richard Thaxton

Richard is a life-long advocate for nature conservation having combined his career in nature reserve management with RSPB, with over 20 years of wildlife tour guiding all over the world. He likes nothing more than to show, share and pass on his passion for wildlife, aiming to inspire and

encourage others of all levels of experience to make the natural world an endlessly fascinating, uplifting and massively beneficial part of their lives too.

## Hebridean Highlights

- RSPB Loch Gruinart
- RSPB Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre
- Castle Espie Wetland Centre
- Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre
- Oxford Island and Lough Neagh Discovery Centre





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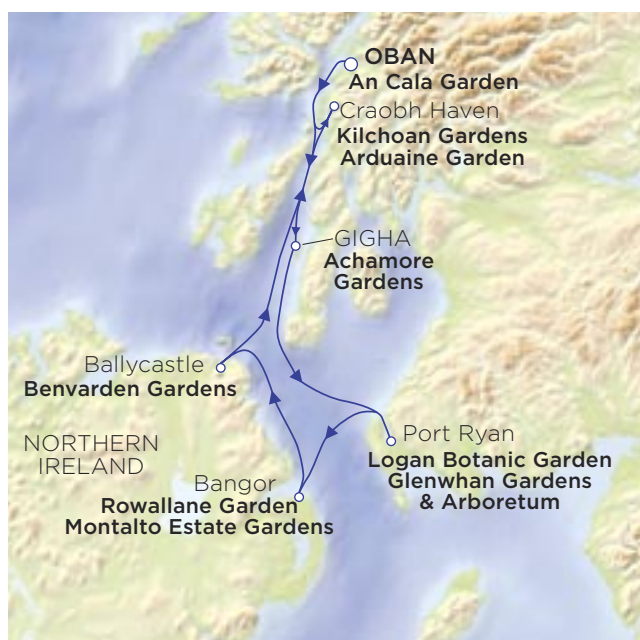


## *Gardens of Argyll and Antrim*

### **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 26th May to Tuesday 2nd June 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Scotland's west coast and the east coast of Northern Ireland boast a diverse collection of historic and intriguing gardens which are home to vast collections of plants from around the world. Many were laid out to complement grand houses or castles, whilst others are hidden gems, all are inspiring and waiting to be explored.

Kilchoan is an eclectic private garden with a cosmopolitan mix of plants and artwork. Part of a conservation initiative and rewilding project, the Kilchoan estate is being restored to its former glory. Tour the exotic oasis of tranquillity at Arduaine, a plantsman's garden full of colour and fragrance, ablaze with vibrant spring flowers.

Set on the beautiful island of Gigha, the gardens at Achamore House were planted by Sir James Horlick to





Logan Botanic Garden



Rowallane Garden



### Guest Speaker Gareth Austin

Gareth Austin is a Chartered Horticulturist and for over 16 years has been the voice of Gardening on BBC Radio Foyle in Northern Ireland. Originally from Edinburgh Gareth is a graduate of SRUC where he studied Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.

Currently living in County Donegal Gareth is an expert voice on the Heritage landscapes and gardens of Northern Ireland, with a particular interest in Victorian gardening techniques. A professional Horticulturist Gareth is employed as a Horticultural Lecturer where he specialises in sustainable food production.

## Hebridean Highlights

- Kilchoan Gardens
- Logan Botanic Garden
- Glenwhan Gardens and Arboretum
- Montalto Estate Gardens
- Benvardeen Gardens



grow his tender rhododendrons. Walk in paradise at Logan Botanic Garden and discover a remarkable collection of unusual plants. With stunning sea views across to the Isle of Man, Glenwhan has been described as one of the most beautiful gardens in Scotland.

The unique garden at Rowallane, grown from the 19th century vision of Reverend John Moore, allows you to immerse yourself in nature's beauty, whilst the enchanting gardens on the Montalto Estate captivate with surprising features. Nestled in rolling countryside, Montalto covers 400 acres of woodland, park and formal grounds.

A historic estate close to the Antrim coast, Benvardeen consists of a mature walled garden and extensive landscaped grounds which stretch down to the River Bush. En route to Oban we find the spectacular garden at An Cala, designed by Thomas Mawson in the 1930s, with its colourful border, rockeries and meandering streams.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 26th May

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 27th May

Craobh Haven – Kilchoan Gardens

Craobh Haven – Arduaine Garden

### Thursday 28th May

Gigha – Achamore Gardens

Cruise the Mull of Kintyre

### Friday 29th May

Port Ryan – Logan Botanic Garden

Port Ryan – Glenwhan Gardens and Arboretum

### Saturday 30th May

Bangor, NI – Rowallane Garden

Bangor, NI – Montalto Estate Gardens

### Sunday 31st May

Cruise the Antrim Coast

Ballycastle, NI – Benvardeen Gardens

### Monday 1st June

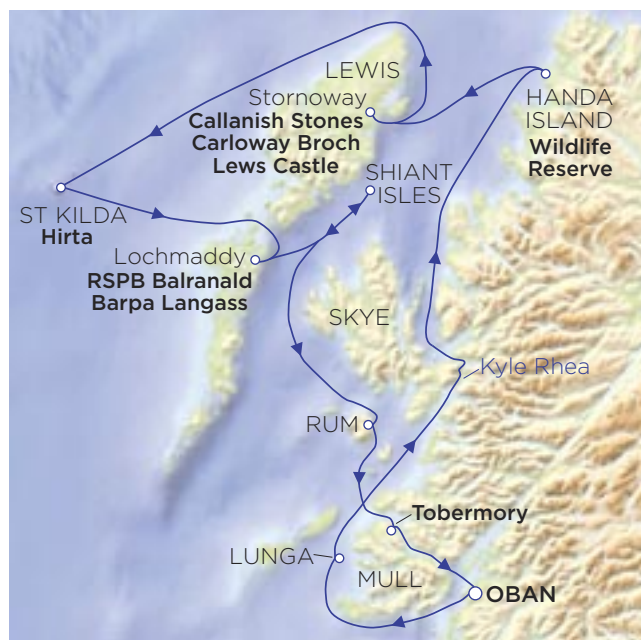
Cruise the Sound of Luing

Oban – An Cala Garden

### Tuesday 2nd June

Oban – Disembarkation

# St Kilda and Western Isles Wildlife



## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 9th June 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

As the remotest part of the British Isles, St Kilda forms the most important seabird breeding site in northwest Europe. With cliffs, sea stacks and grassy slopes, the islands are ideally suited to nesting birds. Embark on a voyage of discovery, in the company of an expert naturalist, to share their passion for the natural world.

Local boats take us to Lunga, where Atlantic grey seals and puffins are abundant. Binoculars at the ready as we sail to Wester Ross, on the lookout for cetaceans. The dramatic cliffs of Handa Island provide an important breeding ground for tens of thousands of seabirds each summer.

Uncover the secrets of ancient history at the prehistoric standing stones of Callanish and the well-preserved Carloway Broch. The area around the Butt of Lewis is a stunning, nature lover's paradise which attracts a large variety of birds and marine wildlife.

Venturing to St Kilda we cruise the awe-inspiring bird cliffs and sea stacks, ahead of anchoring in Village Bay. Weather permitting, we land on Hirta to explore the abandoned 19th century village where the indigenous Soay sheep roam.

At the Balranald RSPB Reserve on North Uist, sweeping sandy beaches and wildflower-rich grassland are home to corncrakes and lapwing. Cruise the dramatic cliffs of the Shiant Isles to witness the myriad breeding seabirds which nest there.

We land on Kilmory beach and go in search of the Rum's red deer population, many of which have been the subject of a decades long study of their evolution. Known as 'eagle island', Mull is home to white-tailed sea eagles and golden eagles, and we go in search of these magnificent birds of prey.

## Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Tuesday 2nd June

Oban - Embarkation

### Wednesday 3rd June

Lunga - Local boat trip for puffin watching  
Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound

### Thursday 4th June

Cruise the coast of Wester Ross  
Handa Island - Wildlife reserve

### Friday 5th June

Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch  
Stornoway, Lewis - Lewis Castle Museum or wildlife watching at the Butt of Lewis

### Saturday 6th June

Hirta, St Kilda - Cruise the seabird cliffs and land at Village Bay  
Cruise the Atlantic

### Sunday 7th June

Lochmaddy, North Uist - RSPB Balranald and Barpa Langass  
Shiant Isles - Cruise the seabird cliffs by small boat

### Monday 8th June

Kilmory Bay, Rum - Beach landing for red deer spotting  
Tobermory, Mull - Sea eagle spotting

### Tuesday 9th June

Oban - Disembarkation



## Hebridean Highlights

- Puffin boat trip, Lunga
- Handa Island Wildlife Reserve
- Double UNESCO World Heritage Site of St Kilda
- Balranald Bird Reserve, North Uist
- Shiant Isles



St Kilda





Handa Island



### Guest Speaker **Kate Humble**

Kate Humble grew up in rural Berkshire where she learnt to ride and developed a lifelong passion for mucking out. She got her first job in television as a runner, travelled whenever she had the opportunity and in 1996 had her first travel article published by

'The Telegraph'. That same year she got her first job at the BBC as a researcher. Kate has been presenting programmes and writing articles and books for the last 20 years. After living on a smallholding in Wales, she and her husband set up a rural skills school on a working farm in the Wye Valley in 2011.



### Wildlife Guide **David Sexton**

David Sexton worked for the RSPB on the Isle of Mull. He was previously Head of RSPB's Land Management Department in Edinburgh and on Mull he was responsible for monitoring the important populations of white-tailed and golden eagles and overseeing the award-winning

public viewing project Mull Eagle Watch. He is the author of 'Birdwatching on Mull & Iona' and lives on Mull with his wife, two teenage daughters and black Labrador Cally.

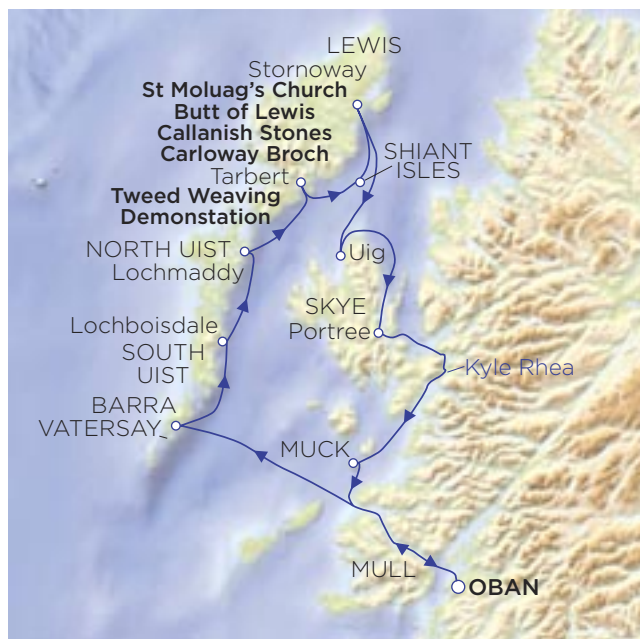


# *Footloose over the Western Isles*

## **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 9th to Tuesday 16th June 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This 'Footloose' walking itinerary reveals the rich diversity of the Inner and Outer Hebrides during the long days of early summer when they are translucently bathed in light. Pursuing a tantalising programme of walks and activities for all, our experienced guides enliven this stimulating route with their usual insight and knowledge.

After a relaxing morning cruising the Sea of the Hebrides, we travel to Vatersay, the most southerly inhabited island in the Outer Isles, for afternoon walks and strolls on enchanting silver-sand beaches. A full day walk or tour follows, taking in the highlights of the Uists with a legendary Hebridean picnic ashore.

North to Harris where an island tour includes a demonstration of local tweed weaving, or lace up your







boots and join our walking guides to stride out on this beautiful island of contrasts. We make a thrilling beach landing on the Shiant Isles, a wildlife haven mythically haunted by Kelpies, which teems with thousands of seabirds.

Lewis plays host to a full day hike for our walkers whilst the strollers explore the delights of the island by coach and uncover secrets of its ancient past at the Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch. Over the Minch to Skye where the awe-inspiring landscapes of the Quiraing are a walker's paradise, or you may opt for a panoramic tour of the Trotternish peninsula and free time in the island capital of Portree.

Scattered with wild flowers and ringed by white shell-sand beaches, the Small Isle of Muck is a peaceful haven for relaxing strolls and wildlife watching en route back to Oban.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 9th June

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 10th June

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides

Barra – Walks and strolls on Vatersay

### Thursday 11th June

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Full day walk or island tour of the Uists

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Guests rejoin ship

### Friday 12th June

Tarbert, Harris – Island tour and tweed weaving

demonstration or half day walk

Shiant Isles – Beach landing

### Saturday 13th June

Stornoway, Lewis – Full day walk or St Moluag's Church and Butt of Lewis

Stornoway, Lewis – Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch

### Sunday 14th June

Uig, Skye – Walks on the Quiraing or Trotternish peninsula tour

Portree, Skye – Guests rejoin ship / free time

### Monday 15th June

Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Small Isles

Muck – Walks and strolls ashore

### Tuesday 16th June

Oban – Disembarkation



Quiraing Walk, Skye



Footloose walkers on Vatersay

## Walking Highlights

- Half day walk on Vatersay
- Full day walk on the Uists
  - Half day walk on Harris
  - Full day walk on Lewis
- Full day walk on the Quiraing, Skye



Hebridean Princess, Village Bay, Hirta, St Kilda



**NTS and NTSUSA  
Trip Leader  
Derek Alexander**

Derek studied prehistoric archaeology at the University of Edinburgh, specializing in the later prehistory of temperate Europe. From a career in commercial archaeology Derek joined the National Trust for Scotland in 2000.

He was appointed as Head of Archaeological Services for the Trust in 2011 and is responsible for the archaeology across the Trust's estate. Derek has undertaken fieldwork on many of the Trust's properties including Iona, Canna and St Kilda.



**NTS and NTSUSA  
Trip Leader  
Ali MacLeod**

Ali MacLeod studied at the University of Aberdeen and embarked on a career in fundraising. With interests in Highland history, culture and heritage Ali decided in 2017 to focus her passions and experience closer to home and took up the post of Head

of Fundraising with the National Trust for Scotland. Exploring, learning about, sharing and enabling the continued protection and promotion of the built, natural and cultural heritage which makes Scotland so special is both employment and enjoyment.



# St Kilda and the Magic of the Hebrides

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 16th June to

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

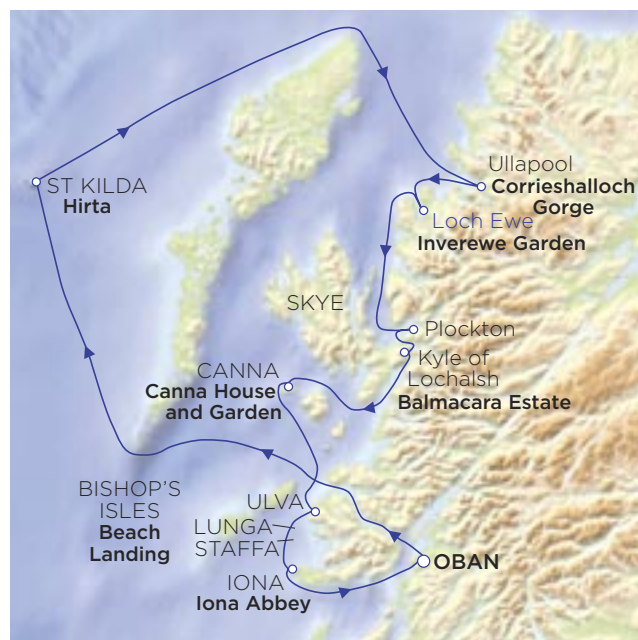
Explore the most beautiful, remote islands and mainland gems managed by the National Trust for Scotland, from the luxury and comfort of *Hebridean Princess*. With stunning vistas of turquoise seas, white sandy beaches, towering sea stacks and spectacular wildlife, this truly is the journey of a lifetime.

We head for the uninhabited Bishop's Isles to experience the thrill of a beach landing before plotting a course for the most remote outposts of the British Isles, the archipelago of St Kilda. Our overnight sail allows us to arrive early morning and cruise the imposing sea stacks, before going ashore at Village Bay for a warden led tour of the United Kingdom's only double UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Cruising around the northerly Butt of Lewis, we make landfall at Ullapool. Corrieshalloch Gorge is the world's largest box canyon and here we marvel at the giant waterfall as it cascades through a wilderness rich in flora and fauna.

The paradise of Inverewe comprises 2,500 exotic sub-tropical species from across the globe and was created in the 19th century by Sir Osgood Mackenzie. Onwards to the pretty conservation village of Plockton, and the traditional crofting estate of Balmacara which offers refreshing walks and spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.

The Isle of Canna, gifted to the National Trust for Scotland by John Lorne Campbell in 1981, plays host to our visit ahead of a relaxing sail of the neighbouring Small Isles. Before landing on the sacred isle of Iona, a local boat takes us to the wildlife haven of Lunga, and Staffa, home to Fingal's Cave with its spectacular hexagonal basalt columns.



In association with



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 16th June

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 17th June

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides  
Bishop's Isles – Beach landing

### Thursday 18th June

Hirta, St Kilda – Village Bay  
Cruise the Atlantic

### Friday 19th June

Ullapool – Corrieshalloch Gorge  
Loch Ewe – Inverewe Garden

### Saturday 20th June

Plockton – Walks ashore  
Kyle of Lochalsh – Balmacara Estate

### Sunday 21st June

Canna – Canna House and Garden  
Cruise the Small Isles

### Monday 22nd June

Ulva Ferry, Mull – Local boat to Lunga and Staffa  
Iona – Iona Abbey

### Tuesday 23rd June

Oban – Disembarkation



### NTS and NTSUSA Trip Leader Kirstin Bridier

Kirstin Bridier directs The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA, helping Americans connect with Scotland's heritage and natural beauty and protect it for future generations. Kirstin previously headed up institutional fundraising at the Museum

of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and was curator of education at the Nantucket Historical Association. She is a graduate of Smith College and holds an M.Sc. in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania.

## Hebridean Highlights

- Bishop's Isles Beach Landing
  - Hirta, St Kilda
- Corrieshalloch Gorge
- Lunga and Staffa
- Iona Abbey

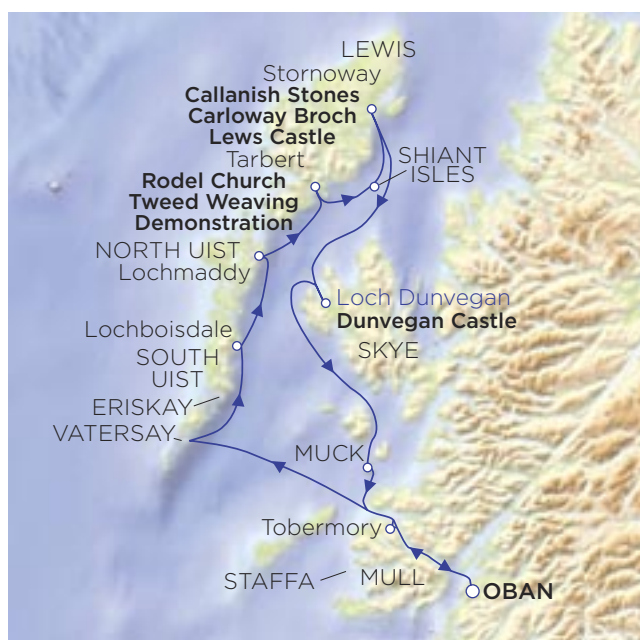


## *Outer Isles Odyssey*

### **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 23rd to Tuesday 30th June 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



The breathtaking beauty of Scotland's islands is beyond compare and the contrasting geology and customs among the islands make each one unique. The Outer Hebrides are possibly the most magical and unspoiled of all the islands around the coast of mainland Britain, join us to discover their best kept secrets.

The white sands of Vatersay are calling. Experience the thrill of a beach landing on this idyllic island surrounded by the turquoise waters of the Atlantic. Visit historic Prince's Bay on Eriskay, the Young Pretender's first landfall on Scottish soil, before touring the soft, undulating landscapes of South Uist, in contrast to neighbouring North Uist, peppered with green blue lochans.

Explore the untold beauty of Harris, the grand medieval church of St Clement's at Rodel and visit one of the





Vatersay



### Guest Speaker Simon Calder

Simon Calder is Britain's leading travel commentator and is known as "the man who pays his way" which means that he pays for his own travel.

He began his career at Gatwick airport, where he cleaned out planes for Sir Freddie Laker and, later, frisked passengers.

He then started to write travel guidebooks and travel articles.

Today Simon is Travel

Correspondent for the Independent. Simon also writes for the National Geographic, Wanderlust Magazine as well as many other publications.

Simon is a regular guest on national TV and radio, often seen on BBC Breakfast, Good Morning Britain, This Morning, CNN, ITV News, Channel 5 and Sky News. Plus BBC Radio 2, 4, 5, LBC, Times and Talk.

He is frequently interviewed on national and local BBC radio.

Simon has a Daily Podcast, which he records for the Independent.

### *Hebridean Highlights*

- Beach landing on Vatersay
- Harris Tweed weaving demonstration
- Shiant Isles seabird cliffs cruise
- Dunvegan Castle, gardens and seal boat trip
- Fingal's Cave, Staffa



famous Harris Tweed weavers for a demonstration of this ancient skill. The Shiant Islands are a privately owned collection of uninhabited islands in The Minch, boasting wonderful sea cliffs which are a nesting site for colonies of seabirds.

Travel through time to the ancient history of Lewis at the Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch, exploring the rich diversity of this northerly Gaelic heartland. The bustling town of Stornoway offers a warm welcome and harbourside strolls, or visit the Lewis Castle Museum to learn the rich heritage of the Outer Isles.

Take in the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle which has survived many conflicts in its 800 year history. Enjoy tranquil walks on Muck ahead of our final visit to the famous Isle of Staffa where the dramatic and romantic Fingal's Cave was immortalised by Mendelssohn in his Hebrides Overture.

### Travel Plan – 7 nights

#### **Tuesday 23rd June**

Oban – Embarkation

#### **Wednesday 24th June**

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides

Vatersay – Beach landing

#### **Thursday 25th June**

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Island tour of Eriskay and the Uists with lunch ashore

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Guests rejoin ship

#### **Friday 26th June**

Tarbert, Harris – Island tour including Rodel Church and tweed weaving demonstration

Shiant Isles – Cruise the seabird cliffs

#### **Saturday 27th June**

Stornoway, Lewis – Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones

Stornoway, Lewis – Lewis Castle Museum / free time

#### **Sunday 28th June**

Loch Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle, gardens and seal boat trip. Cruise the west coast of Skye

#### **Monday 29th June**

Muck – Walks ashore

Tobermory, Mull – Staffa by local boat

#### **Tuesday 30th June**

Oban – Disembarkation





Eilean Donan Castle



Rum from Eigg



Canna House, Canna



# Hebridean Panorama

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 30th June to

Tuesday 7th July 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The islands off Scotland's west coast are awash with mountains, moor, machair and white sandy beaches. With fascinating history, Gaelic heritage and culture, spectacular wildlife and a warm Hebridean welcome, they are an island paradise off our own shores. Discover a slice of heaven on this panoramic voyage.

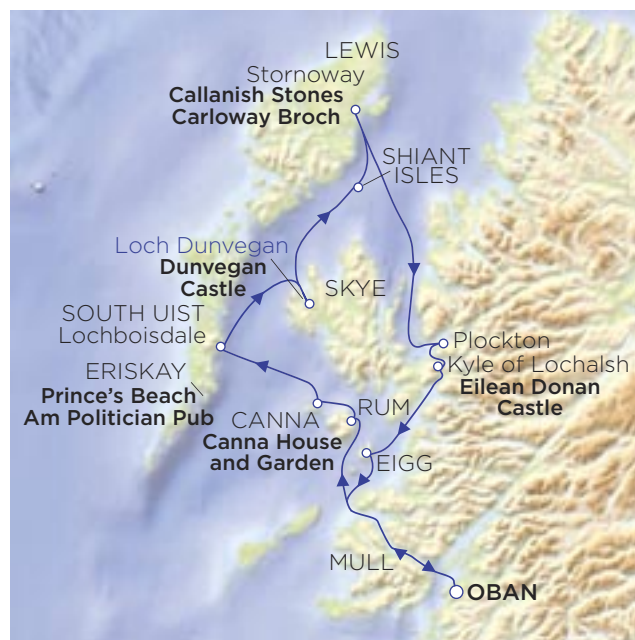
Ashore on Rum, the jewel of the Inner Hebrides, refreshing walks and breathtaking scenery await. On Canna, the walls of Canna House Garden conceal a rich oasis of fruit, vegetables, flower beds and lawns, lovingly restored to its former glory.

Over The Minch, Eriskay was immortalised by Bonnie Prince Charlie's landing in 1745 and the sinking of the *SS Politician* offshore in 1941, inspiring Compton Mackenzie's novel 'Whisky Galore'. Kildonan Museum tells the story of South Uist's culture and heritage.

Originally designed as a fortress, Dunvegan Castle is steeped in history and clan legend, Delight in the beauty of its formal gardens and take a boat trip to the seal colony ahead of a cruise around the dramatic cliffs of the Shiant Isles to observe the breeding seabirds which nest there.

Wander in awe through the atmospheric Callanish Stones which have stood for 5,000 years, and the iron age broch of Dun Carloway, before heading to the pretty conservation village of Plockton, nestled on the shore of Loch Carron.

Pay a visit to the iconic monument of Eilean Donan, one of the most photographed castles in Scotland, surrounded by the majestic splendour of the forested mountains of Kintail. Strolls ashore on Eigg allow for peaceful reflection or more challenging walks provide a final stretch of legs ahead of our farewell gala dinner.



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 30th June

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 1st July

Rum – Walks ashore

Canna – Canna House and Garden

### Thursday 2nd July

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Prince's Beach and Am Politician Pub, Eriskay

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Kildonan Museum

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Kildonan Museum

### Friday 3rd July

Loch Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle, gardens and seal boat trip

Cruise the Shiant Isles

### Saturday 4th July

Stornoway, Lewis – Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch

Cruise the Minch and the Inner Sound

### Sunday 5th July

Plockton – Walks ashore

Kyle of Lochalsh – Eilean Donan Castle

### Monday 6th July

Eigg – Walks ashore

Cruise the Small Isles and the Sound of Mull

### Tuesday 7th July

Oban – Disembarkation

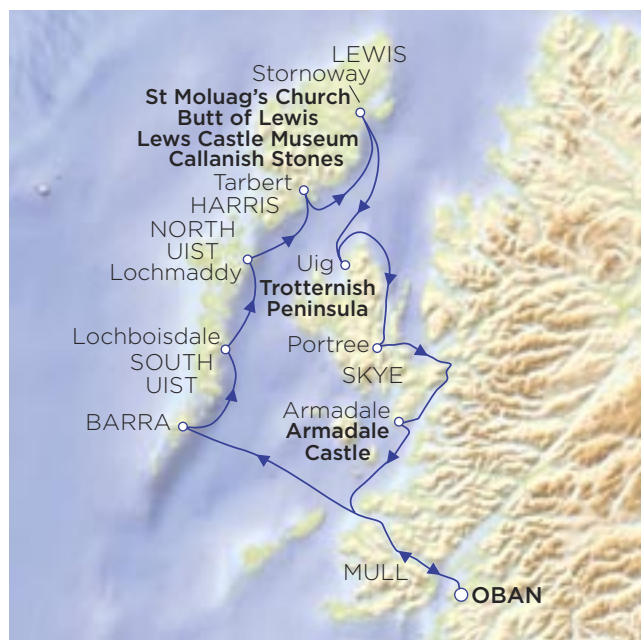


Common Seal

## Hebridean Highlights

- Canna House and Garden
- Prince's Beach and Am Politician Pub, Eriskay
- Kildonan Museum
- Plockton
- Eilean Donan Castle

# Pedal the Hebrides



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 7th July

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 8th July

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides

Barra – Island tour or circular cycle route

### Thursday 9th July

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Island tour or linear cycle route to North Uist

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Guests rejoin ship

### Friday 10th July

Tarbert, Harris – Island tour and Callanish Stones or linear cycle route to Stornoway

Stornoway, Lewis – Guests rejoin ship

### Saturday 11th July

Stornoway, Lewis – St Moulag's Church and Butt of Lewis or Arnol circuit cycle route

Stornoway, Lewis – Lews Castle Museum

### Sunday 12th July

Uig, Skye – Trotternish peninsula tour or linear cycle route to Portree

Portree, Skye – Guests rejoin ship

### Monday 13th July

Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle or circular cycle route

Cruise the Small Isles and the Sound of Mull

### Tuesday 14th July

Oban – Disembarkation



## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 7th to Tuesday 14th July 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Ride some of the most remote linear and circular cycle trails in the British Isles accompanied by an experienced guide, through the awe-inspiring scenery of the Hebrides, some of which are almost traffic-free! With alternative visits for the non-cyclists, this cruise offers something for everyone.

Crossing the Sea of the Hebrides to Barra, our options are a tour by coach or a circular bike ride through this beautiful, tranquil island, pedalling past stunning white sand beaches and historical sites.

Our cyclists head out for a full day ride on The Uists, riding beside turquoise seas and passing flower-strewn machair as the awe-inspiring scenery subtly changes along the way. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic coach tour of these isles which abound in geological and historical contrasts.

From East Loch Tarbert the destination for the cyclists is Stornoway, otherwise discover the highlights of Harris and the spectacular standing stones of Callanish. Feel the wind in your hair as you ride a circular route around Lewis, the largest of the Outer Hebrides whilst the less energetic explore the dramatic cliffs of the Butt of Lewis, St Moluag's Church and the enlightening Lews Castle Museum.

The Trotternish peninsula on Skye is our next destination, where the alternatives are a scenic excursion through the lunar like landscapes of the Quiraing, or pedal to Portree where *Hebridean Princess* awaits. Lastly, we head for the Sleat peninsula for a final cycle, or else uncover the history of the Clan Donald at the Museum of the Isles and the romantic ruins of Armadale Castle.

## Cycling Highlights

- Half day cycle ride on Barra
- Full day cycle ride on The Uists
- Full day cycle ride on Harris
- Full day cycle ride on Lewis
- Full day cycle ride on Skye



Hebridean cyclists





Trotternish Peninsula ride



Uists cycle route



Kisimul Castle, Barra



# Guiding Lights of the Far North

## Oban to Invergordon

Tuesday 14th to Thursday 23rd July 2026

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Lighthouses are important features on the coastal landscape, performing a vital role in the safety of mariners in all weathers. Most of the lighthouses in Scotland today were designed and built by four generations of one family — the Stevensons. This cruise is a pharologists delight, following in the footsteps of the lighthouse keepers.

Steaming from Oban we land on the most westerly point of the British mainland, Ardnamurchan, to wonder at the 55 metre tall lighthouse, established in 1849 by Alan Stevenson. Visit the Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum on Tiree, to find out how the heroic engineers and keepers built and maintained Scotland's tallest lighthouse, on a dangerous rock over 10 nautical miles out to sea.

Tick off numerous beacons as we sail north to Gairloch and the local heritage museum, before stepping ashore







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on the Sutherland coast to wonder at the natural beauty of Smoo Cave, and rounding Cape Wrath on passage to Orkney.

Explore the prehistoric village of Skara Brae en route to the northernmost island in Orkney, South Ronaldsay, site of the highest land based lighthouse in the British Isles. The beacon at Start Point on Sanday was the first lighthouse in Scotland to have a revolving light and is painted with black and white vertical stripes to make it a recognisable day mark.

Returning to the mainland, we pause at the former Viking settlement of Wick en route to Fraserburgh where the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses tells the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them.

This cruise starts and ends in different ports. Please refer to page 110 for travel options.

## Travel Plan – 9 nights

**Tuesday 14th July** Oban – Embarkation

**Wednesday 15th July**

Kilchoan – Ardnamurchan Lighthouse  
Hynish, Tiree – Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum

**Thursday 16th July**

Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound  
Gairloch – Gairloch Museum

**Friday 17th July**

Cruise Wester Ross and the Sutherland coast  
Kinlochbervie – Smoo Cave

**Saturday 18th July**

Cruise Cape Wrath and the north coast  
Stromness, Orkney – Skara Brae

**Sunday 19th July**

Cruise the west coast of Orkney  
North Ronaldsay – North Ronaldsay Lighthouse

**Monday 20th July**

Sanday – Start Point Lighthouse. Cruise the Pentland Firth

**Tuesday 21st July**

Wick – Wick Museum. Cruise to Fraserburgh

**Wednesday 22nd July**

Fraserburgh – Scottish Lighthouse Museum  
Cruise the north coast of Aberdeenshire and Moray

**Thursday 23rd July** Invergordon – Disembarkation



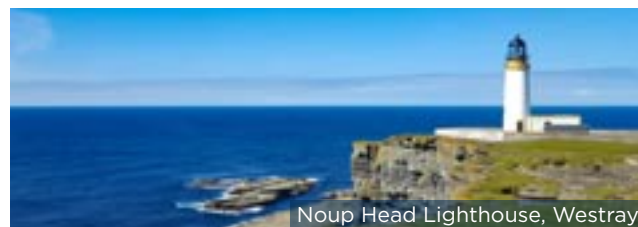
Ardnamurchan Lighthouse



### Guest Speaker **Mike Bullock**

Mike Bullock had a 34 year career with the Royal Navy which included service in surface vessels and submarines as well as posts ashore in the British Embassy Washington DC, NATO, Pentagon and Navy Command HQ as the Commodore responsible for

Logistics and Infrastructure for the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary. In 2014 he took early retirement to take up his dream job as the Chief Executive of the Northern Lighthouse Board and now oversees the delivery of Marine Aids to Navigation in Scottish and Manx waters. He is a trustee of the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, the Northern Lighthouse Heritage Trust and the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA Trust.



Noup Head Lighthouse, Westray

## *Hebridean Highlights*

- Ardnamurchan Lighthouse
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- North Ronaldsay Lighthouse
  - Start Point Lighthouse
- Scottish Lighthouse Museum, Fraserburgh



Italian Chapel, Orkney



Jarlshof, Shetland



Fulmar, Sumburgh Head



# Summer in the Northern Isles

## Invergordon to Invergordon

Thursday 23rd July to

Saturday 1st August 2026

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Discover the far-flung islands of Orkney and Shetland, as *Hebridean Princess* sails where the Norse once ruled. These contrasting archipelagos boast some of the finest Neolithic sites in Britain and both played vital roles during WWII. Havens for wildlife, they host a trove of hidden treasures waiting to be explored.

Visit the Italian Chapel, a Roman Catholic chapel in Lamb Holm which was constructed by Italian POWs during the WWII. The sinking of *HMS Royal Oak* in 1939 prompted Winston Churchill to order the building of the Churchill Barriers to protect the naval anchorage of Scapa Flow.

Uncovered by a storm in 1850, the neolithic settlement of Skara Brae gives a remarkable picture of life 5,000 years ago. Perhaps the finest rock arch in Orkney, the Vat of Korbister is the jewel in Stronsay's crown.

Fair Isle provides a stepping stone on our voyage north, an irresistible haven for birds and wild flowers, ahead of our first Shetland port of call, Burravoe, whose war time history is illustrated at the Old Haa Museum. In contrast, the SaxaVord Spaceport is the northernmost launch site in the UK for commercial rockets.

The Hanseatic Booth Museum depicts the story of the Hansa German merchant traders who came to Whalsay in the 16th century. The nearby heritage centre preserves the culture and traditions of the island and offers seasonal exhibitions. Onwards to Lerwick to marvel at over 4,000 years of human settlement at Jarlshof before observing the cliffs at Sumburgh Head, teeming with pairs of breeding seabirds.

Shetland Museum tells the fascinating story of the island's history and heritage before we return to Orkney and enjoy walks with a local ranger on Papa Westray. Passing the Kitchener Memorial and Old Man of Hoy, our adventure concludes in Wick.



## Travel Plan – 9 nights

### Thursday 23rd July

Invergordon - Embarkation

### Friday 24th July

Cruise the north east coast and Pentland Firth  
Kirkwall, Orkney – Italian Chapel and Churchill Barriers

### Saturday 25th July

Kirkwall, Orkney – Skara Brae  
Stronsay – Vat of Korbister

### Sunday 26th July

Cruise to Fair Isle. Fair Isle – Walks ashore

### Monday 27th July

Burravoe, Yell – Old Haa Museum  
Baltasound, Unst – SaxaVord Spaceport

### Tuesday 28th July

Cruise to Muckle Flugga  
Symbister, Whalsay – Hanseatic Booth and Whalsay Heritage Centre

### Wednesday 29th July

Lerwick, Shetland – Jarlshof and Sumburgh Head Nature Reserve.  
Lerwick, Shetland – Shetland Museum

### Thursday 30th July

Cruise to Orkney  
Papa Westray – Tour with local ranger

### Friday 31st July

Cruise the Kitchener Memorial and Old Man of Hoy  
Wick – Wick Museum

### Saturday 1st August

Invergordon – Disembarkation



### Guest Speaker James Naughtie

James Naughtie is one of the country's best known broadcasters - a special correspondent for BBC News, formerly a presenter of the Today programme for 21 years, and the host of Bookclub on Radio 4 since it began nearly three decades ago. A newspaper career established him as a political correspondent and commentator, and at the BBC he became one of its most prominent interviewers

and correspondents, reporting from home and around the world. He has written books on politics and classical music, a memoir on travels and encounters in America over half a century, and three espionage novels. He is a native of north east Scotland.

## Hebridean Highlights

- Italian Chapel and Churchill Barriers
- Skara Brae
- Fair Isle
- Sumburgh Head Nature reserve
- Shetland Museum

# Outlook on Orkney and Shetland



## Invergordon to Invergordon

Saturday 1st to

Monday 10th August 2026

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The northernmost outposts of the British Isles, Orkney and Shetland abound with stunning scenery, seabird colonies and mysterious prehistoric sites. These unique and remote islands, where Scotland meets Scandinavia, are truly remarkable and are home to a wealth of hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.

Relax at sea as we sail to Orkney to admire the impressive interior of the 12th century St Magnus Cathedral, known as the 'Light of the North'. Born from a time of conflict but now serving as vital links between island communities, the Churchill Barriers were built by the same Italian prisoners of war as the Italian Chapel.

A panoramic tour of peaceful Sanday highlights its contrasts on passage to Fair Isle. A stopping off point for migrant birds, more species of bird have been recorded on Fair Isle than on any other piece of land of the same size in the British Isles.

Explore the ancient capital of Scalloway with its rich and colourful history, and gain an insight into the past at the Shetland Museum which tells the story of Pictish, Viking and Scottish settlers. Onwards to the northerly outpost of Unst, home to the Boat Haven where we discover the island's maritime heritage.

On our journey south we visit the stunning lighthouse at Noup Head, perched on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic, before heading to the Heart of Neolithic Orkney. These fascinating ancient sites provide incredible insights into lives of the prehistoric people who lived here 5,000 years ago. If His Majesty is not in residence, delight in a special tour of the late Queen Mother's home at the Castle of Mey.

## Travel Plan - 9 nights



### Saturday 1st August

Invergordon - Embarkation

### Sunday 2nd August

Cruise the east coast

Kirkwall, Orkney - St Magnus Cathedral

### Monday 3rd August

Kirkwall, Orkney - Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel

Sanday - Island tour

### Tuesday 4th August

Cruise to Fair Isle

Fair Isle - Bird observatory

### Wednesday 5th August

Lerwick, Shetland - Scalloway

Lerwick, Shetland - Shetland Museum

### Thursday 6th August

Baltasound, Unst - Unst Boat Haven

Baltasound, Unst - Island tour

### Friday 7th August

Cruise to Orkney

Westray - Noup Head Lighthouse

### Saturday 8th August

Stromness, Orkney - Skara Brae

Stromness, Orkney - Ring of Brodgar

### Sunday 9th August

Scrabster - Castle of Mey. Cruise the east coast

### Monday 10th August

Invergordon - Disembarkation

## Hebridean Highlights

- St Magnus Cathedral
- Fair Isle Bird Observatory
- Unst Boat Haven
- Ring of Brodgar
- Castle of Mey



Shetland Ponies





Ring of Brodgar, Orkney



Unst Boat Haven



Skara Brae, Orkney

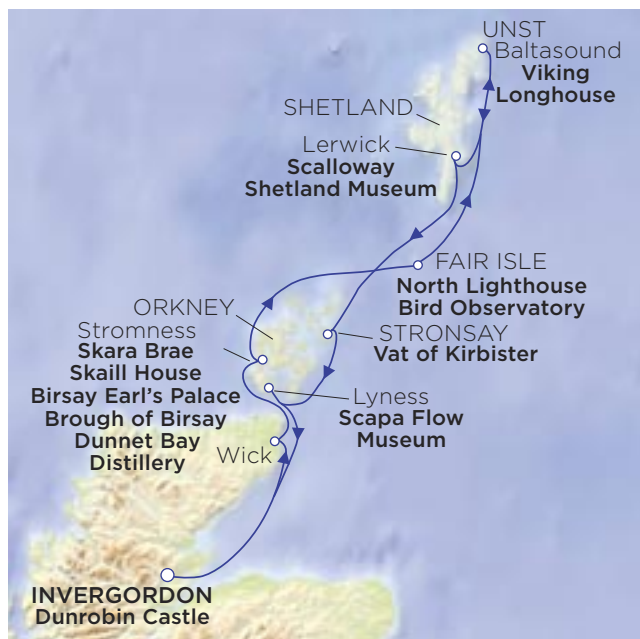


# Footloose in Orkney and Shetland

## Invergordon to Invergordon

Monday 10th to Wednesday 19th August 2026

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Cruise the remote Orkney and Shetland Isles and enjoy long summer days filled with beautiful guided walks and visits far off the beaten track. Provision is made for those who prefer a less active itinerary, with fascinating tours to local attractions, so this stunning cruise will appeal to all.

Stride out on the white sands of Dunnet Bay beach, or sample the hand distilled spirits at Dunnet Bay Distillery before we plot a course for Orkney. Embark on a full day walk through dramatic scenery, passing impressive sea stacks at Yesnaby to reach Skail Bay. Alternatively, opt to explore ancient history at Skara Brae and Skail House, ahead of a tour of Birsay, the ancient capital of Orkney.

Lying remotely between Orkney and Shetland, Fair Isle offers refreshing walks or visits to the lighthouse and







bird observatory. Northbound, we arrive at Unst, to walk the Keen of Hamar nature reserve, home to some of the rarest flowers and plants in Britain.

Embark along stunning coastlines on a full day walk from Hamnavoe, or explore the picturesque village of Scalloway and uncover the fascinating story of the island's history and heritage at the Shetland Museum. On Stronsay, discover the stunning Vat of Kurbister or delightful Lamb's Head coastal walk.

Scapa Flow Visitor Centre provides a fascinating insight into the role Orkney played during two World Wars whilst Lyness Wartime Trail Walk explores the legacy of that time. Our final island port of call, Stroma, lies in the Pentland Firth and offers tranquil strolls. En route to Invergordon, indulge in a tour of the romantic Dunrobin Castle or lace up your boots for a scenic coastal walk from Brora.

## Travel Plan – 9 nights

**Monday 10th August** Invergordon – Embarkation

**Tuesday 11th August**

Wick – Dunnet Bay Distillery / Dunnet Bay beach walk  
Cruise the north coast and Pentland Firth

**Wednesday 12th August**

Stromness, Orkney – Skara Brae and Skaill House / Full day walk  
Stromness, Orkney – Birsay Earl's Palace and Brough of Birsay

**Thursday 13th August**

Cruise to Fair Isle  
Fair Isle – North Lighthouse and Bird Observatory

**Friday 14th August**

Cruise to Shetland  
Baltasound, Unst – Viking Longhouse / Keen of Hamar walk

**Saturday 15th August**

Lerwick, Shetland – Scalloway / Full day walk at Hamnavoe  
Lerwick, Shetland – Lerwick Museum and Archives

**Sunday 16th August**

Cruise to Orkney  
Stronsay – Vat of Kurbister / Lamb's Head walk

**Monday 17th August**

Lyness, Hoy – Scapa Flow Museum / Lyness Wartime Trail and walk. Stroma – Walks ashore

**Tuesday 18th August**

Cruise the east coast  
Invergordon – Dunrobin Castle / Coastal walk from Brora

**Wednesday 19th August** Invergordon – Disembarkation



Dunrobin Castle



Unst, Shetland

## Hebridean Highlights

- Half day walk at Dunnet Bay
- Full day walk on Orkney
- Half day walk on Unst
- Half day walk on Shetland
- Half day walk on Hoy





Castle of Mey



Rodel Church, Harris



Highland Stoneware



# Home from the Far North

## Invergordon to Oban

Wednesday 19th to

Friday 28th August 2026

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



The voyage from the east coast home to Oban offers a unique view of the untamed, rugged beauty of the northern Caithness and Sutherland seaboard, the gems of mainland Orkney and a kaleidoscope of treasure of the Hebrides. Be inspired by the magic and myth, the sights and sounds of Scotland's far north.

Set sail from Invergordon, Orkney bound. Relics from WWII, the Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel were constructed by prisoners of war from Camp 60. Viking Earl Magnus Erlendsson's St Magnus Cathedral is a haven of peace in bustling Kirkwall. The myriad prehistoric Neolithic sites which have survived to tell their tale at the 'Heart of Neolithic Orkney' UNESCO world heritage site are both spectacular and mysterious.

Returning to the mainland we visit the Castle of Mey, former retreat of the late Queen Mother, providing His Majesty is not in residence, before rounding Cape Wrath to Lochinver where Highland Stoneware produce handmade pottery inspired by the local landscapes. Cruise the breathtaking black, basalt cliffs of the Shiant Isles and enjoy the thrill of a beach landing.

Discover history and heritage on an island tour of Harris with a demonstration of traditional weaving methods used to create the exclusive Harris Tweed. Contrast the modern distillery dedicated to making beautiful island spirits with pride and provenance. Explore Dunvegan Castle, home to the chiefs of Clan Macleod for over 800 years, and uncover secrets of ancient history on North Uist.

Cross The Minch to the Small Isles of Canna and Rum ahead of our final forays ashore at Resipole Studios, the fine art gallery, and Isle of Mull Cheese where traditional cheeses are made by hand.



This cruise starts and ends in different ports. Please refer to page 110 for travel options.

## Travel Plan – 9 nights

**Wednesday 19th August** Invergordon – Embarkation

**Thursday 20th August**

Kirkwall, Orkney – Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel  
Kirkwall, Orkney – St Magnus Cathedral and free time

**Friday 21st August**

Cruise Scapa Flow

Stromness, Orkney – Heart of Neolithic Orkney

**Saturday 22nd August**

Scrabster – Castle of Mey

Cruise the north coast and Cape Wrath

**Sunday 23rd August**

Lochinver – Highland Stoneware Pottery

Shiant Isles – Beach landing

**Monday 24th August**

Tarbert, Harris – Island tour and Rodel Church with tweed weaving demonstration

Tarbert, Harris – Harris Distillery

**Tuesday 25th August**

Loch Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle and Gardens

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Island tour including Barpa Langass and Pobull Finn

**Wednesday 26th August**

Canna – Canna House and Garden. Rum – Walks ashore

**Thursday 27th August**

Salen, Loch Sunart – Resipole Studios

Tobermory, Mull – Isle of Mull Cheese

**Friday 28th August** Oban – Disembarkation



### Arts Society accredited lecturer Jeremy Burton

Jeremy spent five years in the Irish Guards during which time he was seconded to Clarence House as the Queen Mother's equerry. He accompanied the Queen Mother to the Castle of Mey every August as equerry, and on many occasions thereafter as a guest. More recently he helped develop the castle into one of Scotland's most popular visitor attractions. The

Queen Mother had a magnificent jewellery collection and being a geologist Jeremy was fascinated by the gemstones contained therein. This inspired him to study gemmology and he spent many years as a precious stone dealer in London's Hatton Garden. He has also worked as an exploration geologist and a gold miner.

## Hebridean Highlights

- Heart of Neolithic Orkney
- Castle of Mey
- Highland Stoneware Pottery
- Shiant Isles
- Harris Distillery

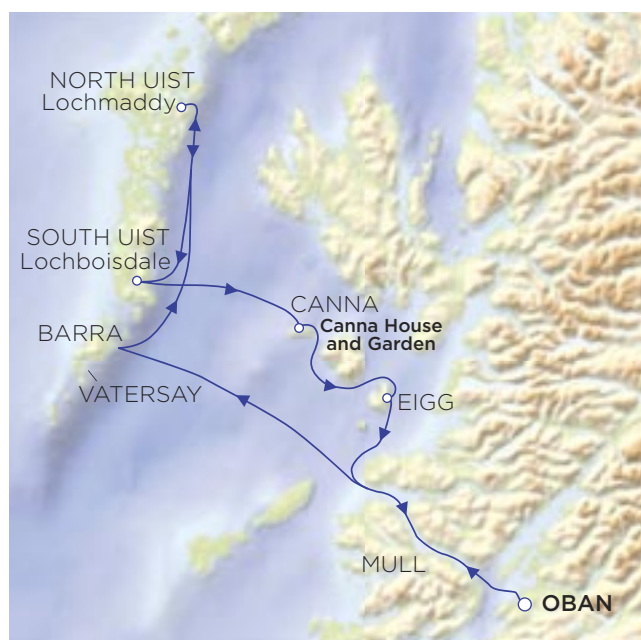


## *A Weekend in the Hebrides*

### **Oban to Oban**

Friday 28th August to Tuesday 1st September 2026

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner



Cross the Sea of the Hebrides to experience the delights of the Outer Isles of Vatersay and the Uists on this perfect introduction to the world of *Hebridean Princess*. Absorb the unique atmosphere of these unspoilt outposts and marvel at the contrast with the gentler landscapes of the Inner Isles of Canna and Eigg.

Relax into life on board as we sail the Sea of the Hebrides where the welcoming arc of the Outer Hebrides awaits. Idyllic Vatersay, the southern-most inhabited island in the Outer Isles, abounds with vast white sandy beaches and turquoise waters.

Starting our panoramic tour at Lochmaddy in the north, take in the highlights of the Uists. North Uist is a paradise for wildlife and beach lovers characterised by its patchwork of peat bogs and lochans. South Uist's





Loch Langass, North Uist



Vatersay



Eigg

## *Hebridean Highlights*

- Walks on Vatersay
- Tour of the Uists
- Canna House and Garden
- Walks on Eigg

softer, undulating landscape is carpeted in machair and fringed by dunes. Step back in time at the prehistoric stone circle of Pobull Fhinn and the Neolithic Cairn of Barpa Langass.

Canna was bequeathed to the National Trust for Scotland in 1981 by the Gaelic scholars John Lorne Campbell and Margaret Fay Shaw; visit their former home which contains a cultural archive of folk songs and tales, studies, literature, art and photography. Stroll through the escallonia tunnel to the walled garden and wander at will through delightful flower borders, orchards and pathways.

Reflect on our adventures as we enjoy refreshing walks on Eigg and sail around the most westerly point of the British mainland, Ardnamurchan, bound for Oban where our voyage comes to its conclusion and we must say farewell to old friends and new.

## Travel Plan – 4 nights

### **Friday 28th August**

Oban – Embarkation

### **Saturday 29th August**

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides

Barra – Walks on Vatersay

### **Sunday 30th August**

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Tour of the Uists

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Guests rejoin ship

### **Monday 31st August**

Canna – Canna House and Garden

Eigg – Walks ashore

### **Tuesday 1st September**

Oban – Disembarkation

# Northern Ireland Discovery



## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 1st to

Tuesday 8th September 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Embark on a voyage of discovery to Northern Ireland, a land of captivating contrasts where historic landmarks and stunning landscapes beckon exploration. Unearth the mystery of the Giant's Causeway, immerse yourself in rich history and delight in hidden treasures on an unforgettable journey through the unique tapestry of this land.

Departing from Oban we steam south through the North Channel before arriving at our first port of call, Londonderry on the banks of the Foyle. Enjoy a panoramic city tour including the magnificent city walls and newly opened Peace Bridge.

At Ballycastle we discover the famous Giant's Causeway, volcanically created 65 million years ago and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986. Nearby the National Trust's Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge was built by fisherman over 350 years ago, suspended 100 feet above sea level.

Immerse yourself in the history of Glenarm Castle and its renowned Walled Garden on a guided tour. From unique artefacts to tantalising secrets, you'll hear the intricate story behind the Earls of Antrim.

A visit to the Neo-Classical Mount Stewart House, would not be complete without wandering through celebrated gardens, planted in the 1920s by its creator Edith, Lady Londonderry.

Explore the evocative site of Finlaggan on Islay, Centre of the Lordship of the Isles, and neighbouring Jura. The only settlement, Craighouse, is the perfect place for strolls around the harbour before our final port of call, Crinan and the canal dubbed Britain's most beautiful shortcut.

## Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Tuesday 1st September

Oban - Embarkation

### Wednesday 2nd September

Cruise the North Channel  
Londonderry, NI - City tour

### Thursday 3rd September

Ballycastle, NI - Giant's Causeway  
Ballycastle, NI - Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge

### Friday 4th September

Cruise the Antrim Coast  
Larne, NI - Glenarm Castle

### Saturday 5th September

Bangor, NI - Mount Stewart House and Garden with lunch  
Portaferry, NI - Guests rejoin ship

### Sunday 6th September

Cruise the North Channel  
Port Ellen, Islay - Finlaggan

### Monday 7th September

Loch na Mile, Jura - Craighouse village walks  
Crinan - Canal towpath walks

### Tuesday 8th September

Oban - Disembarkation

## Hebridean Highlights

- Londonderry City Tour
- Giant's Causeway
- Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- Glenarm Castle
- Mount Stewart House and Garden



Carrick-a-Rede Bridge





Giant's Causeway



Londonderry



Mount Stewart House

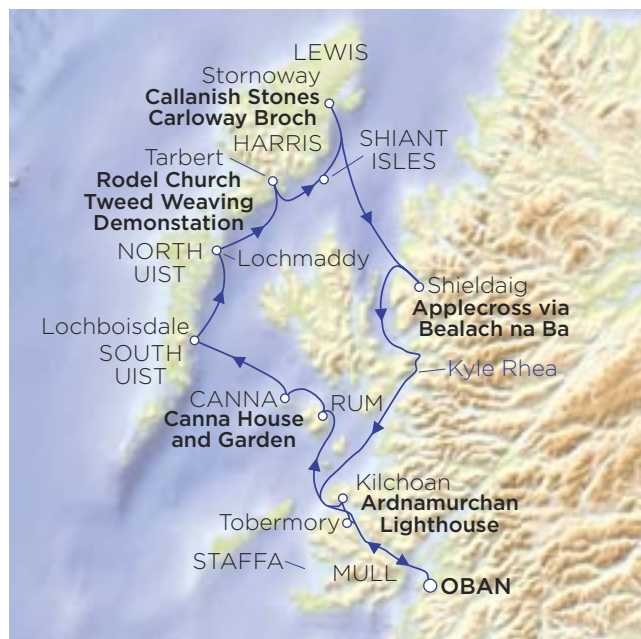


# Off the Beaten Track

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 8th to Tuesday 15th September 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Scotland's serene landscapes offer a perfect escape for those seeking quiet, reflective travel in nature's embrace. Experience a gentler pace and escape the hustle and bustle of life on this voyage to more rural and remote destinations. Bask in the tranquillity of seclusion whilst connecting with local culture, far from the madding crowds.

Venture out in the National Nature Reserve of Rum, a paradise for walkers and wildlife watchers where golden and white-tailed eagles are regularly seen soaring overhead. Explore Canna, known as the 'Garden of the Hebrides', and discover Canna House, home to a vast archive of Gaelic culture. The islands known collectively as the Uists all have their own distinct character and charm, with serene beaches to the west and rugged hills to the east.





The delights of Harris are revealed on our tour; rich traditions, stunning scenery and a strong sense of community offer an insight into island life. Cruise the breathtaking black basalt cliffs of the enchanted Shiant Isles, captivated by the magic and myths of these far-flung outposts. On Lewis, wonder at the ancient history of the Callanish Stones and well-preserved Carloway Broch.

The remote peninsula of Applecross has an atmosphere of isolation. Travel the Bealach na Ba, pass of the cattle, on one of the highest roads in Britain, to this 'edge of the world' and absorb the breathtaking views out to Raasay and Skye.

At the most westerly point on the British mainland, Ardnamurchan Lighthouse has been guiding ships safely through the waters off Scotland's west coast since 1849. Step ashore on the famous Isle of Staffa where the dramatic and romantic Fingal's Cave was immortalised by Mendelssohn in his Hebrides Overture.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 8th September

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 9th September

Rum – Walks ashore

Canna – Canna House and Garden

### Thursday 10th September

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Island tour of the Uists

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Guests rejoin ship

### Friday 11th September

Tarbert, Harris – Island tour with Rodel Church and tweed weaving demonstration

Shiant Isles – Cruise the cliffs

### Saturday 12th September

Stornoway, Lewis – Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch  
Cruise The Minch

### Sunday 13th September

Shieldaig – Applecross via Bealach na Ba

Cruise the Narrows, Kyle Rhea and the Sound of Sleat

### Monday 14th September

Kilchoan – Ardnamurchan Lighthouse

Tobermory, Mull – Staffa by local boat

### Tuesday 15th September

Oban – Disembarkation



Applecross



Fingal's Cave, Staffa



Carloway Broch, Lewis

## Hebridean Highlights

- Walks ashore on Rum
- Tour of the Uists
- Shiant Isles
- Applecross via Bealach na Ba
- Fingal's Cave, Staffa





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Castle Kennedy Gardens



Dumfries House



# Golf in Argyll and Ayrshire

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 15th to

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

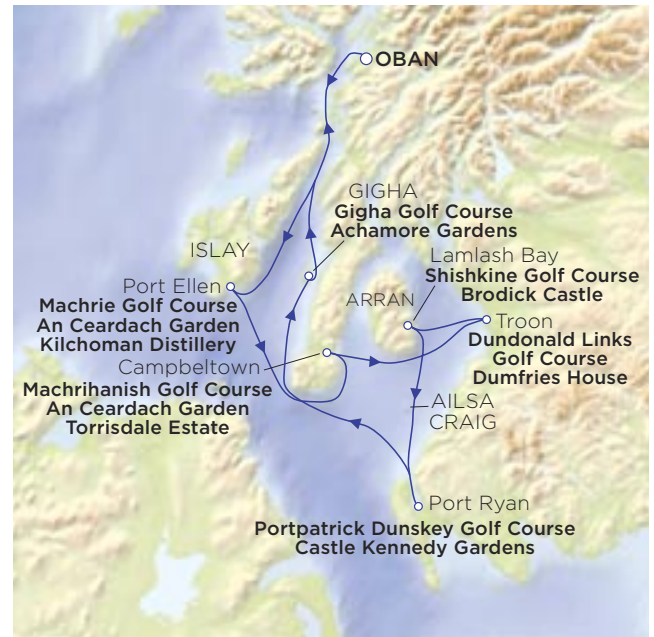
Combine wonderful visits with the opportunity to play golf on courses that could only exist in the home of golf. Many of the courses are set in spectacular rolling sand dunes with breath taking coastal views. The added benefit is that nobody needs to be an expert to enjoy this wonderful cruise.

Steaming south to Islay we discover Finlaggan, the centre of the Lordship of the Isles and sample a wee dram at Kilchoman Distillery, whilst the golfers play the historic links course at Machrie, one of the few examples of a great traditional links course, preserved for 120 years.

The 18 hole 'Championship Course', set in the wonderful Machrihanish Dunes, has become well known, especially for the exceptional first hole which requires the round's opening shot to carry the Atlantic. Non golfers head for a tour of An Ceardach Garden and Torrisdale Estate and gin distillery. Located at the very heart of Ayrshire's golf coast lies a modern masterpiece of a links golf course, Dundonald, recognised as one of Scotland's 'must-play' destinations. Alternatively, enter an 18th century time capsule at Dumfries House.

Onwards to Arran where the 12 hole links course at Shiskine was founded in 1896 and the red sandstone Brodick Castle is surrounded by formal gardens and a woodland country park. From Port Ryan the golfers play the beautifully presented 18 holes at Portpatrick Dunskey and the less energetic explore the delightful gardens at Castle Kennedy.

Our voyage concludes on the fertile Isle of Gigha to explore Sir James Horlick's delightful gardens at Achamore or take in the stunning island and mainland vistas whilst enjoying 9 holes at the Gigha Golf Course.



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 15th September

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 16th September

Port Ellen, Islay – Machrie Golf Course or Finlaggan  
Port Ellen, Islay – Kilchoman Distillery

### Thursday 17th September

Campbeltown – Machrihanish Golf Course or  
An Ceardach Garden  
Campbeltown – Torrisdale Estate

### Friday 18th September

Troon – Dundonald Links Golf Course or Dumfries House

### Saturday 19th September

Lamlash Bay, Arran – Shishkine Golf Course or  
Brodick Castle  
Cruise the Firth of Clyde past Ailsa Craig

### Sunday 20th September

Port Ryan – Portpatrick Dunskey Golf Course or Castle  
Kennedy Gardens  
Cruise the Mull of Kintyre

### Monday 21st September

Gigha – Gigha Golf Course or Achamore Gardens  
Cruise the Slate Islands and the Sound of Luig

### Tuesday 22nd September

Oban – Disembarkation



## Golfing Highlights

- Machrie Golf Club – 18 holes
- Machrihanish Golf Club – 18 holes
- Dundonald Links Golf Club – 18 holes
- Portpatrick Dunskey Golf Club – 18 holes
- Gigha Golf Club – 9 holes

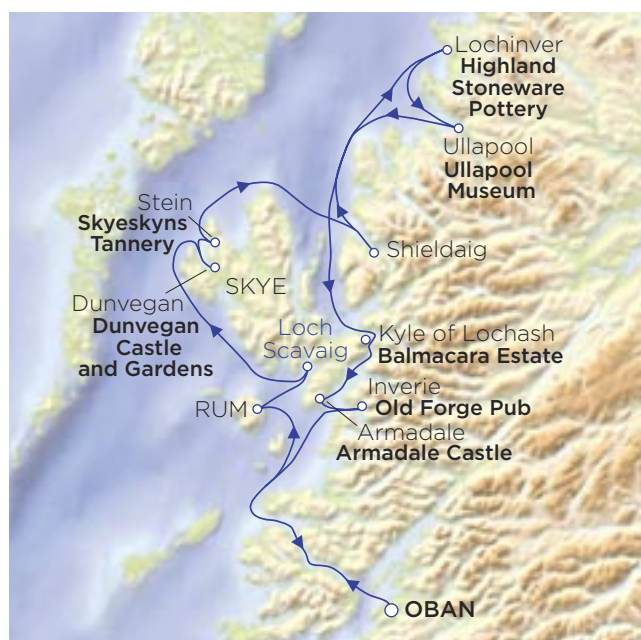


## *Footloose to Skye and Sutherland*

### **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 22nd to Tuesday 29th September 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Answer the call of the Cuillin to discover the magic of Skye on this footloose walking adventure. Enjoy the immersive experience of the wild landscapes of the 'Misty Isle' and the remote Sutherland coast, rich in flora and fauna, with our knowledgeable walking guides and make memories to last a lifetime.

Capped by Askival in the rocky Cuillin, the wildlife haven of Rum is the perfect place to stride out with our guides. On the walkers' paradise of Skye there are walks for all along the shores of Loch Scavaig, nestled at the foot of the Black Cuillin Mountains. The spectacular scenery has been the inspiration for many Scottish writers and painters.

As the more energetic face the challenge of a full day walk on the Watnish peninsula, strollers visit the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle and are transported back





Loch Coruisk, Skye



Armadale Castle, Skye



## Walking Highlights

- Full day walk on the Waternish Peninsula
- Half day walk at Shildaig
- Full day walk from Lochinver
- Half day walk on Balmacara Estate
- Half day walk with ranger at Inverie



in time to witness how real sheepskins are made using time honoured methods at Skyeskyns Tannery.

Walkers and strollers alike can enjoy coastal walks along the shores of Upper Loch Torridon before a relaxing cruise of Wester Ross bound for Lochinver. Join our walking guides on a full day ramble to Ullapool or observe craftspeople creating handmade pottery at Highland Stoneware, and learn the story of Ullapool's history at the local museum.

Owned by the National Trust for Scotland, Balmacara Estate welcomes walkers of all abilities. Discover the rich natural and cultural heritage of Highland crofting amid memorable landscapes.

Returning to Skye, Armadale beckons. Explore the romantic castle ruins or follow a beautiful woodland trail with panoramic views. Cruising Loch Nevis to remote Inverie, a local ranger leads a scenic walk on the Knoydart peninsula.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 22nd September

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 23rd September

Rum – Walks ashore

Loch Scavaig, Skye – Walks at Loch Coruisk

### Thursday 24th September

Loch Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle, Gardens and seal boat trip or full day walk

Stein, Skye – Skyeskyns Tannery / Walkers rejoin ship

### Friday 25th September

Shildaig – Walks and strolls

Cruise the coast of Wester Ross

### Saturday 26th September

Lochinver – Highland Stoneware Pottery or full day walk Ullapool – Ullapool Museum / Walkers rejoin ship

### Sunday 27th September

Cruise the Inner Sound

Kyle of Lochalsh – Walks on Balmacara Estate

### Monday 28th September

Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle or walks

Inverie – Old Forge pub or walk with local ranger

### Tuesday 29th September

Oban – Disembarkation





Plockton



Lewis Castle, Lewis





# Wester Ross and the Western Isles

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 29th September to

Tuesday 6th October 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Beautiful in all season, the Scottish Highlands and Islands display an even more stunning tapestry of landscapes in autumn as green turns to bronze, copper and gold. Far from the crowds and the everyday world, savour the serenity of the north west coast and the Outer Isles at arguably the best time of year.

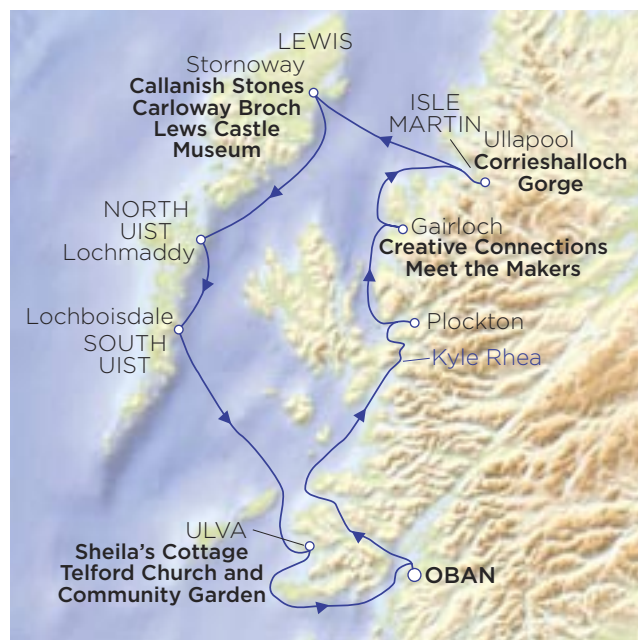
Settle into life on board as we steam northwards where the Highland jewel of Plockton awaits. Enjoy afternoon strolls by the translucent waters of Loch Carron, rimmed with exotic palms. Based at the Old Inn at Gairloch, Creative Connections is home to a collection of artists and craftspeople; here we can 'Meet the Makers' and enjoy a demonstration of their skills, and discover how people live and work in this remote area of the Highlands.

Cross the suspension bridge at Corrieshalloch Gorge to marvel at the Falls of Measach, plummeting into the spectacular gorge below. The Summer Isles are calling; stretch our legs on the uninhabited Isle Martin.

We arrive in Stornoway to sense the mystery of the awe-inspiring Megalithic Callanish Standing Stones, and the well-preserved, 2,000-year-old Carloway Broch. Discover how the diversity of the Outer Hebrides is shaped by a unique combination of land, sea and people at the Lews Castle Museum.

A tour of the Uists uncovers a host of ancient monuments, many dating back thousands of years, such as the neolithic cairn of Barpa Langass and the stone circle of Pobull Fhinn. Returning over the Sea of the Hebrides, the tiny Isle of Ulva is our final port of call.

The island's past is well documented at Sheila's Cottage Museum.



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 29th September

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 30th September

Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Narrows

Plockton – Walks ashore

### Thursday 1st October

Gairloch – Creative Connections and Meet the Makers

Cruise the coast of Wester Ross

### Friday 2nd October

Ullapool – Corrieshalloch Gorge

Isle Martin – Walks ashore

### Saturday 3rd October

Stornoway, Lewis – Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch

Stornoway, Lewis – Lews Castle Museum

### Sunday 4th October

Lochmaddy, North Uist – Island tour of the Uists

Lochboisdale, South Uist – Guests rejoin ship

### Monday 5th October

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides

Ulva – Sheila's Cottage, Telford Church and

Community Garden

### Tuesday 6th October

Oban – Disembarkation



Corrieshalloch Gorge

## Hebridean Highlights

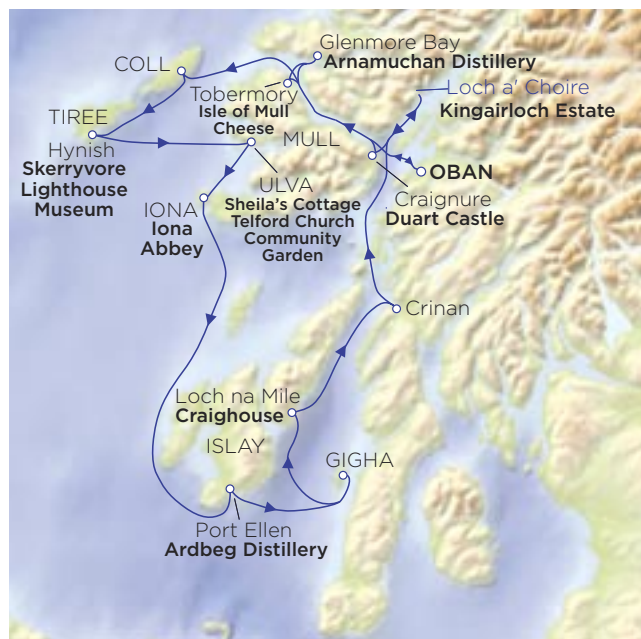
- Plockton
- Creative Connections, Gairloch
- Isle Martin
- Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch
- Sheila's Cottage, Ulva

# *Impressions of the Inner Isles*

## **Oban to Oban**

Tuesday 6th to Tuesday 13th October 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



The Inner Hebrides form a wonderful tapestry of landscapes in the sheltered waters off Scotland's west coast. Enjoy the awe-inspiring contrasts of wild, untamed beinns and glens with the softer beauty of silver sand beaches fringed by dunes on this voyage through a little-known world.

Very much off the beaten track, Coll offers refreshing walks and the chance to get away from it all. Visit the museum on Tiree which tells the fascinating tale of the construction of Scotland's tallest lighthouse on a hazardous reef at Skerryvore, 10 nautical miles out to sea.

Explore the community owned island of Ulva and learn of its history and heritage before landing on the sacred isle of Iona. The restored Benedictine abbey remains a much-





revered place of pilgrimage. Sample the world-renowned malt whisky crafted at Ardbeg on a fascinating tour of a distillery which was officially established by the MacDougall family in 1815.

Stroll ashore on 'God's' island of Gigha and the deer isle of Jura where the 200 people are outnumbered by a huge population of deer. First opened in 1801 as a short cut to avoid the long journey around the Mull of Kintyre, the Crinan Canal is the perfect location for gentle towpath strolls.

Experience life on a working Highland estate at Kingairloch and uncover 800 years of history at Duart Castle, standing guard on the sea cliffs of Mull. Our final day is spent sampling the wares at Scotland's greenest distillery, Ardnamurchan, and the award-winning Isle of Mull Cheese.

## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 6th October

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 7th October

Coll – Walks ashore

Hynish, Tiree – Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum

### Thursday 8th October

Ulva – Sheila's Cottage, Telford Church and Community Garden

Iona – Iona Abbey

### Friday 9th October

Port Ellen, Islay – Ardbeg Distillery

Gigha – Walks ashore

### Saturday 10th October

Loch na Mìle, Jura – Craighouse

Crinan – Canal towpath walks

### Sunday 11th October

Loch a' Choire - Kingairloch Estate

Craignure, Mull – Duart Castle

### Monday 12th October

Glenmore Bay – Ardnamurchan Distillery

Tobermory, Mull – Isle of Mull Cheese

### Tuesday 13th October

Oban – Disembarkation



Hebridean Princess, Crinan



Duart Castle, Mull



Iona Abbey

## Hebridean Highlights

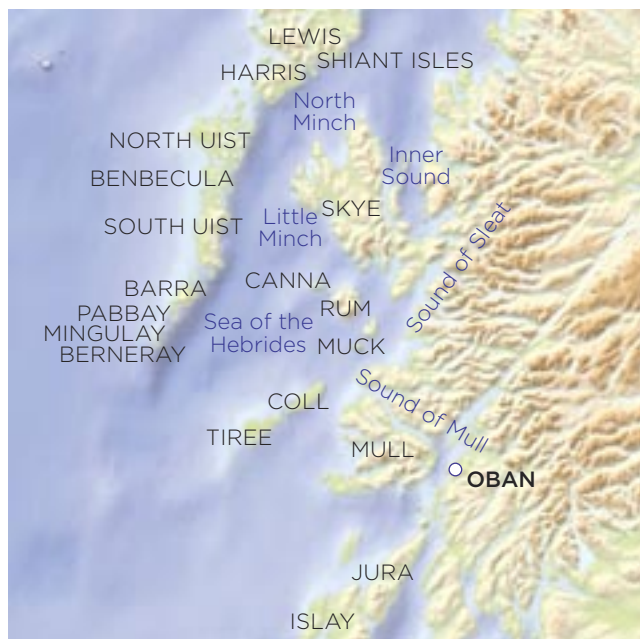
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
  - Iona Abbey
  - Ardbeg Distillery
  - Duart Castle
- Ardnamurchan Distillery

# Autumn Surprise

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 13th to Tuesday 20th October 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



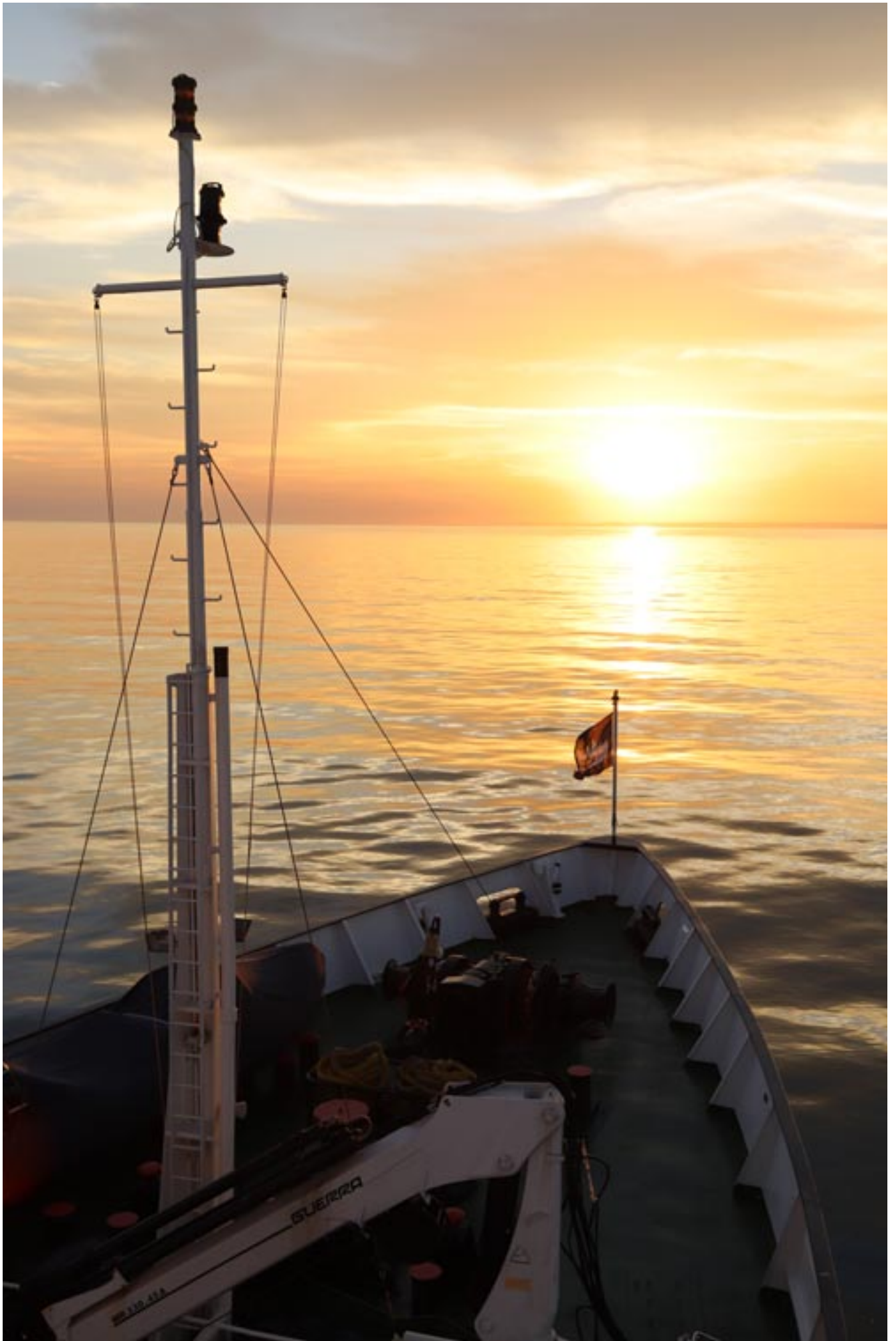
Embark on a voyage into the unknown. Join us on our Autumn Surprise where only the Captain knows our course.

As autumn dawns, discover the hidden treasures, magic and mystery of Scotland's West Coast and the remote and wildly beautiful Hebridean islands. The Captain will take you to some favourite destinations, revealing the itinerary on a day-to-day basis.

Although the itinerary is unknown, the high level of comfort and service on board *Hebridean Princess* is always assured.









Laphroaig Distillery, Islay



Kinloch Lodge, Skye



Ardnamurchan Distillery



# Flavours of the Hebrides

## Oban to Oban

Tuesday 20th to

Tuesday 27th October 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

A similar itinerary departs on 21st April 2026

Scotland is rightly proud of its reputation for its wonderful natural larder and those who produce mouth-watering creations. Join *Hebridean Princess* on this gastronomic voyage, as we explore the wonderful culinary offerings of the Highlands and Islands.

Islay has a reputation for big peaty whiskies and from Port Ellen we visit one of the island's famous distilleries, Laphroaig. On Colonsay meet the man who supplies *Hebridean Princess* with oysters, but also learn about his other passion - honey and the black tailed bees he keeps.

A panoramic cruise of the Small Isles highlights their diversity ahead of a visit to the most remote pub on the British mainland, the Old Forge at Inverie. From Armadale, lunch at the award-winning Kinloch Lodge beckons. Nestled in the hills on the Isle of Skye it offers relaxed comfort, Highland hospitality and spectacular food.

A morning cruise takes us to Loch Dunvegan, where we visit Dunvegan Castle and enjoy lunch at the world renowned Three Chimneys Restaurant. Here we can savour the rich natural bounty that Skye's lands and seas have to offer.

At Ardnamurchan Distillery we learn of the sustainable yet traditional way in which the whisky is made and taste a wee dram. Visit Isle of Mull Cheese, a small, family farm, to discover how the local cheeses and spirits are sustainably made.

Indulge your culinary cravings at the Isle of Eriska hotel, a destination to relish the highest quality of local, seasonal produce. Our adventure concludes with a private Champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan Maclean, Chieftain of Clan MacLean.



## Travel Plan – 7 nights

### Tuesday 20th October

Oban – Embarkation

### Wednesday 21st October

Port Ellen, Islay – Laphroaig Distillery  
Colonsay – Colonsay Oysters and Honey

### Thursday 22nd October

Cruise the Small Isles  
Inverie – The Old Forge Pub

### Friday 23rd October

Armadale, Skye – Clan Donald Centre / Lunch at Kinloch Lodge  
Cruise the west coast of Skye

### Saturday 24th October

Loch Dunvegan, Skye – Dunvegan Castle / Lunch at the Three Chimneys  
Cruise the Small Isles

### Sunday 25th October

Glenmore Bay – Ardnamurchan Distillery  
Tobermory, Mull – Isle of Mull Cheese

### Monday 26th October

Isle of Eriska – Lunch in the fine dining restaurant  
Craignure, Mull – Champagne reception at Duart Castle

### Tuesday 27th October

Oban – Disembarkation



## Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Kinloch Lodge Lunch
- Three Chimneys Restaurant Lunch
- Isle of Eriska Hotel Lunch
- Duart Castle Champagne Reception

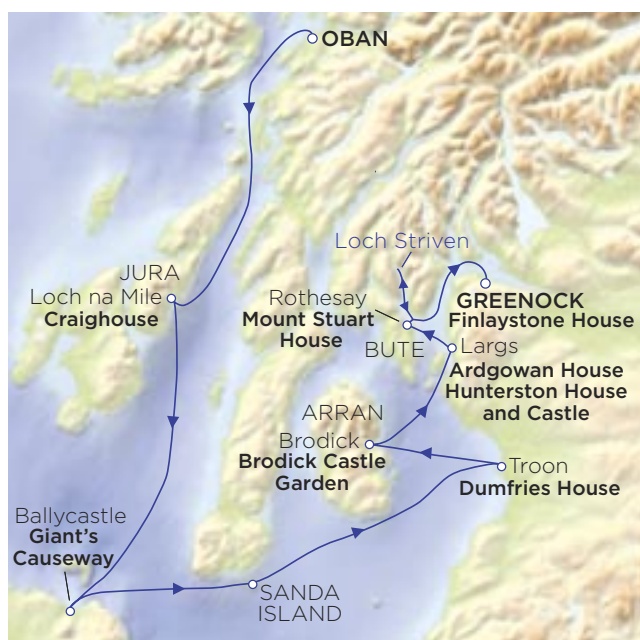


## *The Call of the Clyde*

### **Oban to Greenock**

Tuesday 27th October to Tuesday 3rd November 2026

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



On this spellbinding cruise south from Oban, *Hebridean Princess* leaves the Hebrides in her wake, follows in the footsteps of the giant, Finn McCool and enjoys the more sheltered waters of the Clyde Estuary. Beautiful in all seasons, these wonderful landscapes are steeped in history and romance.

Steaming south from Oban we land on Jura for walks in this haven for wildlife where red deer outnumber humans. The Emerald Isle is calling and we follow in the footsteps of Finn McCool, to the 40,000 basalt columns tumbling into the Atlantic Ocean, forming the spectacular Giant's Causeway.

A privately owned island of 400 acres, picturesque Sanda plays host to refreshing walks. Enter an 18th century time-capsule at Dumfries House where we can





Ardgowan House



### Guest Speaker Garry Richardson

Garry has been broadcasting with the BBC for over 50 years. During that time he has interviewed some of the world's most famous people. They include Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali and President Bill Clinton.

Garry will give a series of amusing talks on his colourful broadcasting life. They include working with Hollywood legend Richard Burton and his hilarious meeting with Morecambe and Wise and the cast of Dad's Army. Garry has presented on the Radio 4 Today programme for over 40 years, these talks are sure to give you a smile!



Giant's Causeway

### *Hebridean Highlights*

- Giant's Causeway
- Sanda Island
- Dumfries House
- Ardgowan House
- Mount Stuart House



appreciate the architecture of Robert Adam with the furniture of Thomas Chippendale. Savour the delights of this now resplendent 18th century stately home, before enjoying the formal gardens and woodland country park surrounding the grand baronial castle at Brodick.

Sail to Largs for our visit to the Palladian mansion of Ardgowan House, ancestral seat of the Shaw Stewart family for 800 years. Built in 1263, Hunterston is one of the very few castles in Scotland that still belongs to the original family, the Clan Hunter. The tower house was replaced in 1799 by Hunterston House.

Mount Stuart House stands testament to the 3rd Marquess of Bute. An eclectic mix of architectural styles, it was the first house in Scotland to be wired for electricity. Set in 500 acres of ancient woodland and mature gardens overlooking the Clyde, a warm welcome awaits at Finlaystone House.

### Travel Plan – 7 nights

#### **Tuesday 27th October**

Oban – Embarkation

#### **Wednesday 28th October**

Loch na Mile, Jura – Craighouse  
Cruise the North Channel

#### **Thursday 29th October**

Ballycastle, NI – Giant's Causeway  
Sanda Island – Walks ashore

#### **Friday 30th October**

Troon – Full day visit to Dumfries House with lunch

#### **Saturday 31st October**

Brodick, Arran – Brodick Castle Garden  
Largs – Ardgowan House

#### **Sunday 1st November**

Largs – Hunterston House and Castle  
Cruise East Kyle and Loch Striven

#### **Monday 2nd November**

Rothesay, Bute – Mount Stuart House  
Greenock – Finlaystone House

#### **Tuesday 3rd November**

Greenock – Disembarkation

This cruise starts and ends in different ports.  
Please refer to page 110 for travel options.

# Sea Lochs of the Clyde



## Greenock to Greenock

Tuesday 3rd to

Saturday 7th November 2026

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

The fresher days of autumn, many still illuminated by bright sunshine and clear blue skies, are the perfect moment for a short break. Cruising shimmering lochs backed by tree-clad hills, taste the magic and romance of the Clyde from the reassuring warmth of *Hebridean Princess*.

Snaking inland from the Firth of Clyde, a cruise of Loch Fyne unveils picturesque landscapes of towering mountains, sandy bays and intriguing inlets. Arriving at the pretty fishing village of Ardishaig, the eastern starting point of the Crinan Canal, we travel north to Kilmartin Glen and open the door to 12,000 years of history. One of Scotland's richest prehistoric sites and brimming with historic wonders the museum displays artefacts from the glen, offer a fascinating insight into the lives of our ancestors.

Lying on the Cowal Peninsula, Portavadie offers scenic walks along Argyll's Secret Coast. With magnificent views across Loch Fyne to Kintyre, this region is secluded, unspoiled and wild.

Next we make landfall on little-known Great Cumbrae. Along Millport Bay, wonder at the diminutive Cathedral of the Isles. Dating from 1861 and the smallest in Britain, it seats only 100 worshippers.

Visit one of the Britain's only fully restored water-powered organs and stunning stained glass windows designed by Stephen Adam at Historic Kilmun. Discover the burial places of Argyll's Campbell Clan chiefs and Dukes dating back hundreds of years.

## Travel Plan - 4 nights

### Tuesday 3rd November

Greenock - Embarkation

### Wednesday 4th November

Cruise Loch Fyne

Ardishaig - Kilmartin Glen and Museum

### Thursday 5th November

Portavadie - Walks ashore

Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles

### Friday 6th November

Holy Loch - Argyll Mausoleum and Historic Kilmun

Rhu - Hill House

### Saturday 7th November

Greenock - Disembarkation

## Hebridean Highlights

- Kilmartin Glen and Museum
- Portavadie
- Cathedral of the Isles
- Argyll Mausoleum & Historic Kilmun
- Hill House



Cathedral of the Isles





Kilmartin Glen



Stained Glass Historic Kilmun



Hill House



## CABINS

Elegantly decorated and furnished, *Hebridean Princess* cabins are individually designed to make the most of the available space. Poetically named after Scottish isles, castles, lochs and sounds, they are amongst the most spacious for vessels of her size.

All cabins offer ample wardrobe space, including a small personal safe, drawers and a dressing table, hairdryer, trouser press, iron and ironing board, tea/coffee-making facilities and television. There is also a refrigerator stocked with a selection of soft drinks with fresh milk supplied daily. For your added comfort and relaxation, bathrobes, slippers and a wide range of Molton Brown toiletries are also provided. All guests enjoy exactly the same high standard of service irrespective of cabin grade.

Please note that smoking is not allowed in the cabins.



Isle of Berneray Bathroom





Isle of Canna



Isle of Colonsay



Sound of Jura



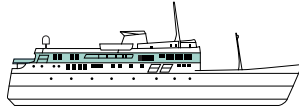
Isle of Berneray Bedroom





Isle of Raasay





## PROMENADE DECK

### ISLE OF IONA ISLE OF STAFFA

Bed: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Full-size bath with shower over

Price category

Situated on the port and starboard sides of the Promenade Deck, towards the after end of the ship, these two superb cabins are fitted with super king-size beds convertible into twins. Large picture windows are perfect for watching the landscapes unfold. Spacious bathrooms contain full-size baths with showers over.

### ISLE OF RAASAY

Bed: Double

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

Price category

An excellent port-side cabin in a quiet corner on the same level as the Tiree Lounge and the Library. This extremely comfortable cabin has open views from its windows and is well-equipped with private facilities, including a walk-in shower.

## BALCONY CABINS

### ISLE OF BERNERAY ISLE OF BUTE

Bed: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Full-size bath with shower over

Price category

The roomy Isle of Berneray and Isle of Bute are situated on the port and starboard sides, towards the after end of the Promenade Deck. The private balconies in these cabins ensure total privacy as they cannot be overlooked from the ship, and with teak tables and chairs, they are the perfect place to sit back, relax and take in the breathtaking landscapes. These cabins contain super king-size beds, which can be re-arranged as twins. The bathrooms are generous in size with full-size baths and showers over.



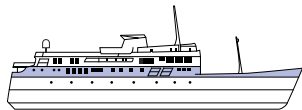
Isle of Iona



Isle of Bute



Isle of Bute Balcony



## PRINCESS DECK

### ISLE OF ARRAN SUITE

Bed: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Full-size bath with separate walk-in shower

Price category

The ship's largest cabin, the Isle of Arran Suite, is located on the port side of the Princess Deck and, as all windows are on the ship's side, privacy is assured. It comprises a large, separate day room, a spacious bedroom and a well-equipped bathroom with bath and separate walk-in shower. The bedroom contains a super king-size bed, which can be re-arranged as twins, generous wardrobes, drawers, dressing table and a second television.

### ISLE OF COLL

### ISLE OF COLONSAY

Bed: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Full-size bath with shower over

Price category

Located on the same deck as Reception and the Columba Restaurant, these roomy, forward-facing cabins, at the forward end of the Princess Deck, are fitted with three large picture windows offering excellent views ahead over the bow. The super king-size beds can be re-arranged as twins. A well deck, some 40 feet (12 m) in length, between the cabins and the forecastle, ensures privacy. Large bathrooms feature full-size baths with showers over.

## BALCONY CABINS

### ISLE OF BARRA

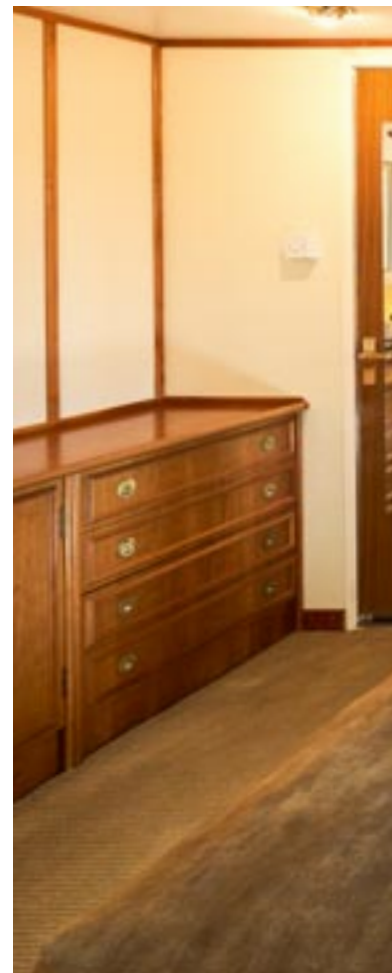
### ISLE OF BENBECULA

Bed: King-size

Bathroom: Full-size bath with shower over

Price category

The Isle of Barra and Isle of Benbecula are located on the port and starboard sides forward on the Princess Deck. The balconies, which afford total privacy as they cannot be overlooked from the ship, are fitted with teak tables and chairs for you to enjoy the magnificent scenery. The bathrooms are generous in size with full-size baths and showers over.







Isle of Arran Bedroom



Isle of Coll



Isle of Arran Day Room

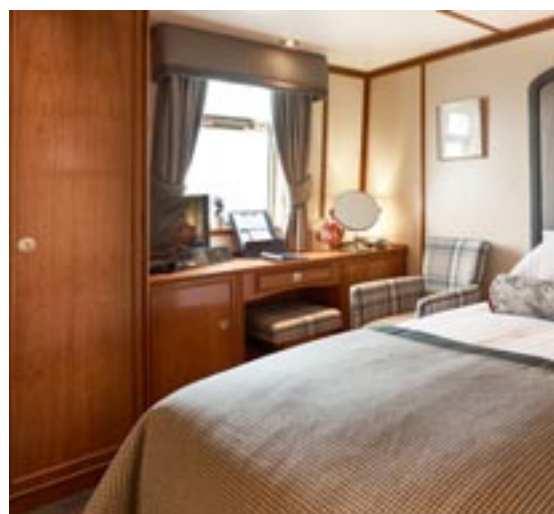


Isle of Benbecula Balcony



Isle of Barra









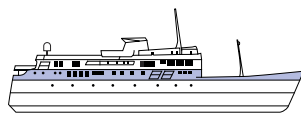
Isle of Danna



Isle of Eigg



Complimentary Cabin Whisky



## PRINCESS DECK

### ISLE OF DANNA

Bed: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

Price category

A roomy cabin that is in great demand with returning guests, the Isle of Danna is tucked into a quiet corner on the port side of the Princess Deck. It contains a super king-size bed, which can be converted into twin beds, and two comfortable chairs from which to enjoy panoramic views through full-size picture windows. Charming private facilities include a walk-in shower.

### ISLE OF MUCK

Bed: Double

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

Price category

This popular, double-bedded cabin, located on the starboard side of the Princess Deck, has three full-size picture windows, which afford superb views and give the room a bright, airy feel. Private facilities include a walk-in shower.

### ISLE OF CANNA

### ISLE OF EIGG

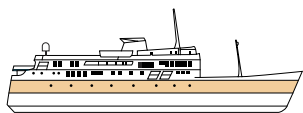
### ISLE OF RUM

Bed: Single

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

Price category

These well-appointed cabins lie on the starboard side of the Princess Deck, enjoying good views from their windows. With a charming home-from-home feel for the single traveller, they are much in demand. The private facilities include walk-in showers.



## WATERFRONT DECK

### DUART CASTLE KINLOCH CASTLE TOROSAY CASTLE

Beds: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Full-size bath with separate walk-in shower

Price category

Very roomy and excellent value, these elegant cabins on the Waterfront Deck are connected by a flight of stairs to the Princess Deck, offering easy access to the embarkation area on the same level for the small boats when going ashore. While Kinloch and Torosay Castle cabins are fitted with two opening portholes, Duart Castle also has a forward-facing porthole. All feature spacious bathrooms with full-size baths and walk-in showers.

### ARDVRECK CASTLE LEWS CASTLE

Beds: Double

Bathroom: Full-size bath with shower over

Price category

Excellent value, these elegant cabins on the Waterfront Deck are connected by a flight of stairs to the Princess Deck, offering easy access to the embarkation area on the same level for the small boats when going ashore. Both these cabins are fitted with two opening portholes and feature spacious bathrooms with full-size baths and showers over.

### SOUND OF ISLAY SOUND OF JURA SOUND OF MULL SOUND OF SLEAT

Bed: Single (Jura and Sleat)

Bed: Double (Islay and Mull)

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

Price category

Situated on the starboard side of the Waterfront Deck, these are roomy single cabins, fitted with two opening portholes. The private facilities feature walk-in showers. A single staircase links these rooms to the Princess Deck, with direct access by a flight of three steps to the embarkation area for the small boats when going ashore.







Ardvreck Castle



Lewis Castle



Duart Castle



Torosay Castle



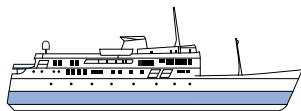
Sound of Islay





Loch Harport





## HEBRIDEAN DECK

### LOCH CRINAN LOCH HARPORT LOCH TORRIDON

Beds: Super king-size or twin

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

#### Price category

These charming, interchangeable super king-size or twin-bedded cabins on the port and starboard sides of the Hebridean Deck are generous in size and attractively priced. Although there are no windows or portholes, fresh air is circulated day and night by the ship's forced-air ventilation system. Spacious private facilities include a walk-in shower.

### LOCH SCRESORT

Bed: Single

Bathroom: Walk-in shower

#### Price category

This delightful cabin, located on the starboard side of the Hebridean Deck, is well-appointed and offers the single traveller excellent value for money. Fresh air is supplied by the ship's forced-air ventilation system, as this cabin does not have windows or portholes. Loch Scresort has good-sized private facilities with a walk-in shower.



Loch Crinan



Loch Torridon

## SMOOTH START TO YOUR CRUISE

Our experienced reservations staff can assist with all your UK travel arrangements, including individually tailored packages, to make your journey to and from *Hebridean Princess* as relaxed and as stress-free as possible. Whether you prefer the convenience of a chauffeur transfer, or the comfort of a private airport lounge, we will be only too pleased to cater for your requirements.

### FLIGHTS

Our reservations staff can advise and arrange flights from/to UK airports to/from the airport nearest to your port of embarkation in order to meet with our coach transfer.

### RAIL

We can arrange standard or first class rail travel from/to your local UK railway station, together with seat reservations where available, to/from the station nearest to the port of embarkation in order to meet with our coach transfer.

### AIRPORTS AND RAILWAY STATIONS

For cruises starting and/or ending in Oban or Greenock the nearest transport terminals are Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport.

For cruises starting and/or ending in Invergordon the nearest transport terminals are Inverness Railway Station and Inverness Airport.

### PRIVATE COACH TRANSFERS

Guests travelling by rail or air will be collected at the railway stations or airports indicated and transported by coach to join *Hebridean Princess*.

### SECURE CAR PARKING

A garaging facility is provided for cruises starting and ending in Oban and secure car parking is available for Greenock and Invergordon departures.

### DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSFERS

As an added touch of luxury, our door-to-door service makes it possible for you to enjoy the comfort of chauffeur driven travel from most places in the UK to your embarkation port, or any UK railway station or airport.

### LUGGAGE TRANSFERS

The Baggage man provides a luggage collection and delivery service from your home to *Hebridean Princess* and return. Please contact The Baggage man directly on 01844 264890 or visit [thebaggage man.com](http://thebaggage man.com).

### HOTELS

You may prefer to extend your cruise with a pre- or post-cruise hotel stay and many of our hotel partners, like *Hebridean Princess*, are members of Luxury Scotland or PoB Hotels.

For cruises that embark and disembark in different ports, trouble-free arrangements have been made by our reservations staff.

### GEMS OF ARGYLL

#### 24th to 31st March - Greenock to Oban

Coach transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport to Greenock at the start of the cruise, and from Oban to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

Car parking is available at Greenock and a complimentary transfer will be provided from Oban to Greenock on the day of disembarkation for guests wishing to utilise the car parking facility in Greenock.

### GUIDING LIGHTS TO THE FAR NORTH

#### 14th to 23rd July - Oban to Invergordon

Coach transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport to Oban at the start of the cruise, and from the port of Invergordon to Inverness Airport and Inverness Railway Station at the end of the cruise. Car parking is available at the port of Invergordon and a complimentary transfer will be provided to Oban on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise this car parking arrangement.

### HOME FROM THE FAR NORTH

#### 19th to 28th August - Invergordon to Oban

Coach transfers will be provided from Inverness Railway Station and Inverness Airport to the port of Invergordon at the start of the cruise, and from Oban to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway Station at the end of the cruise. Car parking is available at Oban and a complimentary transfer will be provided to Invergordon on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise this car parking arrangement.

### THE CALL OF THE CLYDE

#### 27th Oct to 3rd Nov - Oban to Greenock

Coach transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport to Oban at the start of the cruise, and from Greenock to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

Car parking is available at Greenock and a complimentary transfer will be provided from Greenock to Oban on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise the car parking facility in Greenock.



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## ANIMALS

We regret that no animals are permitted on board the vessel other than assistance dogs accompanying disabled passengers.

## BINOCULARS

Wildlife lovers may wish to bring binoculars as there are only a limited number on board for loan.

## COMMUNICATIONS

There are iPads in the Library and Wi-Fi access is available.

Mobile phones should be switched to silent in public rooms. The cellular system in the cruising areas can be somewhat patchy and reception can be irregular.

## DINING AND RESTAURANT ARRANGEMENTS

The Columba Restaurant is large enough for all guests to dine at the same time. The majority of tables are for two, but should guests wish to dine together we will be delighted to reserve a table for a maximum of eight. Guests travelling on their own will be seated at a larger table, usually hosted by an Officer, unless they indicate otherwise.

**Special diets:** We can cater for most dietary preferences, with the exception of strict kosher and one or two other regimes. Special requests should be included in the Pre-Cruise Questionnaire issued before your cruise begins; our reservations staff will be pleased to advise you.

## DISABLED FACILITIES

If wheelchair users wish to cruise with us, they must be accompanied by a fare-paying able-bodied companion to assist them on board and ashore. Wheelchair access may be limited. Entrances to the vessel have raised coamings and almost all cabins have a raised lip or step from bedroom to bathroom. Please note that bedroom doors are no wider than 70cm. As the vessel does not carry a supply of narrow wheelchairs for general use, guests should check that their own chair is of a suitable width.

## DRESS AND FOOTWEAR

**Daytime:** During the day dress is casual. It is advisable to bring suitable clothing for the area in which you will be cruising.

**Evening:** For dinner in the evening, guests prefer to dress more formally, with a jacket and tie for gentlemen and the equivalent for ladies.

**Gala evenings:** The recommended dress code for Gala evenings is black tie for gentlemen and evening wear for ladies.

On these evenings, the Officers will wear formal dress. The number of Gala evenings depends on the length of the cruise, but as a guideline, two formal Gala Dinners will be held during a seven-night cruise.

**Footwear:** Non-slip shoes should be worn on deck and in the ship's small boats when going ashore. Some cruises visit remote locations where heavy-soled shoes or walking boots are recommended for shore visits and serious walking.

**'Footloose' walking cruises:** In addition to walking boots, we recommend that guests protect themselves against the unpredictable weather with waterproof clothing; we

would stress that jeans are considered unsuitable. A reasonably sized rucksack would also be useful.

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The electricity supply on *Hebridean Princess* is 240v AC and standard UK 3-pin sockets are provided in cabins. If guests wish to use 110v equipment, a transformer will be required – a limited supply is available on board for loan. The ship also carries adaptors for European and US style plugs, obtainable from the Housekeeper.

## ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION (ETA)

All overseas passengers travelling to the UK who do not need a visa, will need permission to enter the country in advance of travel and will need to apply for the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

An ETA is a digital permission to travel – it is not a visa and does not permit entry into the UK – it authorises a person to travel to the UK.

Applying for an ETA is quick and simple. Visitors should apply in advance and find out when to do so on UK government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

The ETA costs £16 and is valid for multiple entries to the UK over the course of two years or until the traveller's passport expires, whichever is sooner and can be obtained online through the UK government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or via the app (search for "UK ETA" on the Apple app store or Google Play).

## FITNESS ON BOARD AND ASHORE

Many of our visits ashore call for reasonable walking ability if guests are to gain maximum enjoyment from the cruise. As many are to lesser-known and remote places, there are frequently landing stages, steps, slopes and rough ground to contend with. We therefore reserve the right not to take a guest on a particular visit if we feel that it would be beyond his or her capabilities or might affect the enjoyment of fellow guests. If you are uncertain of your ability to participate in these activities, please contact our reservations team to discuss the route in detail before confirming your booking. Those requiring wheelchairs and/or regular assistance in order to participate in shore visits must be accompanied by a fare-paying, able-bodied companion to assist them.

## GOING ASHORE

Since many of the places on our itineraries are unsuitable for berthing alongside, *Hebridean Princess* is equipped with sturdy tenders to transport guests ashore. Buoyancy aids are provided and must be worn in all small boat operations. **Please note, however, that use of the ship's tenders does require a certain degree of agility.** If in doubt, guests with physical disabilities and elderly or infirm passengers should contact our reservations team before booking.

Our itineraries are planned to allow frequent visits ashore to interesting and unusual places, but participation is by no means compulsory. The emphasis is on pleasing one's self. As alternatives, we can usually suggest an independent stroll or a more energetic walk ashore, perhaps a bike ride or, as many guests have discovered, the relaxation of staying on board.

## GRATUITIES

Hebridean operates a 'no tipping' policy.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - CONTINUED

### HEALTH

When booking, guests must advise Hebridean of particular health conditions necessitating special precautions and of any subsequent change. **It is the responsibility of each guest to inform Hebridean of any prevailing condition which may affect them on board or ashore and, equally, other guests' ability to enjoy to the full any shore visits during their cruise.** Please refer to the section 'Fitness on board and ashore' above relating to the requirements for able-bodied companions.

### HEBRIDEAN SHOP

There is a wee shop on board selling a bespoke range of gifts and mementos. We support British designers and makers and the majority of our items are made in the UK.

### ITINERARY DETAIL AND VARIATIONS

Cruise itineraries are published in good faith, but may have to be altered on board to take into account climatic, geographical, political and other factors over which Hebridean or its agents have no control. We will do our best to minimise alterations and their potential effect on guests.

While the Captain will do his utmost to follow the itinerary, he will, where appropriate, adapt the route to suit the prevailing and forecast weather conditions. The Captain's decision is always final. If such amendments need to be made at short notice, we cannot make any financial adjustments. Please see page 4 of the 2026 Cruise Diary & Tariff for our Conditions of Business.

### MEDICAL FACILITIES

Guests are advised to pack all necessary medical supplies, as our ports of call are generally off the beaten track and may lack facilities. If guests intend to bring any electrical or electronic medical equipment, they should first check with our reservations team that it is compatible with the ship's 240v electricity supply.

*Hebridean Princess* does not carry a doctor as she is never far from land. Guests should ensure that, to their knowledge, they are fit to take a holiday during which immediate medical assistance may not be available. Arrangements to consult a doctor on land can be made at relatively short notice and assistance can be summoned quickly in the event of an emergency. Any medical and repatriation costs will be charged to the guest's account.

The ship's Officers are trained in first aid and a comprehensive medical supply is kept for emergency use.

### MINORS

We regret that children under the age of 12 cannot be accommodated.

### ON BOARD LEISURE

*Hebridean Princess* boasts a well-stocked library, and a card and games area with a range of board games, jigsaws, chess and backgammon. A small variety of gym equipment is available on the Waterfront Deck.

### SAILING

Most sailing on *Hebridean Princess* is scheduled to take place over breakfast and lunch, apart from overnight sailings to St. Kilda. Smaller ships tend to have a certain amount of vibration and some noise is inevitable when the main engines are running. At night, a sound insulated generator supplies domestic power to the vessel.

### SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY

Eight of our cabins are designed and let on a single occupancy basis. Double cabins for single occupancy will be charged a supplement of 85% of the per-person fare for that cabin grade. Please refer to the Cabin Facilities and Dimensions Guide in the inside back cover or contact our reservations team for further details.

### SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed inside the vessel at any time and is not permitted in cabins. Smoking is allowed only on the outer decks, and guests occupying balcony cabins are asked to show consideration to other balcony users.

### STAIRS

Please note that there are no lifts (elevators) on board *Hebridean Princess* and, although well equipped with handrails, some of the ship's stairways are steep, particularly those from the Princess Deck to the Waterfront and Hebridean Decks.

### VALUABLES

A small safe is provided in each cabin to secure valuables. Hebridean cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to guests' valuables.

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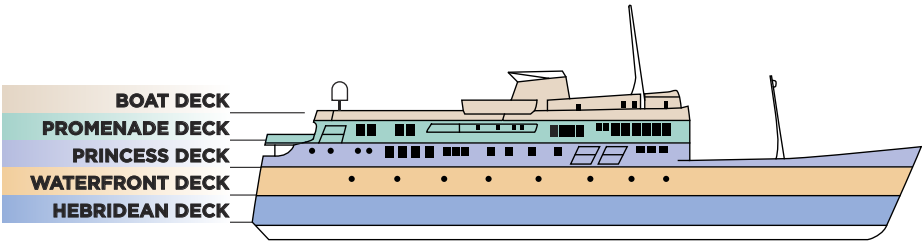
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# CABIN FACILITIES AND DIMENSIONS GUIDE

- British flag and management
- British officers
- Lloyd's registered
- Twin screw
- 2,112 gross registered tons
- Fully stabilised
- 5 passenger decks
- Maximum of 48 passengers
- Quick launch & recovery tender system

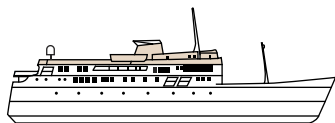


The ship was especially designed and built to sail in the waters of the Scottish Western Isles and has proven her ability over the years.

	Price category	Deck location	Separate day room	Private balcony	Windows	Portholes	Bath	Shower	Double bed	King-size bed	Single bed	Interchangeable twin/super king-size bed	Bedroom (m <sup>2</sup> )	Bedroom (sq ft)	Bath with shower Walk in shower (m <sup>2</sup> )	Bath with shower Walk in shower (sq ft)	Day room/ balcony (m <sup>2</sup> )	Day room/ balcony (sq ft)	Total private floor size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total private floor size (sq ft)
Double/Twin Cabins																				
Isle of Arran Suite			•		•		•	•				•	15.2	163.6	4.0	43.1	12.4	133.4	31.6	340.1
Isle of Berneray				•	•		•	•				•	17.7	190.5	3.3	35.5	5.0	53.8	26.0	279.8
Isle of Bute				•	•		•	•				•	17.7	190.5	3.3	35.5	5.0	53.8	26.0	279.8
Isle of Barra				•	•		•	•		•			12.8	137.7	4.8	51.6	4.8	51.6	22.4	240.9
Isle of Benbecula				•	•		•	•		•			12.8	137.7	4.8	51.6	4.8	51.6	22.4	240.9
Isle of Coll					•		•	•				•	15.2	163.6	4.1	44.1			19.3	207.7
Isle of Colonsay					•		•	•				•	15.2	163.6	4.1	44.1			19.3	207.7
Isle of Iona					•		•	•				•	19.3	207.7	3.3	35.5			22.6	243.2
Isle of Staffa					•		•	•				•	19.3	207.7	3.3	35.5			22.6	243.2
Isle of Danna					•			•				•	19.8	213.1	2.8	30.1			22.6	243.2
Duart Castle						•	•	•				•	11.5	123.7	4.2	45.2			15.7	168.9
Kinloch Castle						•	•	•				•	13.4	144.2	4.8	51.6			18.2	195.8
Toronsay Castle						•	•	•				•	13.0	139.9	4.8	51.6			17.8	191.5
Ardvreck Castle						•	•	•	•				12.2	131.3	2.9	31.2			15.1	162.5
Lews Castle						•	•	•	•				12.2	131.3	2.9	31.2			15.1	162.5
Isle of Muck					•			•	•				13.1	141.0	3.0	32.2			16.1	173.2
Isle of Raasay					•			•	•				11.9	128.1	3.1	33.3			15.0	161.4
Loch Crinan								•				•	14.0	150.6	3.4	36.5			17.4	187.1
Loch Harport								•				•	12.9	138.8	3.3	35.5			16.2	174.3
Single Cabins																				
Isle of Canna					•			•			•		8.6	92.5	2.7	29.0			11.3	121.5
Isle of Eigg					•			•			•		8.6	92.5	2.9	31.2			11.5	123.7
Isle of Rum					•			•			•		9.2	99.0	1.9	20.4			11.1	119.4
Sound of Islay						•		•	•				11.0	118.4	2.2	23.6			13.2	142.0
Sound of Jura						•		•			•		10.5	113.0	2.4	25.8			12.9	138.8
Sound of Mull						•		•	•				11.0	118.4	2.2	23.6			13.2	142.0
Sound of Sleat						•		•			•		9.9	106.5	2.2	23.6			12.1	130.1
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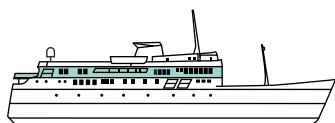
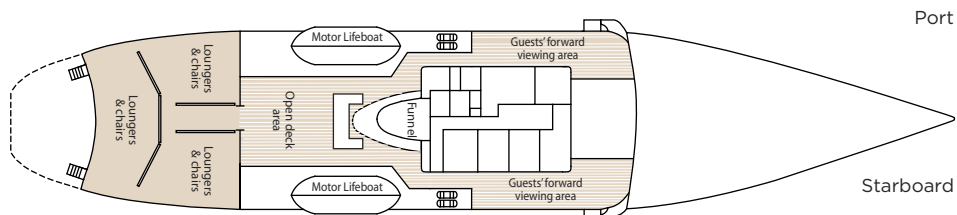
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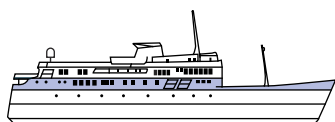
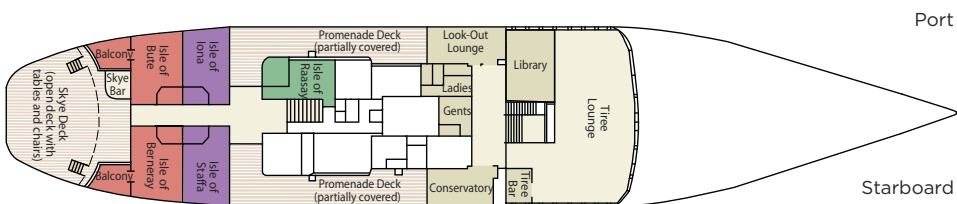
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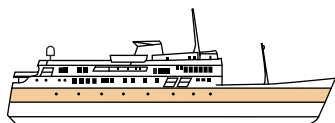
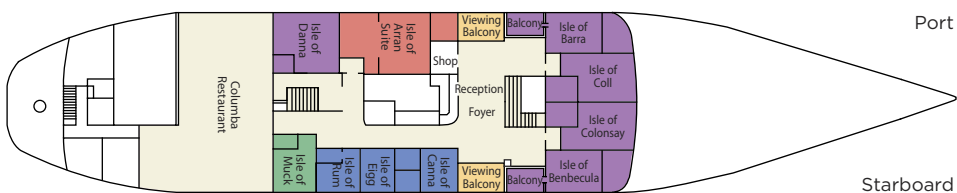
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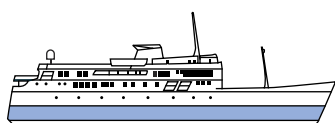
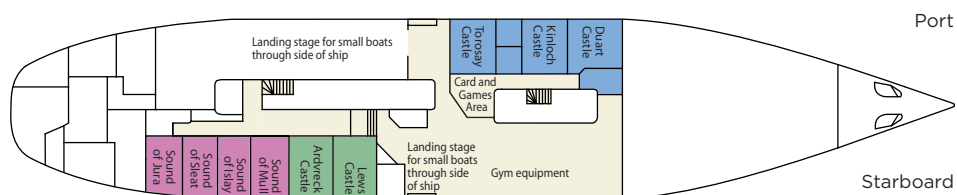
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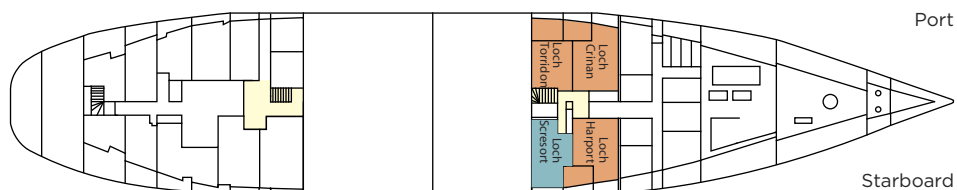
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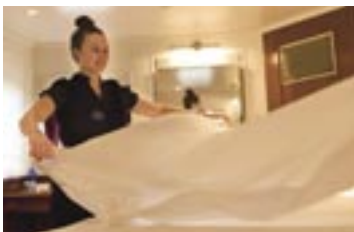




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	6th	Highlights of the Clyde	Greenock to Greenock	4 nights	28
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	14th	Footloose on the Clyde	Greenock to Greenock	5 nights	32
	24th	Gems of Argyll	Greenock to Oban	7 nights	34
	31st	Easter Explorer	Oban to Oban	7 nights	36
April	7th	Highland and Island Escape	Oban to Oban	7 nights	38
	14th	Springtime Surprise	Oban to Oban	7 nights	40
	21st	Flavours of the Hebrides	Oban to Oban	7 nights	42
	28th	Footloose to the North West Seaboard	Oban to Oban	7 nights	44
May	5th	Blooming Wonders of the West Coast	Oban to Oban	7 nights	46
	12th	The Mystery of St Kilda and the Outer Isles	Oban to Oban	7 nights	48
	19th	Natural World of the Gaelic Isles	Oban to Oban	7 nights	50
	26th	Gardens of Argyll and Antrim	Oban to Oban	7 nights	52
June	2nd	St Kilda and Western Isles Wildlife	Oban to Oban	7 nights	54
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	23rd	Outer Isles Odyssey	Oban to Oban	7 nights	60
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	14th	Guiding Lights to the Far North	Oban to Invergordon	9 nights	66
	23rd	Summer in the Northern Isles	Invergordon to Invergordon	9 nights	68
August	1st	Outlook on Orkney and Shetland	Invergordon to Invergordon	9 nights	70
	10th	Footloose in Orkney and Shetland	Invergordon to Invergordon	9 nights	72
	19th	Home from the Far North	Invergordon to Oban	9 nights	74
	28th	A Weekend in the Hebrides	Oban to Oban	4 nights	76
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