



**Outward Bound International
Sat 27th Sept – Sat 4th Oct
Highlands and Islands of Scotland
Tailor-made itinerary proposal**

Saturday 27 September - Day 1

Meet at Inverness Airport by 10 a.m.

Drive east to Morayshire and lunch at Califer Farm, by Forres. Afternoon tour of Gordonstoun School.

Dinner and overnight at the Mansion House Hotel, Elgin.



Gordonstoun School

Sunday 28 September - Day 2

Drive north via the Black Isle and the Cromarty Firth. Lunch in the village of Dornoch.

Early afternoon visit to Dunrobin Castle. Continue to northern Sutherland.

Dinner and overnight at the Cape Wrath Hotel, in the wild and remote northwest corner of mainland Scotland.

Monday 29 September - Day 3

Walking options will include:

- 1) A high level walk to Ben Hope, 927m – the most northerly peak on the British mainland and a spectacular vantage point.
- 2) A low-level walk to the lighthouse at Cape Wrath, the most northwesterly landfall on the mainland.

Evening stroll along the beach to Durness Point or a visit to Smoo cave. Dinner and overnight Cape Wrath Hotel.

Tuesday 30 September - Day 4

Drive south via Ullapool for a short walk to spectacular Corrieshalloch Gorge. Continue through Wester Ross to the village of Gairloch for lunch. Afternoon walk on the western shores of Loch Maree through ancient Scots Pine forest. Drive south via Torridon to Lochalsh and the Isle of Skye.

Overnight at the Sligachan Hotel, in the heart of the Cuillin Mountains.

Wednesday 1 October - Day 5

Walking options will include:

- 1) An ascent of Bruach na Frithe, one of the peaks on the mighty Cuillin ridge. The mountain dominates the skyline beyond the hotel and provides spectacular views over what is arguably the most impressive mountain range in Britain.
- 3) A low-level walk through Glen Sligachan to beautiful Loch Coruisk. This remote and haunting loch is thought to have provided J. R. R. Tolkien with the inspiration for "Lord of the Rings".

Dinner and overnight at the Sligachan Hotel.

Thursday 2 October - Day 6

Drive south to the Sleat Peninsula.

Take a high-speed RIB/zodiac boat to the Hebridean islands of Eigg, Rum and Canna. Excellent whale-spotting opportunities and wildlife viewing. Alternatively in poorer weather we will explore the remote Knoydart peninsula and enjoy lunch at the Old Forge - the remotest pub in Britain and only accessible by sea.

We will land at Mallaig and continue south to Glenfinnan, where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised the Jacobite Standard at the beginning of the 1745 uprising.

Dinner and overnight at the Glenfinnan House Hotel by the shores of Loch Shiel.

Friday 3 October - Day 7

Walking options will include:

- 1) An ascent of Ben Nevis, 1344m, Britain's highest mountain. In fine weather we will ascend via the spectacular Carn Mor Dearg Arete and in poorer visibility via the gentler northwestern flanks.
- 2) A low-level walk in beautiful Glen Nevis, featuring the Steall waterfalls.

Dinner arrangements to be confirmed (possibility of dinner and a ceilidh at Outward Bound). Overnight at Glenfinnan House Hotel.

Saturday 4 October - Day 8

Following breakfast we will return via Loch Ness and the Great Glen to Inverness airport. Alternatively, depending on flights, we will drive south via Glencoe and Loch Lomond to Glasgow. Plan flights after noon.

The following items are included:

- All accommodation in charming 3 and 4 star hotels.
- All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8
- The services of an experienced Wilderness Scotland walking guide/driver.
- Vehicle transport in two comfortable 4x4 long-wheel based Landrovers (NOTE - 2 vehicles are required so as to provide for 2 walking/other activity options on any given day. The 2nd vehicle to be driven by the Outward Bound guide/instructor)
- A full day of RIB/zodiac boating on Day 6 with an experienced sea-guide and wildlife expert; including specialist clothing
- Inter-island ferry transport including private ferry and vehicle collection for the low-level walk to Cape Wrath on Day 3
- All soft drinks and any alcohol with outdoor lunches/picnics
- Entrance fees to Dunrobin Castle

The following are not included:

- Alcoholic drinks other than listed above
- Any additional museum/visitor attraction entrance fees resulting from any changes to the itinerary in the event of bad weather
- The services of a ceilidh band on Day 7 if this is arranged