

## Hebridean Explorer Tour

Tour Code: 35SWE/6W



**Pick up: Stirling Wallace Monument**  
**Finish: Edinburgh**

This is one of the finest tours known to man (or woman!). Six days of pure adventure touring the Highlands, Skye and the remoter islands of Harris and Lewis; hiking, chilling, fishing and much much more!

Stays in unique accommodation including a blackhouse (traditional thatched cottage) set in its own bay and the last night spent in the village of Lewiston, where Loch Ness and pubs are within 5 mins walk and has an outdoor BBQ - perfect for last night celebrations! The tour includes a boat trip with seals and seafood.

**Day 1** - Unicorn Travel arranges pick ups at Stirling Wallace Monument and will provide you with maps and information on how to get there (the tour originally starts from Edinburgh). Travellers will enjoy a superb day meandering on our way into the Highlands. Hear all about William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and Rob Roy MacGregor with walks for fantastic views. After a picnic lunch, it's into magnificent Glencoe (the massacre of Clan MacDonald) where they'll be plenty of time to explore the dramatic beauty of arguably Scotland's most famous glen. Tonight we spend in the Great Glen at a lochside hostel with views of Ben Nevis. It's the perfect introduction to our superb country!

**Day 2** - This morning we'll have a short stop at Eilean Donan Castle (where Highlander was filmed) - you'll hear all the history and legends - before enjoying a morning seafood & seal cruise with local fisherman Neil. The rest of today will be spent exploring the Isle of Skye, with lots of walks and time to take in the magic. You'll see the Cuillin Mountains, the Old Man of Storr (an incredible Jurassic pillar) and hear some of the tales and legends surrounding the MacDonalds and MacLeods, the two main Clans of the island. We'll visit the fascinating Kilt

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Rock, and take in absolutely awe-inspiring panoramas in the Quirang. Tonight we'll stay on the magical Isle of Skye.

**Day 3** - The morning we will head for Uig to catch the ferry over the sea to the Isle of Harris where we will spend the afternoon checking out Rodel Church, home to the tomb of Alisdair Crotach MacLeod and going for great coastal walks along some of the best beaches (yes, we have beaches!) in the world! Then we make our way up into Lewis and over to the west coast where an amazing original Blackhouse (renovated for comfort!) is our home for the next 2 nights.

**Day 4** - A great day on Lewis with time spent at a recently discovered Iron Age village at Bosta, the amazing 4,000 year old Callanish Standing Stones (second only to Stonehenge), exploring the ancient Broch (fortified dwelling house) of Dun Carloway and witnessing the traditional making of Harris tweed! Then if we have enough energy left late afternoon (of course we will!) there is a superb coastal walk to Dalmore bay, next to the Blackhouse.

**Day 5** - This morning you will have time to spend in Stornoway, the capital of Lewis, and it's harbour before taking the ferry back to the mainland at Ullapool. Then, with a stop at Corrieschalloch Gorge to stretch the legs, it is off to Lewiston by the banks of Loch Ness the last night.

**Day 6** - A full day, with time to explore Loch Ness, before heading to tragic Culloden Battlefield. Then its southwards through the Cairngorm Mountains for a walk in Perthshire at the Hermitage forest before making our way back to Edinburgh, tired and happy Scotland fans!