

The Breathtaking Isles of Harris & Lewis



Departs: Thursday 19th June

Returns: Wednesday 25th June

Only £1239

Single supplement £137

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/Coffee after dinner
- Porterage in Cabarfeidh hotel
- Porterage in Fishers Hotel
- Harris coach excursion
- Lewis coach excursion
- Guide tour on Lewis
- Stornoway visit
- Pitlochry Visit

Experience the Outer Hebrides as we travel to the magical islands of Harris & Lewis. Steeped in Neolithic history, where untouched white beaches snuggle up to mesmerising mountains. The local wool and crafting communities combine to create the tough-wearing Harris Tweed and the ancient stone circles keep people scratching their heads in wonder. On our return from the Isles, we travel through the Cairngorms National Park to picture postcard Pitlochry.

Itinerary*

Day 1 Departing our local area we travel via Glencoe and the Trossachs to Fortwilliam and our overnight stay at the Alexandra Hotel with dinner, bed & breakfast provided. *(overnight bag required)*

Day 2 After breakfast today we set off for the islands passing Eilean Donan Castle on the way, one of the most recognisable castles in Scotland. After crossing the Skye Bridge, we make our way up this famous island to Portree and then onto Uig, where we catch the afternoon ferry to the Outer Hebrides. On arrival, we make our way to the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway for 3 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 3 Today we travel down the length of the Long Island through a stunning landscape of lochs and peatbogs into the breathtaking mountain scenery of North Harris, passing under the shadow of the Clisham, at 799 metres, the highest peak in the Outer Hebrides. Golden eagles breed



in this wild and rugged land, and occasionally sea eagles are spotted here. Descending to the main settlement of Tarbert, we take time to explore this small port, with its Harris Tweed shop, distillery and other local shops. Continuing on we come to the glorious sandy coastline of South Harris, famous for its aquamarine waters and unrivalled beaches. Along the way there are exquisite views across the turquoise waters to the Isle of Taransay and the world-famous island beach of Luskentyre.

Day 4 Today we are joined by our guide for a tour of Lewis and the west side circle. Heading first to the most northerly point of the Hebrides with its rolling moorlands we visit the Butt of Lewis with its lighthouse and home to some of the most important seabird colonies in the UK. We may also be lucky enough to see pods of dolphins, grey seals and otters. We then travel a short distance to the Port of Ness which also has a beautiful sandy beach. Along our route today we travel through the largest rural community of Ness and visit an original Blackhouse Village, where we experience the history and heritage of crofting life and also get to view the famous standing stones at Callanish.

Day 5 We spend some time at leisure relaxing this morning in Stornoway, before heading to the ferry terminal to board our afternoon ferry to Ullapool. On arrival, we make the journey south past Loch Broom and Inverness to travel through the Cairngorms to the Fishers Hotel Pitlochry, our home for the next two nights. We arrive at our hotel in time for a late dinner.

Day 6 Relax in your hotel and enjoy exploring the picture-postcard town of Pitlochry. Popular for over 150 years as a holiday destination, the town boasts Queen Victoria as one of its original visitors. Enjoy a stroll along the main street in this charming resort with many attractive shops, bars and tearooms or wander down to the River Tummel to view the salmon ladder.

Day 7 Departing the hotel today we make our journey home with suitable comfort breaks en-route to arrive back in the late afternoon/early evening.

*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances

