



# Argyll & Bute Tour

June, 2018

Men of Worth

Inveraray Castle

## 'Argyll & Bute' Tour, 2018

*'Men of Worth'* James Keigher & Donnie Macdonald  
10 Nights: Fri 15 – Sun 24 June (Dispersing morning of 25<sup>th</sup> June)

*Bute; Kintyre; Islay; Inveraray; Cowal*

<a href="#">The Holiday Inn</a> at Glasgow Airport	1 Night
<a href="#">Stonefield Castle Hotel</a> , Tarbert, Argyll & Bute	4 Nights
<a href="#">Loch Fyne Hotel &amp; Spa</a> , Inveraray, Argyll & Bute	4 Nights
The Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport	1 Night

\$2,850 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin)

\$3,150 Per/Person (Single)

(Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

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Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B — Coach — Ferries — Activities/Visits — Meal-tips.  
Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — and Insurance.

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## Proposed Itinerary

### Day 1 Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Activity** As tour members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.  
**Evening** Gather in the Bar for a **Welcome Drink at 6.00pm**, then **Dinner at 7.00p**  
**Hotel** After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax, and prepare for morning departure.  
**Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)**

### Day 2 Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Activity** Depart Holiday Inn driving west to the terminal at **Wemyss Bay** for the ferry crossing to **Rothesay** on the **Isle of Bute**. Our main purpose is a guided tour of **Mount Stuart**, built by the Marquis of Bute. We should have enough time to have some lunch in the café at Mount Stuart. We depart Bute on the short 5-minute crossing from **Rhubodach** to **Colintraive** on the **Cowal Peninsula**. An abundance of scenery is visible on the drive to **Portavadie**, where we board the third and final ferry of the day across **Loch Fyne** to **Tarbert**. Our destination, **Stonefield Castle Hotel**, is only a few miles north of Tarbert.  
(Independent Lunch in Mount Stuart)  
**Evening** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Hotel** **Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

### Day 3 Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Activity** This is our day to explore the **Kintyre Peninsula**. We drive south to **Campbelltown**, for some history and comment of the town, and other local areas such as **Machrahanish** and **Southend**, with our guide **Angus Martin**.  
(Independent Lunch in Machrahanish)  
**Evening** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Hotel** **Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

### Day 4 Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Activity** A free day to enjoy **Tarbert**, a charming fishing village with a storied history. Ex Archivist with Argyll & Bute Council, **Murdo Macdonald**, will open the passages of local history for us. There are **Published Walks** available, as well as the ruins of **Tarbert Castle** which dominate the town. We will be in the company of Castle Guide, **Robert MacPhail**.  
(Independent Lunch, wherever you are)  
FYI: Author, **Neil Munro**, wrote *Para Handy Tales*, first published 1931 Although dated, we get a feel for the waterways of Argyll & Bute through the antics of the comedic crew of the puffer, **The Vital Spark**.  
**Evening** After **Dinner**, We join **The Tarbert & District Gaelic Choir** for a musical evening.  
**Hotel** **Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

## Day 5 Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

A day-trip to [The Island of Islay](#). The famous **Whisky Island**, with its historic distilleries, lies off to the west. We cross over from **Kennacraig** to **Port Askaig** by ferry, arriving approximately at noon (crossing approx. 2 hours). Our time on the island will include a visit to a Distillery.

(Independent Lunch, on Islay)

The return ferry departs at 3.30pm from **Port Askaig** back to **Kennacraig**. We should be back at Stonefield Castle Hotel by 6pm.

### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, At leisure.

**Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

## Day 6 Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

We bid farewell to Stonefield Castle Hotel and drive north. A slight diversion takes us to **Cairnbaan** to view one of the locks of the [Crinan Canal](#). Opened in 1801, the canal is still active today as it links Ardrishaig with Crinan. For our main stop, we continue north along the shores of Loch Fyne to [Auchindrain Township](#). “Long ago, Scotland had thousands of “townships”, small farming communities where groups of families worked together. Then, two hundred and fifty years ago, the world began to change. The townships were replaced by modern farms, crofting and large estates”.

The visit will include an introductory welcome from **Bob Clark**, lunch, and self-guided time around the old houses, barns, and implements.

(Provided Lunch at Auchindrain)

Depart at 2.30pm for a short drive north to the **Loch Fyne Hotel** in **Inveraray**

### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

**Loch Fyne Hotel & Spa, Inveraray, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

## Day 7 Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

Driver rest day.

We are free to explore [Inveraray](#), the traditional county seat of Argyll and ancestral home of the **Duke of Argyll**, who founded the town in 1745, alongside his new dwelling, [Inveraray Castle](#). Much of the town, including the church, was designed and built by the Edinburgh-born architect Robert Mylne between 1772 and 1800. You will find the Woollen Shop, and the Whisky Shop among the many aspects of this ancient capital of Argyll. One of the popular attractions is the [Old Inveraray Jail](#), available to us for the self-guided tour. A good physical activity would be to hike up to [Dùn na Cuaiche](#) for the view over the town, and down Loch Fyne.

(Independent Lunch, wherever you are)

### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

**Loch Fyne Hotel & Spa, Inveraray, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

## Day 8 Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

Depart for [Kilmartin Glen](#), the richest concentrations of prehistoric monuments and historical sites in Scotland. Other than time to browse in the [Kilmartin Museum](#), we will arrange a guided walk which will take in some prehistoric tombs, and should last 2.5 hours. FYI: [Dunadd](#) lies a few miles to the south. This is where kings were crowned back when the area was known as [Dalriada](#). (Independent Lunch in Kilmartin)

### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Loch Fyne Hotel & Spa, Inveraray, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

## Day 9 Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

Morning at leisure. Afternoon visit to [Inveraray Castle](#). We will have a guided tour of the castle, the home of the **Duke of Argyll**, who is also the Chief of the Clan Campbell. An Inveraray Castle has been standing on the shores of Loch Fyne since the 1400s, although the impressive castle we know today was inspired by a sketch by Vanbrugh, the architect of Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard in the 1700s.

(Independent Lunch in Inveraray)

### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
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## Day 10 Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

We depart Inveraray and return to the Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport for our final evening. After a stop at **Loch Fyne Oysters**, the route takes us into the **Cowal Peninsula**, stopping in [Strachur](#), for Lunch at [Creggans Inn](#). Then south along the shore of Loch Eck to [Kilmun Church](#), and the **Argyll Mausoleum**. A talk by **David Mackenzie** explains the history of this important area. Mid-afternoon departure on the Car-Ferry from **Dunoon** to **Gourock**, and a fairly short drive past the famous ship-building towns of Greenock and Port Glasgow en route to the Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport for our final night.

### Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, A short concert program with **Men of Worth**.  
**Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)**

## Day 11 Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

### Activity

Breakfast is included. This is the morning we all disperse.

**This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!**

Additional night, or nights, at the Holiday Inn before or after the tour? We can make your reservation. This arrangement is booked through Donnie.

Note: Also, if you would like input relating to flights, and/or any additional time you plan to spend in Scotland, contact Donnie.

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