



Oban Bay, from McCaig's Tower

'Argyll & Bute' Tour, 2021

'Men of Worth' James Keigher & Donnie Macdonald

10 Nights: Fri 4 – Sun 13, June (Dispersing morning of 14th June)

Mount Stuart; Kilmartin Glen; Crinan Canal; Inveraray Castle; Oban Distillery; Auchindrain Township; Kilmun Church; Loch Lomond Cruise!

The Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport	1 Night
Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Argyll & Bute	3 Nights
Loch Fyne Hotel & Spa, Inveraray, Argyll & Bute	5 Nights
The Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport	1 Night

\$2,950 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin)

\$3,450 Per/Person (Single)

(Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

Payment by check or money order only, payable to Minch Music.

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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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Day 1 **Friday, 4th June, 2021**

Activity As tour members arrive independently at Glasgow Airport, cross the road to the **Holiday Inn**, and check in under **MINCH MUSIC TOUR**.
Gather in the Bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6.00pm**, then **Dinner** at **7.00p**

Evening After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax, and prepare for morning departure.
Hotel **Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)**

Day 2 **Saturday, 5th June, 2021**

Activity Depart Holiday Inn driving west and south 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. www.mountstuart.com
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 slightly north of Tarbert. (Independent Lunch at Mount Stuart)

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Hotel **Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**
www.bespokehotels.com

Day 3 **Sunday, 6th June, 2021**

Activity Depart for **Kilmartin Glen**, the richest concentrations of Neolithic and Bronze Age sites in Scotland. Other than time to browse in the **Kilmartin Museum**, we will arrange a guided walk which will take in some Bronze Age tombs, and should last about hours. www.kilmartin.org
FYI: Dunadd lies a few miles to the south. This is where kings were crowned back when the area was known as Dalriada. (Google Dunadd)(Google Dalriada) (Independent Lunch in Kilmartin. Choices are Kilmartin Hotel or Visitor Centre)

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Hotel **Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)**

Day 4 **Monday, 7th June, 2021**

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 and government for us. There are **Published Walks** available, as well as the ruins of **Tarbert Castle** which dominate the town. We will offer time in the company of Castle Guide, **Robert MacPhail**.
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**. (Independent Lunch wherever you are)

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**, and **Guest singers from the**
Hotel **Tarbert & District Gaelic Choir**
Stonefield Castle Hotel, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute (D. B.)

Day 5
Activity

Tuesday, 8th June, 2021

We bid farewell to Stonefield Castle Hotel and drive north to the Crinan Canal, Our main stop will be Cairnbaan Hotel which is located at Lock #5 of the canal. Opened in 1801, the canal is still active today as it links Ardrishaig on Loch Fyne with Crinan on the Atlantic coast. During this stop we should see boating activity in the lock, and there will be time for a leisurely stroll along the canal.

Later, we continue north along the eastern shores of Loch Fyne to Inveraray, and our destination, the **Loch Fyne Hotel**.

(Provided Lunch at Cairnbaan Hotel)

Evening
Hotel

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

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

www.crerarhotels.com

Day 6
Activity

Wednesday, 9th June, 2021

Driver rest day. We are free to explore **Inveraray**, traditional county town of Argyll, and ancestral home of the **Duke of Argyll**, who founded the town in 1745, alongside his new dwelling, **Inveraray Castle**. www.inveraray-argyll.com

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 Woolen Shop, and two Whisky Shops, among the many aspects of Inveraray. One of the popular attractions is the **Old Inveraray Jail**, available to us for a self-guided tour. www.inverarayjail.co.uk

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**, Free time

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

Day 7
Activity

Thursday, 10th June, 2021

Morning 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.

www.inveraray-castle.com

Afternoon visit 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, refreshments, and self guided time around the old houses, barns, and impliments.

www.auchindrain.org.uk

(Independent Lunch in Inveraray)

Evening
Hotel

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

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Day 8 **Friday, 11th June, 2021**

Activity

To the eastern area of the county lies **Loch Lomond**. We drive by Loch Fyne and Loch Long to Tarbet where we board a **Cruise Loch Lomond** vessel to fully enjoy the famous loch. This will include berthing on the far shore at Inversnaid which offers spectacular views of Arklet Falls, the muse of Wordsworth and Sir Walter Scott, with un-spoiled surroundings and peaceful tranquility.
(Provided Lunch on board)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
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Day 9 **Saturday, 12th June, 2021**

Activity

A day trip to **Oban**, the largest town in the county, and an important ferry terminal. An opportunity to enjoy leisurely shopping, and all else there is to offer. The population is just over 8,000, which can be tripled during the summer months. We will plan a visit to **Oban Distillery**.

Also, **St. Conan's Church**, in the village of Loch Awe is well worth a brief stop.

www.stconanskirk.org.uk

(Independent Lunch in Oban, or wherever you are)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
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Day 10 **Sunday, 13th June, 2021**

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 the Argyll Mausoleum at **Kilmun Church**.

A talk by staff member explains the historical importance of this 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.

(Provided Lunch at Creggans Inn)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, No scheduled activity. Time for socializing, or packing, etc.
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)

Day 11 **Monday, 14th June, 2021**

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.

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