

Isles of Arran, Mull & Iona

Monday 14th - Saturday 19th May 2012



Monday Departing Bradford at 8.00 we travel north, with a stop at the popular Tebay services, then to **Glasgow** arriving early afternoon to give you a chance to look around this thriving and vibrant city, before we travel to our first hotel.

Tuesday Our first stop in **Tyndrum**,

home to the famous Green Welly shop, before travelling to **Oban** to catch our **ferry to Mull**. Here, we visit **Duart Castle**, 13th home of the Clan Maclean. The castle is spectacularly situated on a crag jutting out into the Sound of Mull. Here you can explore the staterooms and dungeons and learn more about the history of the family and the restoration of the castle. Below the castle is a site of archaeological importance where three ships sank in 1653, during an attempt by Oliver Cromwell to capture the clan chief.

Wednesday Today we start with a **scenic tour around Mull** which includes a foot passenger crossing to the legendary **Isle of Iona**, burial place of 48 ancient Scottish Kings.

Thursday We take the morning ferry back to **Oban**, stopping at **Inveraray Castle**. Inspired by a sketch by Vanburgh, this magnificent castle sits on shores of Loch Fyne. Home to the Campbell family for generations, it has stunning interiors, and formal gardens of national importance.

Friday Today we have a **full day excursion to the Isle of Arran**, including a visit to **Brodick Castle and Gardens**; the only island Country Park in the UK. The castle itself offers 800 years of history with a range of valuable artefacts. The gardens provide a range of experiences from formal gardens to woodland walks.

Saturday We travel to the coastal resort of **Ayr** where you will have time to sample the attractions. From here we travel home, with stops en route, arriving back in Bradford mid evening.

The Hotels

Set in 18 acres of parkland on the banks of the River Clyde, The **Erskine Bridge Hotel** is a short drive from the centre of Glasgow.

Magnificently positioned on Craignure Bay on the Sound of Mull, **The Isle of Mull Hotel** has panoramic views from every bedroom, many of them looking across to Lismore. The hotel is set within its own impressive gardens that run down to the waters edge.

Located just outside Irvine, Ayrshire, one of Scotland's most beautiful areas, the **Menzies Irvine Hotel** is perfectly placed with excellent facilities.

All hotels have a restaurant and bar. All rooms include en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities and TV.

Hotel: further hotel details on request

This 6 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Visits to Glasgow, Duart Castle, Isle of Iona, Inveraray Castle, Brodick Castle & Ayr
- ☞ Ferry crossings & tours as described
- ☞ 5 nights dinner, bed & full breakfasts

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£475.00
Per person in single	£550.00
Insurance	£27.95
Nat Trust Scotland Discount	-£8.00
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