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Western Highlands & Isle of Skye

Walking Holiday for Women

Kintail Mountains, West Coast & Isle of Skye

Dates 2020:

- 23. August 2020 (women only)

Price:

£1295

Single room supplement from £185, please enquire

What's included:

- 6 Guided Walking Days
- 1 Sightseeing/Journey Day
- 6 Nights Bed & Breakfast (3 x Kintail/ 3 x Skye)
- 7 Picnic Lunches
- Minibus Travel from Glasgow
- Ferry Isle of Skye

Start: Glasgow City 10:30 h/ Glasgow Airport 10:45

Return: Glasgow City 17:30 h

Booking:

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online: <https://www.walkwild.org/Book-Your-Holiday.php>

Trip Summary

Wilderness Walking Adventure - 1 Region, 2 Locations

The western seaboard of the Scottish Highlands offers a great range of diverse landscapes for superb hiking between mountains and the sea surrounded by white beaches, green islands, peaks and waterfalls - a trip for those with a taste for wilderness and adventure and a curiosity for Scotland's wildlife, history and culture. (moderate walking)

Walking

Walk through Kintail's wide Highland valleys flanked by big mountains, along coastal paths with enormous views, passing impressive waterfalls and marvelling at landscapes yellow with gorse in May and purple with heather in August, visit places such as the remote peninsula Glenelg with its mysterious 2000 year old towers, witness the immense scale of scapes offered on the Isle of Skye and enjoy warm hospitality returning with a bag full of inspirational experiences and memories.

Wildlife, Relaxation & Culture

Spotting seals, otters, eagles and a multitude of seabirds is very much part of any outdoor experience in Scotland as is strolling on a white beach, exploring a romantic castle and discovering evidence of past lives where you least expect. Unwind in the expanse of natural wilderness, enjoy delicious and scenic picnics and a 'wee blether' with the locals in the pub at the end of the day!

Locations

This holiday offers 2 different locations: the scattered settlement of Shiel Bridge at the foot of the Kintail mountains and the small harbour town Uig in the northwest of Skye.

Food

Each night, we eat together at our cosy hotel restaurant where you can choose from a menu of contemporary Scottish and European fare made from locally sourced Scottish produce.

Sightseeing

A wonderful bonus of your holiday is travelling from and back to Glasgow through some of Scotland's most beautiful landscapes: Loch Lomond, the queen of Scottish lakes, dramatic Glen Coe, Britain's giant Ben Nevis, the spectacular coastal route 'Road to the Isles' and the traditional ferry crossing from the Isle of Skye.

Your walking group has the personable size of no more than 8 persons and is accompanied throughout by an experienced and knowledgeable guide to make your holiday a wonderful and enjoyable experience.

Accommodation: you will be enjoying comfortable, authentic and friendly hospitality in well tested small Hotels: the Kintail Lodge Hotel and The Uig Hotel on Skye. If you are a single traveller and happy to share a twin room, please let us know. For single accommodation a supplement may apply depending on availability.

Walking Information:

Fitness

This holiday is designed for guests with a good general level of fitness, balance and mobility. We hike mostly on good paths which may, however, be narrow, rough, uneven, rocky and slippery when wet. You should be sure footed, have experience hiking on unpaved trails and be comfortable on hilly and briefly steep terrain and ascents of up to 350 meters.

Equipment & Clothing

Following your booking, we send you our recommended kit list which you may find helpful.

Travel Insurance

We also strongly advise that you take out a comprehensive travel insurance to provide cover in case of an accident, loss of luggage, cancellations, delays etc. It makes for an even more relaxed holiday.

If you are unsure with anything at all, please get in touch and we'll be happy to discuss any issues.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Journey through the Highlands

Following our departure from Glasgow Central Station (10:30 h) / Glasgow Airport (10.45 h) you travel through some of the Highlands most scenic landscapes: along the shores of Loch Lomond where we stop for a shorter hike, then through dramatic Glen Coe, past Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis further and north west with wonderful views of lakes such as Loch Garry and Loch Cluanie. In Shiel Bridge, surrounded by the peaks of the Kintail mountains on the shore of Loch Duich we find our accommodation and hospitality for the next 3 days.

Journey time 4 hours; Walking: 2 hours, 6 km; Overnight Kintail

Day 2 - Hiking Glen Lichd

An excellent first day's walking in the wide river valley Gleann Licht: At the end of the valley you climb your first pass into the wide mountain scenery and admire an impressive (and refreshing) waterfall.

Walking: 5 hours with breaks, 15 km, alt 320 m; Overnight Kintail

Day 3 - Remote Peninsula Glen Elg

A short but spectacular drive over the steep Ratagan Pass offering superb views of the neighbouring peninsula famous for its wild landscapes, Knoydart, as far as the craggy peaks of the Cuillin Hills on the Isle of Skye. In the gentle hillside of Glen Elg we discover mysterious ruinous towers left to us by the Pictish people who inhabited Scotland 2000 years ago.

Driving further along the wild coastline we arrive in the tiny and romantic village of Corran where our path takes us along a beautiful pebble beach, through heather and oak forests, always with magnificent views over to Skye and the lonely valleys of Knoydart and its big mountain, Labhar Bhein. To celebrate the day, we take a delicious cup of tea in Sheena's wonderfully decorated hut.

Walking: 3 hours, 6 km, undulating; Overnight Kintail

Day 4 - Hiking into Glen Affric and the Isle of Skye

Steadily up and across a hopefully tamed river we head for Loch a'Bhealaich which opens up to famous Glen Affric, a world of waterfalls, lakes, mountains and wide valleys.

In the afternoon we travel to the nearby very picturesque coastal town Plockton with its lovely pubs and pretty gardens en route to the Isle of Skye.

We spend the next 3 nights on the Isle of Skye at The Uig Hotel in the harbour town of Uig.

Walking: 5 hours with breaks, 8 km, alt 410 m; Overnight Isle of Skye

Day 5 - The Mighty Quiraing

One of Scotland's most spectacular land cliffs provides a classic hill walk with stunning views of the impressive mountains of Torridon and the Western Isles. A birds eye view of pinnacles, lochs, moor, rock tables and cost, some of the features previous earth activity has shaped into an amazing landscape.

Walking: 5 Hours with breaks, 7 km alt 340m; Overnight Isle of Skye

Day 6 - The Remote Coast of Boreraig

This atmospheric and wild hike takes us to the 'cleared' coast of a deserted and now ruined village located in a stunningly beautiful coastal location with fabulous views of the islands Rum and Eig. The village was forcibly cleared of thei population in the 1850s to make way for sheep and the ruins left behind bear witness to a thriving community and, if you are interested, some fine examples of dry stone walling.

Sitting on the rock plateau at Boreraig, this is a fantastic place to take in the sound of nature and watching for seabirds, dolphins and otters.

Walking: 4 Hours plus breaks, 12km, undulating; Overnight Isle of Skye

Day 7 - Return Journey via the famous Road to the Isles

After breakfast we begin our return journey to Glasgow: the ferry from Armadale takes us to the lively fishing town of Mallaig on the mainland, then we continue south along the spectacular 'Road to the Isles' with its sparkly white sandy beaches, a historic location at Glenfinnan and the famous rail viaduct which Harry Potter passes on his way to school.

We arrive in Glasgow around at around 5pm. End of Tour

Please note that this programme may be changed according to weather conditions and group ability.

