

The Highlands - coasts, castles, kilts - 13 days (M-ID: 2613)

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from €1,549.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

13 days

04/01/2024 - 04/13/2024 13 days

04/19/2024 - 05/01/2024 13 days

05/03/2024 - 05/15/2024 13 days

05/17/2024 - 05/29/2024 13 days

06/01/2024 - 06/13/2024 13 days

06/21/2024 - 07/03/2024 13 days

07/05/2024 - 07/17/2024 13 days

07/19/2024 - 07/31/2024 13 days

08/01/2024 - 08/13/2024 13 days

08/16/2024 - 08/28/2024 13 days

09/02/2024 - 09/14/2024 13 days

09/20/2024 - 10/02/2024 13 days

10/04/2024 - 10/16/2024 13 days

10/25/2024 - 11/06/2024 13 days

13-day motorcycle tour from/to Newcastle (incl. ferry from/to Amsterdam).

A wonderful backdrop for a motorcycle tour - coastal roads with little traffic and varied routes through barren mountain landscapes! The rugged landscape, repeatedly interrupted by small and large lochs, the rocky outcrops covered in moss and heather, the play of colors in nature and, last but not least, the rugged coastline make for a special kind of landscape impression in the Highlands. Defiant castles, ruins, prehistoric sites, and quaint villages complete the picture. A day trip to the Orkney archipelago and a visit to the Isle of Arran will introduce you to two very special Scottish islands.

Tour character:

On this motorcycle tour to the far north of Scotland, you will cover a total of around 1,900 km - always accompanied by a fantastic panorama and in large parts on the "North Coast 500". The tour is ridden on your own motorcycle. Two daily stages are slightly longer at around 300 km, but riding in Scotland is pleasant thanks to the low traffic density.

Highlights::

- Scotland intensively with your own motorcycle
- incl. ferry journey from/to Amsterdam
- Great routes and coastal roads
- magnificent "North Coast 500"
- Impressive landscapes: Isle of Arran and the Orkney Islands
- a whole day in Edinburgh

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the ferry port of Amsterdam (Ijmuiden), embarkation, and departure (approx. 17.30 hrs) towards Great Britain. Overnight stay on board.

Day 2: Newcastle - Peebles (approx. 160 km)

Arrival in Newcastle (approx. 9.15 am). If you like, you can

take a detour through the city. Then your round trip through Scotland begins. You continue through the vast landscape of Northumberland to the Peebles region. On the way are Melrose Abbey, an impressive monastery ruin, and Traquair House. Overnight stay in the Peebles area.

Day 3: Peebles - Ayrshire (approx. 180 km)

You travel to the Dumfries & Galloway region in the southwest of Scotland. You initially follow the course of the River Tweed for long stretches and pass through beautiful countryside. Overnight stay in the Ayrshire area.

Day 4: Ayrshire - Isle of Arran (approx. 40 km + ferry)

Take the ferry to the Isle of Arran. In addition to its impressive nature, Brodick Castle is also worth seeing. The castle is surrounded by extensive parkland. The megalithic monuments of Machrie Moor can be found on the west coast. If you like, you can visit the local distillery. Overnight stay on the Isle of Arran.

Day 5: Isle of Arran - Fort William (ferry + approx. 170 km)

Back on the mainland, continue along the coast, and head for Dunadd. The historic area was of great importance as a coronation site between the 5th and 9th centuries. Via Kilmartin, where there are numerous megalithic sites, stone circles, rock carvings, and other prehistoric monuments, you ride to Fort William at the foot of Ben Nevis. It is the highest mountain in Great Britain. Overnight stay in the Fort William area.

Day 6: Fort William - Eilean Donan Castle - Gairloch/Ullapool (approx. 210 - 300 km)

Head north to Eilean Donan Castle on Loch Duich. The castle, which is built on a small headland, is both picturesque and defiant. Not without reason has it served as the backdrop for many films - not least Braveheart, Rob Roy, and Highlander. From now on, you will ride along large

sections of the North Coast 500 - a fantastic coastal road!
Overnight stay in the Gairloch or Ullapool area.

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Day 7: Gairloch/Ullapool - Durness - Thurso (approx. 230 - 330 km)

Ride past the striking Stac Pollaidh mountain through the lonely regions of northwest Scotland. You can make a stopover in the small village of Durness, where you will also find the remarkable limestone cave Smoo Cave. Durness is one of the most northerly points on the British Isles and you can gaze out over the Atlantic. Overnight stay in the Thurso area.

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Day 8: Orkney

Day trip to the Orkney archipelago, which consists of around 70 islands. Worth seeing are the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae and the Bay of Skaill as well as the megalithic site of Maes Howe. On the uninhabited island of Lamb Holm is the Italian Chapel, which was built by Italian prisoners of war during the Second World War. You can either go on the excursion on your own motorcycle and experience the islands on your own or, if you would like to have a day "ride-free", you can join an English-speaking coach excursion (only 01.05.-30.09., more details under "Tips"). Overnight stay in the Thurso area.

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Day 9: Thurso - Inverness (approx. 180 km)

If you wish, you can visit the Caithness Horizons Museum before continuing along the west coast to Inverness. On the way, you can stop at the beautiful Dunrobin Castle. You will catch one or two beautiful views of the coast before you reach Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Overnight stay in the Inverness area.

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Day 10: Inverness - Edinburgh (approx. 280 - 310 km)

Today you travel to the Scottish capital. If you wish, you can take a detour to Loch Ness on the way and enjoy the view from Urquhart Castle. Or you can take in the intense impressions of the Cairngorms National Park and the Speyside region. The mountain landscape of the route with its lochs, moorland, and heathland will give you another impression of the solitude of the Scottish Highlands. Overnight stay in Edinburgh.

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Day 11: Edinburgh

Edinburgh has been the capital of Scotland since the 15th century and is a lively metropolis with almost 500,000 inhabitants. Edinburgh Castle towers high above the city and offers a breathtaking view. The famous Royal Mile leads from here to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. If you like, you can enjoy the view of Edinburgh Castle from Calton Hill - great in the early morning too. A stroll through the enchanting Dean Village is also worthwhile. Overnight stay in Edinburgh.

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Day 12: Departure

You ride back to Newcastle (approx. 200 km). If you choose the coastal route (+ 25 km), you will pass Alnwick Castle. It was used as a filming location for the Harry Potter films. Embarkation and departure (approx. 17.00 hrs) in the direction of Amsterdam. Overnight stay on board.

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Day 13: Arrival in Amsterdam

In the morning (approx. 9.45 am) the ferry reaches Amsterdam, where your journey ends.

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- Daily schedules are subject to change. -

Countries	United Kingdom / Great Britain
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	no (self-guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

- The prices shown are minimum prices for the low season. Please ask for an individual offer for your desired travel dates. -

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Prices for bookings as of 01.02.2024:

Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€1,599.00
Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion passenger)	€1,389.00
Price per person in a single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider)	€2,699.00

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Bookable options (surcharge):

Cabin, 1-bed outside	€64.00
Cabin, 2-bed outside (double bed) Occupancy with at least 2 persons	€32.00
Cabin, 2-bed outside (single beds) Occupancy with at least 2 persons	€56.00
Cabin, 2-bed inside (double beds) Occupancy with at least 2 persons	€16.00
Meal package on the ferry Amsterdam (IJmuiden) - Newcastle. The meal package includes 1 x dinner (buffet), 1 x breakfast incl. tea and coffee. Price per person. Cannot be booked at a later date, only when booking the trip!	€38.00

Coach excursion to the Orkney Islands (English-speaking excursion to the Orkney Islands (excluding lunch and entrance to Skara Brae & Chapel). Price per person).

Ferry to the Orkney Islands (ferry Gills - St. Margaret's Hope for individual exploration incl. vehicle transportation on the ferry. Price per person).

Meal package on the ferry Newcastle - Amsterdam (IJmuiden). The meal package includes 1 x dinner (buffet), 1 x breakfast incl. tea and coffee. Price per person. Cannot be booked at a later date, only when booking the trip!	€38.00
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Early bird prices for bookings until 31.01.2024:

Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€1,549.00
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Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion passenger)	€1,339.00
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Price per person in a single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider)	€2,649.00
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Included

Ferry passages Amsterdam (IJmuiden) - Newcastle - Amsterdam (IJmuiden) in a 2-bed cabin inside (bunk beds) with shower/WC (without on-board catering)

Ferry passage Ardrossan - Brodick

Motorcycle transport on ferries

10 overnights in good middle-class hotels or bed-and-breakfast accommodation in rooms with bath or shower/WC

Breakfast

Orkney Islands: Ferry Gills - St. Margaret's Hope and back with motorcycle transportation or optional English-speaking coach excursion (only 01.05. - 30.09.) - see More details

GPS data and route description (see More details)

Maps

one travel book per room

Not included

Everything not listed under services

Parking fees, ferry passage Lochranza - Claonaig

Local tax if applicable (payable on-site)

More details

Accommodation: As a rule, you will be accommodated in hotels, but in individual cases we use selected bed-and-breakfast accommodation. These may also be located outside of towns.

In Edinburgh, your hotel may be a little away from the city center, as only a few centrally located hotels offer good parking facilities. However, we always ensure good public transport connections.

Arrival: Please note that the ferry from/to Amsterdam and motorcycle transportation are included in the price of this tour. The tour is ridden on your own motorcycle.

Catering on the ferries: On the ferries, meals are offered in the on-board restaurants - payable locally. On some ferry connections, we offer meal packages that can be booked in advance. These can be found under the optional services in the price section of the trip and can only be booked directly in connection with the trip; it is not possible to add them at a later date.

Route description and GPS data: The route description and GPS data correspond to the itinerary as described in the tour description. Individual changes and optional programs are not taken into account. The start and end points of our GPS data are usually the city/town centers of the day's destination, as the hotels we usually book may vary. You will not receive route descriptions or GPS data for customized trips.

Visit to the Orkney Islands: You can explore the Orkney Islands on your own by motorcycle. In this case, take the ferry from Gills to St. Margaret's Hope (a 20-minute ferry ride from Thurso). The crossing takes about an hour and you have around 7 hours on the islands.

Alternatively, you can join an English-speaking coach excursion (only 01.05.-30.09.). This starts in John o' Groats (approx. 30 min from Thurso), the ferry crossing (John o' Groats to Burwick) takes only 40 minutes, the stay on the islands is approx. 8 hours.

Please select one of the two excursion options in the price section of the trip.

Parking spaces: For this trip, we generally use hotels that have parking spaces available. We reserve a parking space for you when you book (where possible, no obligation). Parking fees may apply, which you must pay on-site. The amount of parking fees can vary greatly depending on the location and hotel.

Health regulations: Please contact your family doctor for vaccination advice for the destination. Please read the travel advice of the Federal Foreign Office at www.auswaertiges-amt.de

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Other dates on request.