



'SCOTLAND - WEST' Tour, 2019

(Glencoe; Glenfinnan; Loch Ness Cruise; Isle of Iona; Tobermory; Duart Castle; Oban)

10 Nights: Wed 19 June – Fri 28 June
(Dispersing morning of 29 June)

The Holiday Inn @ GLA

Moorings Hotel, Fort William

Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure

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1 night

4 nights

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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 - Ferry - Activities/Visits - Meal-tips.

Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 **Wednesday, 19th June, 2019**

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

(Note: The Holiday Inn, and NOT the Holiday Inn Express)

Gather in the bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6.00pm**, prior to **Dinner** at **7.00pm**.

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax and prepare for morning departure.
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)

Day 2 **Thursday, 20th June, 2019**

Activity Depart hotel at 9.00am, and drive north on the A82 Loch Lomond road, with stops at the [Green Welly](#) in Tyndrum, and the [Glencoe Visitor Centre](#). Drive to [Banavie](#), just past [Fort William](#) for checking into the **Moorings Hotel**.

Our hotel is beside [Neptune's Staircase](#), a series of eight locks at the south end of the Caledonian Canal, built by Thomas Telford between 1803 and 1822.

(Independent Lunch, in Tyndrum, or at the Glencoe Visitor Centre)

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

Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 3 **Friday, 21st June, 2019**

Activity Easy scenic drive following [Glen Nevis](#), a favourite area for movie locations. The glen is also the approach for [Ben Nevis](#), the highest point in the UK at 4,411 ft.

The afternoon is free! Options include: shopping; walking in Glen Nevis; [Ben Nevis Distillery](#); [Old Inverlochy Castle](#); the [Highland Museum](#). Lots to do!

(Independent Lunch wherever you are) Bus drop-off/pick-up in Fort William.

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

Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 4 **Saturday, 22nd June, 2019**

Activity We drive north to [Fort Augustus](#) where the Caledonian Canal enters Loch Ness by way of a multiple of locks. During our time at the southern end of Loch Ness we can further experience the loch by taking a 50 min cruise on the water.

Fort Augustus is a picturesque village of 600 that gets packed with visitors during the summer months. Originally an 18th-century garrison, Fort August lies at the junction of four old military roads and is cut in two by the Caledonian Canal. We can find out more information at the Caledonian Canal Heritage Centre. Also of interest is the [Clansman Centre](#), which provides insight into 17th-century Highland life.

(Independent Lunch in Fort Augustus)

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

Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 5 **Sunday, 23rd June, 2019**

Activity

A leisurely drive west to the [Glenfinnan Monument & Visitor Centre](#). In 1815, the 18m-high monument was built here, with the lone, kilted highlander at the top providing a poignant reminder of the clansmen who gave their lives to the Jacobite cause. The modern exhibition in the visitor centre tells the story of Prince Charles Edward Stuart and the 1745 Jacobite Rising.
(Provided Lunch)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, free time.
Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 6 **Monday, 24th June, 2019**

Activity

Departing the Moorings Hotel, we head for [Craignure](#) on the [Isle of Mull](#). Driving back south to [Ballachulish](#), we take the coastal route to Oban, round by Appin. Our main stop is the [Sea Life Sanctuary](#) at Barcaldine. Later, the 4.00pm ferry from Oban to Craignure brings us to the Isle of Mull Hotel in good time for a 5.00pm check in.
(Independent Lunch in Barcaldine)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 7 **Tuesday, 25th June, 2019**

Activity

Iona Day! Today we drive to [Fionnphort](#), where we board the passenger ferry for a short 15 min. journey to [Iona](#), sometimes known as the **Holy Isle**. Upon arrival we have arranged a **Nature Ramble** with local **Rangers/Guides**, and after lunch we break into two groups for a guided tour in [Iona Abbey](#).
(Independent Lunch on Iona)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 8 **Wednesday, 26th June, 2019**

Activity

Free day! We will all have round trip tickets as passengers for the option to take the ferry back to [Oban](#) for the day. You can choose individually which crossings suit you best, as they are numerous. Alternatively, you may prefer to remain on Mull, and take advantage of the hotel's [leisure center](#), coastal walk into the village, etc... as you wish!
(Independent Lunch wherever you are)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, free time.
Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 9 **Thursday, 27th June, 2019**

Activity

Our first stop is [Duart Castle](#), the ancestral home of the Macleans of Duart. The current Clan Chief, Sir Lachlan, is often in residence. Built in 1360, by Chief Lachlan Lubanach Maclean, the position of Duart was well chosen. It is sited on a high crag at the end of a peninsula jutting into the Sound of Mull. It commands the channel between Mull and the mainland, the entrances to Loch Linnhe and Loch Etive, and the neck of the Firth of Lorne as it meets the Sound of Mull. We can enjoy a 10.30am guided tour of the castle. There is a café on site which is famous for home baked cakes!

(The photo on page 1 of this itinerary is of Duart Castle, and the Sound of Mull)

In the afternoon we drive to [Tobermory](#), the largest town, where you will have the option of a tour of the [Tobermory Distillery](#). You may also want to see 'The Western Isles Hotel' which was in the 1945 movie 'I Know Where I'm Going' (Independent Lunch at Duart, or in Tobermory)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 10 **Friday, 28th June, 2019**

Activity

We depart Craignure on the 9.55am ferry to Oban, and continue to [Inveraray](#) for our main stop. Later, the [Loch Fyne Oyster Bar](#) is a must-do as we wend our way back to Glasgow Airport, and the **Holiday Inn**.

(Independent Lunch in Inveraray)

Evening Hotel

We can enjoy a final **Dinner** together.
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)

Day 11 **Saturday, 29th June, 2019**

Activity

Breakfast is included.

This is the morning we all disperse.

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!
You could plan to fly out this morning...or make other plans.

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