

# Scotland – Over the Sea to Skye

9-16 September

*On this tour we visit Lewis, the largest island of the Outer Hebrides and Skye, the largest and best known of the Inner Hebrides. Sometimes referred to in Gaelic poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle), Skye is considered by many to be the loveliest of all Scottish islands, its misty mountains and dramatic seascapes casting a spell over its visitors, kindling in them an urge to return again and again.*



**£948.00 PER PERSON**

*Single Room Supp: £171.00*

## What's Included

- ✓ A total of 7 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Time to explore Stornoway & Portree
- ✓ Ferry from Ullapool to Stornoway
- ✓ Full day guided tour of Lewis
- ✓ Ferry to Skye
- ✓ Entry to Skye Museum of Island Life
- ✓ Entry to Dunvegan Castle & Gardens

## GRETNA HALL HOTEL

### Gretna Green

Originally built in 1710 as a manor house, the hotel, set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens offers all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a leading contemporary hotel.

## ROYAL HOTEL

### Ullapool

Situated on the banks of Loch Broom, yet only two minutes walk from the main Shore Street, it is believed to be the oldest hotel in Ullapool in continuous use.



## CABARFEIDH HOTEL

### Stornoway

Situated in a quiet area, less than a mile from the town centre of Stornoway.

## BALMACARA HOTEL

### Kyle of Lochalsh

Overlooking the Isle of Skye on the 'Road to the Isles' in the heart of the Scottish Highlands.

### Sunday 9 September

Departing Oxted early morning, we drive to Gretna Green and our overnight hotel.

### Monday 10 September

We continue our journey northwards today, skirting Glasgow and Perth, through the edge of the Cairngorms National Park to Ullapool where we are staying overnight.

### Tuesday 11 September

We take the morning ferry from Ullapool to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis, our home for the next two nights. Arriving early afternoon, the rest of the day will be at leisure to explore Stornoway with its bustling harbour and traditional craft shops.

### Wednesday 12 September

This morning we board a local coach for a full day guided tour of the Isle of Lewis, the largest island in the Outer Hebrides and home to the Callanish Stones, an extraordinary cross-shaped setting of stones erected 5,000 years ago; the historic Carloway Broch, an Iron Age structure designed to impress and defend and the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, which consists of traditional thatched croft houses. Please note that any entry fees will need to be paid on the day.

### Thursday 13 September

After breakfast we head south into Harris to Tarbert and the ferry to Uig on the Isle of Skye and on to the Skye Museum of Island Life. Here, seven traditional thatched cottages offer a true insight into island life 100 years ago, with the old Graham family home, the village smithy, the weaver's house, and a vast array of crofting tools, displays and equipment. We make our way along the Trotternish Peninsula, famous for its spectacular geological features, past the Old Man of Storr and across the Skye bridge to our hotel on the Kyle of Lochalsh.

### Friday 14 September

We go over the sea to Skye again this morning and travel via the Cuillin Hills into the heart of the island to Dunvegan Castle & Gardens, the seat of the Clan Macleod and the oldest continually occupied castle in Scotland. Early afternoon we make our way to Portree, the island's 'capital', where we shall have some time to explore before making our way back over the Skye bridge to our hotel.

### Saturday 15 September

After breakfast we make a brief photo stop at Eilean Donan Castle, before beginning our journey south to our overnight hotel in Gretna.

### Sunday 16 September

We continue our homeward journey, making refreshment stops en route and arriving back in Oxted early evening.