



Duart Castle

'SCOTLAND - WEST' Tour, 2021

(Glencoe Visitor Centre; Cruise on Loch Ness; The Jacobite Centre in Glenfinnan; The Glenfinnan Viaduct "Harry Potter"; Fort William; Town of Oban; Isle of Mull; Isle of Iona; Iona Abbey; Duart Castle; Tobermory Distillery; Inveraray; Loch Fyne Oysters)

10 Nights: Wed 9 June – Fri 18 June
(Dispersing morning of 19 June)

[The Holiday Inn @ GLA](#)

[Moorings Hotel](#), Fort William

[Isle of Mull Hotel](#), Craignure

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1 night

4 nights

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

\$3,450 Per/Person (Single)

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Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B - Coach - Ferry - Activities/Visits - Meal-tips.

Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 **Wednesday, 9th 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**.
(Note: The Holiday Inn, and NOT the Holiday Inn Express)
Gather in the bar for a **Welcome Drink** at **6.00pm**, prior to **Dinner** at **7.00pm**.

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

Day 2 **Thursday, 10th June, 2021**

Activity Depart hotel at 9.00am, and drive north on the A82 Loch Lomond road, with stops at the [Green Welly](#) in Tyndrum, and the [Glencoe Visitor Centre](#). Drive to [Banavie](#), just past [Fort William](#) for checking into the **Moorings Hotel**.
Our hotel is beside [Neptune's Staircase](#), a series of eight locks at the south end of the **Caledonian Canal**, built by Thomas Telford between 1803 and 1822.
(Independent Lunch, at the Green Welly, or at the Glencoe Visitor Centre)

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**.
Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 3 **Friday, 11th June, 2021**

Activity We drive north to [Fort Augustus](#) where the Caledonian Canal enters Loch Ness by way of a flight of locks. Fort Augustus, cut in two by the canal, is originally an 18th-century garrison, and lies at the junction of four old military roads.
We can find out more information at the **Caledonian Canal Heritage Centre**.
Also, the [Clansman Centre](#) provides insight into 17th-century Highland life.
Following an independent lunch, we are planning to charter a **Cruise Boat** for an hour and a half on the Loch in the afternoon.
(Independent Lunch in Fort Augustus)

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Free time.
Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 4 **Saturday, 12th June, 2021**

Activity Easy morning drive from our hotel tracking the canal north to the [Commando Memorial](#) by Spean Bridge. The monument overlooks the Lochaber region and stands as a memorial to the British Commandos who trained in the area. In the Garden of Remembrance many families have erected tributes to loved ones of contemporary Commando units who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts such as the Falklands War or in Afghanistan and Iraq.
We return to Fort William on the main A82 road for an afternoon of Free Time.
Options include: shopping; walking in Glen Nevis; [Ben Nevis Distillery](#); [Old Inverloch Castle](#); the [Highland Museum](#). Lots to do!
(Independent Lunch wherever you are) Bus drop-off/pick-up in Fort William.

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**.
Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 5

Sunday, 13th June, 2021

Activity

A leisurely drive west to the [Glenfinnan Monument & Visitor Centre](#). The 18m-high monument was built here in 1815. The exhibition in the Visitor Centre tells the history of **Prince Charles Edward Stuart** and the subsequent **1745 Jacobite Rising**.

The nearby [Glenfinnan Viaduct](#), of Harry Potter fame, is a good photo opportunity as the steam train passes.

(Provided Lunch at Glenfinnan House Hotel)

Evening Hotel

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

Moorings Hotel, Banavie, by Fort William, Inverness-shire (D. B.)

Day 6

Monday, 14th June, 2021

Activity

Departing the Moorings Hotel, we head for [Craignure](#) on the [Isle of Mull](#).

Driving back south to [Ballachulish](#), we take the coastal route round by Appin to [Oban](#). We have 4 hours of free time in Oban. Later, the 3.55pm ferry from **Oban to Craignure** brings us to the **Isle of Mull Hotel** in good time for a 5.00pm check in.

(Independent Lunch in Oban)

Evening Hotel

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

Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 7

Tuesday, 15th June, 2021

Activity

Iona Day! Today we drive to [Fionnphort](#), where we board the passenger ferry to **Iona**, sometimes known as the **Holy Isle**. Upon arrival we have arranged a **Nature Ramble** with local **Rangers/Guides**, and after lunch we break into two groups for a guided tour in [Iona Abbey](#).

(Independent Lunch on Iona)

Evening Hotel

After **Dinner**, the **Mull & Iona Pipe Band** perform in the hotel.

Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 8

Wednesday, 16th June, 2021

Activity

A leisurely day during which we visit [Duart Castle](#), the ancestral home of the **Maclean's of Duart**. The current Clan Chief, **Sir Lachlan**, is often in residence. Built in 1360, by Chief Lachlan Lubanach Maclean, the position of Duart was well chosen. It is sited on a high crag at the end of a peninsula jutting into the Sound of Mull. It commands the channel between Mull and the mainland, the entrances to Loch Linnhe and Loch Etive, and the neck of the Firth of Lorne as it meets the Sound of Mull.

We will schedule a guided tour of the castle. There is an excellent café on site which is famous for home baked cakes!

(The photo on page 1 is of Duart Castle, and the Sound of Mull)

(Independent Lunch at Duart Castle)

Evening Hotel

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

Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 9 Thursday, 17th June, 2021

Activity We drive to [Tobermory](#), the largest settlement in Mull, where you will have free time to explore the town. We will arrange a guided tour of the [Tobermory Distillery](#) for those interested. The Western Isles Hotel, overlooking Tobermory Bay, was featured in the 1945 movie '*I Know Where I'm Going*'
(Independent Lunch in Tobermory)

Evening Hotel After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**
Isle of Mull Hotel, Craignure, Argyll-shire (D. B.)

Day 10 Friday, 18th June, 2021

Activity We depart Craignure on a late morning ferry to Oban, and continue to [Inveraray](#) for our main stop. Later, a stop at the [Loch Fyne Oyster Bar](#) as we make our way back to Glasgow Airport, and the **Holiday Inn**.
(Independent Lunch in Inveraray)

Evening Hotel A final **Dinner** together at 7.30pm
Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (D. B.)

Day 11 Saturday, 19th June, 2021

Activity Breakfast is included.

This is the morning we all disperse.

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!
You could plan to fly out this morning...or make other plans.

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