

## Wester Ross and Orkney Discovery



The lesser visited north west highlands of Scotland offer remarkable mountain scenery that stretches right down to the coast. Combine this with two days on the remote Orkney Islands for a tour that truly explores Scotland's wildest regions.

### Tour Itinerary

**Day 1** Venture north with an overnight stop in the Glasgow area.

**Day 2** Continue northwards via the highland town of Aviemore before arriving in Ullapool for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3** Full day excursion through the Wester Ross highlands, including a visit to Inverewe Gardens, a garden famed for its exotic plants despite being further north than Moscow. A 2 course lunch is included today in the pretty harbour village of Gairloch at the rustic Old Inn. Continue on a circular route returning to Ullapool.

**Day 4** At leisure in the coastal town of Ullapool.

**Day 5** Travel to the northernmost tip of Scotland to board

Northlink Ferries 90 minute service to Stromness. A light lunch will be served en route. Meet local guide on arrival for afternoon tour of Orkney including Skara Brae and Skail House, Ring of Brodgar and Standing Stones of Stenness. Spend 2 nights in Stromness.

**Day 6** A full day tour with local guide visiting the Italian Chapel, Kirkwall, St Magnus Cathedral and the Highland Park Distillery.

**Day 7** Early morning ferry back to the mainland with optional visit to the Castle of Mey (cost not included), before heading south for a final overnight in the Pitlochry/Glasgow area.

**Day 8** Homeward journey.

### Royal Hotel, Ullapool

**Our opinion:** The Royal Hotel offers the best accommodation in Ullapool and provides an excellent level of service to groups.

- 3 star • 55 bedrooms • Coach parking
- No lift but 10 ground floor rooms
- Dinners served in private function room

### Stromness Hotel, Orkney

**Our opinion:** A traditional hotel conveniently located in the town centre of Stromness beside the ferry terminal. Renowned for its wide selection of whiskies and local ales.

- 3 star • 42 bedrooms • Lift • Coach parking

### Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry

**Our opinion:** A magnificent baronial mansion with great views across 48 acres of grounds. Recent refurbishments, spacious lounges and an elegant restaurant make for a very comfortable stay.

- 4 star • 107 bedrooms • Lift
- Leisure centre • Coach parking

### 8 day tour including coach travel and:

- 2 overnights half board in mid Scotland
- 3 nights half board in Ullapool
- 2 nights half board on Orkney
- 2 lunches
- Admission to Inverewe Gardens
- Return Orkney ferry crossings
- Services of a local guide for 1½ days on Orkney
- Distillery tour on Orkney

### 2010 price per person

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| May 10, Sept 13 & 20 | £652 |
| June 7               | £662 |
| July 12              | £667 |

Note attraction admissions, other than the distillery tour, are not included on Orkney.