



Gerrannan Blackhouse Village

Back to the Isles with Donnie Macdonald and James Keigher
 A music-filled, Gaelic culture, experience in the Outer Hebrides!

'Lewis & Harris' Tour, 2018

10 Nights: Sat 29 Sept - Mon 8 October
 (Dispersing morning of 9 October)

Glasgow Airport...(GLA)	Holiday Inn , Glasgow Airport	1 Night
Ullapool, Wester Ross	Royal Hotel , Ullapool	1 Night
Isle of Harris, Western Isles	Harris Hotel , Tarbert	3 Nights
Isle of Lewis, Western Isles	Cabarfeidh Hotel , Stornoway	3 Nights
Ullapool, Wester Ross	Royal Hotel, Ullapool	1 Night
Glasgow Airport...(GLA)	Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport	1 Night

\$2,850 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin) \$3,150 Per/Person (Single)
 (Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

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Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B — Coach — Ferries — Activities/Visits — and Meal-tips.
Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — and Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1

Saturday, 29th September, 2018

Activity

As tour members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.

Evening Hotel

We gather in the Bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6pm**, prior to **Dinner** at **7.00pm**.
After **Dinner**; Evening free to relax, and prepare for morning departure.
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)

Day 2

Sunday, 30th September, 2018

Activity

Drive north on the A9, passing Stirling and Perth, and stopping in [Pitlochry](#) for lunch & shopping. One more stop at a Tesco Supermarket for passenger comfort, as we continue past Inverness, and make our way west to **Wester Ross** to **Loch Broom** and our destination, the **Royal Hotel** in **Ullapool**. (Ferry terminal village) (Independent Lunch in Pitlochry)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**; Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Royal Hotel, Ullapool, Wester-Ross (D. B.)

Day 3

Monday, 1st October, 2018

Activity

We take the 10.30am **Ferry** to **Stornoway** in the **Isle of Lewis**. We arrive in [Stornoway](#) at 1.00pm where we stay for a couple of hours getting familiarized with the town prior to driving south into Harris later in the day. We should be checking into the **Harris Hotel** in **Tarbert** by 5.00pm (Independent Lunch in Stornoway, or on the ferry)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Harris Hotel, Tarbert, Isle of Harris (D. B.)

Day 4

Tuesday, 2nd October, 2018

Activity

A circular tour of [South Harris](#). Our first stop is the [Harris Tweed Weaving Exhibition](#) at the **Old School in Drinishader**. Here we can gain familiarity with the whole process of Harris Tweed. The next section on our journey takes us past many little enchanting coastal hamlets laced with spectacular scenery. Our second stop is **Rodel** to check out the famous [St. Clement's Church](#). (Provided Lunch at the [Anchorage Restaurant](#) in Leverburgh)

Evening Hotel

As a perfect example of two opposites, the west coast of South Harris has better roads, is rich in machair land and an abundance of breathtaking beaches. The opportunity to get out of the bus to walk parts of that coastline is a welcome treat. FYI: The late **Finlay J. Macdonald**, wrote a trilogy on his childhood in Harris. *Crowdie & Cream, Crotal & White, The Corncrake & The Lysander*
After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Harris Hotel, Tarbert, Isle of Harris (D. B.)

Day 5 Wednesday, 3rd October, 2018

Activity

A Free Day! Our driver takes his legal rest time.

However, we will utilize a local bus company and offer a few choices:

- 1) An easy hike to [Eilean Glas Lighthouse](#) on the **Isle of Scalpay**, in the AM
- 2) An easy 2 hour walk along the track from [Maraig to Urgha](#) in the PM
- 3) Independent visit to [Isle of Harris Distillery](#), in Tarbert (TBA)
- 4) Relaxing in the hotel, and shopping in [Tarbert](#) are other options.

(Independent Lunch wherever you are)

Evening

After **Dinner**, We welcome the **Sir E. Scott High School Gaelic Choir**, and **Traditional Musicians**, with their teacher/conductor **Iain ‘Costello’ Maciver**.

Hotel

Harris Hotel, Tarbert, Isle of Harris (D. B.)

Day 6 Thursday, 4th October, 2018

Activity

We depart Tarbert, driving through North Harris to the [Isle of Lewis](#). (Same island, actually) Our focus today is the West-Side of Lewis, starting at the [Garrannan Blackhouse Village](#) in **Carloway** which should include a short lecture inside a Blackhouse. Very atmospheric!

(Provided Lunch at the **Doone Braes Hotel**)

Our next stop is the [Iron Age Broch](#) at **Dun Carloway**.

Our final visit is the [Callanish Stones](#) (dating from around 3000 – 4000 B.C.).

Visit includes the Exhibition in the Centre. Strolling is allowed up at the stones.

Depart for [Stornoway](#), and our destination the **Cabarfeidh Hotel**, late afternoon.

After **Dinner**, **Entertainment with Men of Worth, in the Oak Suite**.

Evening

Hotel

Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis (D. B.)

Day 7 Friday, 5th October, 2018

Activity

Free day in Stornoway.

Lots of choices:

18-hole [Stornoway Golf Course](#); the [Woodland Centre](#); the **Loom Centre**; [Museum in the Lewis Castle](#); **Tourist Information** on Cromwell Street, etc!

Also, we will offer an afternoon scenic bus ride to the Parish of Uig, allowing for stops at [Abhainn Dearg Distillery](#), and the famous [Uig Beach](#) at **Ardroil**.

(Independent Lunch, wherever you are)

Evening

After **Dinner**, **Ceilidh w/ Men of Worth, Guest Musicians & Gaelic Singers** in the Oak Suite.

Hotel

Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis (D. B.)

Day 8 Saturday, 6th October, 2018

Activity A drive across the Barvas Moor, and north to the district called [Ness](#). We will see the old **Skigersta Schoolhouse** where Donnie was born and raised, followed by the Harbour area at [Port of Ness](#). One more point of interest is the [Butt of Lewis Lighthouse](#) prior to our main stop at **Cross School**. Although long closed as a school, this facility is very much alive as the home of the [Ness Historic Society](#). We allow lots of time as there is an abundance of 'Ness Culture' to be had! Too much to describe in these notes!

(Provided Lunch in Cross School)

FYI: The author **Peter May** has written a series of three murder mysteries set in the area. *The Black House*, *The Lewis Man*, *The Chess Men*

(The fictional village called *Crobost* in the books relates to the actual villages)

Evening After **Dinner**, **Hebridean Dance** in the **Hotel Ballroom**, in aid of a local cause. **Men of Worth** will join with **Local Musicians** in providing the Dance Music.

Hotel **Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis (D. B.)**

Day 9 Sunday, 7th October, 2018

Activity We depart Stornoway today. Shops will be closed as this is the Sabbath!

However, after breakfast we can take a ramble in the **Castle Grounds**, (aka Lady Lever Park) and reach the top of **Gallow's Hill** for a good view of Stornoway.

The War Memorial, a spectacular location, is an easy walk from the hotel.

Ferry leaves at 2.30pm and arrives in [Ullapool](#) at 5.15pm.

(Independent Lunch at the Cabarfeidh, or at the 'Eleven' Restaurant in the Caladh Inn, or on board the ferry)

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

Hotel **Royal Hotel, Ullapool, Wester-Ross (D. B.)**

Day 10 Monday, 8th October, 2018

Activity We depart Hotel, driving back to the Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport.

We will go by the A82 road south, joining at **Loch Ness**, with selected stops in [Fort Augustus](#), [Spean Bridge](#), and [Tyndrum](#). Also, photo ops at [Glencoe](#), and [Loch Lomond](#), as time and weather allows!

(Independent Lunch, along the way)

Evening After **Dinner**, A concert hour with **Men of Worth**

Hotel **Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)**

Day 11 Tuesday, 9th October, 2018

Activity Breakfast is included. (Not as a group) This is the morning we all disperse. **This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!**

Additional night, or nights, at the Holiday Inn before or after the tour? We can make your reservation. This arrangement is booked through Donnie. Note: Also, if you would like input relating to flights, and/or any additional time you plan to spend in Scotland, contact Donnie.

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