



Sample Itinerary: Western Isles Cruise

Day 1	Transfer from Aberdeen with stops at either Baxters of Fochabers or Brodie Countryfare, or from Inverness Airport to Inverness Railway Station to board a train to Kyle of Lochalsh. Alternatively guests could reach Inverness by train – including the Caledonian Sleeper from London. The journey from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh is along a very scenic route which passes through Dingwall, Strathcarron and Plockton. On arrival at Kyle of Lochalsh you will board Scotia W at the railway pier. From there we will cruise north through the Inner Sound or the Sound of Raasay before berthing for the night in Gairloch or close-by.
Day 2	Sail across the Minch from the Gairloch area in the morning to arrive in Stornoway by mid-morning. Depart Stornoway in the early afternoon and sail south to berth overnight in Scalpay, visiting Loch Erisort, Loch Shell, the Shiant Isles and Loch Seaforth en route.
Day 3	Sail south from Scalpay visiting the south of Harris before berthing overnight in Lochmaddy on North Uist.
Day 4	From Lochmaddy we will sail south along the east coast of North Uist, Isle of Benbecula and South Uist, before berthing overnight in Lochboisdale. Visits to Grimsay, Loch Skipport and Loch Eynort can also be included.
Day 5	Departing from Lochboisdale the day's sailing will take in the Isles of Eriskay, Hellisay, Barra, Mingulay, Berneray, Sandray and Vattersay before berthing overnight in Castlebay on the south of Barra.
Day 6	Sailing from Castlebay we will sail east across the Sea of the Hebrides to visit the Isles of Canna, Muck and Eigg, before reaching Rum where we will berth overnight in Loch Scresort.
Day 7	From Loch Scresort we sail in a northerly direction to Loch Scavaig and the south end of the Isle of Skye, en route we pass the Isle of Soay. From there we will sail round the southerly tip of Skye into the Sound of Sleat, before entering Loch Alsh and seeing the impressive Eilean Donan Castle from a unique and imposing perspective. Overnight berthing will be in Loch Alsh.
Day 8	After disembarking Scotia W at Kyle of Lochalsh, guests will be transferred by coach to visit Eilean Donan Castle and Loch Ness en route to Inverness or Aberdeen.

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