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Hebridean Way - Self Guided Cycle Trip Copy

Discover the enchanting Outer Hebrides and enjoy cycling the Hebridean Way on this self-guided cycle tour. The cycle route is a 185-mile (297km) route, crossing ten islands in the archipelago



Trip Summary

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Day 4 - Benbecula to Berneray 31 miles, ascent 335

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Day 8 - Departure

Day 1 - Oban to Barra



Arrival in Oban in plenty of time to the ferry from Oban to Castlebay

Check-in at Caledonian MacBrayne Terminal to collect tickets - 1240

- Departs Oban 13:40
- Arrives Castlebay 18.25

Ferry from Oban to Barra

On this ferry route enjoy wildflowers and rare birds, long white beaches and turquoise seas, while on route to the Island known as Barradise. The main ferry route to Barra from Oban takes 4 hours 50 minutes

Overnight at Castlebay Hotel - Isle of Barra

Included: Ferry, bedroom and breakfast



Overnight at the Castlebay Hotel

You will receive a warm welcome when you stay or dine, at the Castlebay Hotel on Barra, the most southerly inhabited island in the Outer Hebrides (or Western Isles). The Hotel overlooks Kisimul Castle, the harbour and the beautiful island of Vatersay.

The hotel provides a welcoming, comfortable base where you can eat good food, sample good wine, meet like-minded guests and even enjoy a pint in the Castlebay Bar next door. Whether you are looking for relaxation and getting away from it all, or hearty exercise, you will not find a friendlier place to stay on Barra!

The island and the hotel featured in the BBC TV documentary "An Island Parish". The view from the hotel of the Castle and harbour are very similar to that from the priest's residence.

For those needing Internet access, they have WIFI in all bedrooms and public rooms. On Barra, we now have superfast broadband (better than in most of the UK at 38Mbps) and the hotel's telecoms connection has now been upgraded to benefit from this enhanced speed.



Day 2 - Castlebay to Vatersay to Ardmhor to Eriskay- 19 Miles Ascent 315



Cycle to Vatersay for the start of the tour.

The start of the Hebridean Cycling Way is at the obelisk in the village of Vatersay. The route follows the main road over the causeway to Barra and round the scenic west coast of Barra to the Ardmhor ferry terminal. Here is where you get the ferry to Eriskay, and the ferry journey is 40 minutes. The mileage from Vatersay to Ardmhor is 13.6 miles.

Check in at Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry Terminal - 1530

Ferry from Ardmore (Barra) to Eriskay Departs 1630 arrives 1710

Enjoy this 40 minute journey from Barra over to Eriskay. Eriskay is the home of Whisky Galore, indigenous ponies, and the landing place of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Overnight at Ard Na Greine B&B Eriskay

Included: Ferry , bedroom and continental breakfast



Overnight at Ard Na Greine Guest House

This is a bright and sunny home with some of the best views of Eriskay and the hills of Barra and South Uist and 5 minutes from the beach. Set in the heart of the community on a brae overlooking the Atlantic Ocean with stunning panoramic views. Local amenities include a Community Shop, Am Politician Public Bar which serves local seafood and local music is available at the height of the season.

Guest access

Access upstairs through shared entrance. Access to shared guest lounge and kitchen facilities.

Continental Breakfast will be provided



Day 3 - Eriskay to Benbecula 33 Miles, ascent 308



Leave the picturesque island of Eriskay and travel over the causeway to South Uist. Here the route mostly follows the main road, but at South Boisdale (Leth Meadhanach) the route goes west towards the machair and goes through the villages of North Boisdale, Kilpheder and then rejoins the main road at Daliburgh. At Bornish the route once again turns west towards the machair through the vilage of Stoneybridge and rejoins the main road at Peninerine. The route then follows the main route and across the causeway to Benbecula. This part of the route is 31.9 miles.



Overnight at Borve Guest House

Borve Guest House is a small, family-run establishment in Torlum on the island of Benbecula, under the ownership of Mary & Ian Potton. Borve is a well-known guest house with a good reputation. Mary, born and bred in Torlum, is highly regarded for her culinary and hosting skills, providing quality food and accommodation at affordable prices.

Borve Guest House provides an excellent base for exploring the beautiful beaches, lochs and moorland that characterise the island, and seeing all the wildlife they attract. It is conveniently located for Benbecula airport (3 miles), a range of local attractions and places to eat. The remains of Borve Castle are on the doorstep.



Day 4 - Benbecula to Berneray 31 miles, ascent 335



The route starts with over the causeway to Grimsay then follows the main road to Clachan where it follows the road along the stunning west and north coasts of North Uist. The Route then goes northwards and over the causeway to Berneray to the ferry terminal. This part of the route is approx 35.7 miles.



Check in at Brightwater Bed And Breakfast

Modern bungalow in a superb shoreside location. Beautiful gardens running down to the sea and exceptional views across the Minch towards North Uist and Skye.

We have three guest rooms - one double and two twins. All rooms are ensuite with brand new shower rooms. We are about half a mile from Berneray ferry terminal and also within easy walking distance of Ardmaree Stores and The Lobster Pot tea room.

We are easy to find, being the first house on your right after you pass the shop. We have ample parking on-site.

We specialise in good home cooking - evening meals are also available by arrangement.



Day 5 - Berneray to Harris 31 miles, ascent 1030



Start off today with the ferry from Berneray to Leverburgh on the Sound of Harris.

The route follows the main road around the spectacular west coast of Harris and through the lunar landscape to Tarbert. From here the route pushes north over the Clisham, the highest hill in the Outer Hebrides (799m). This section of the Hebridean Way Cycling Route is 33 miles (54km)

Check in at the Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry Terminal - 1430

Ferry from Berneray - Leverburgh (sound of Harris) Departs 1530 Arrives 1630

On this ferry route enjoy the wildlife (seals), views of leaving the tropical looking island of Berneray as you travel over the sea to Harris. The main ferry route to Berneray to Harris takes approx 80 Mins

Overnight at The Hotel Hebrides - Tarbert

Dinner can be booked at the hotel.

Included: Ferry , Room and breakfast



Check in at Hotel Hebrides - Tarbert

In the heart of the Hebrides, this boutique-style hotel offers individually designed en suite bedrooms all with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, tea/coffee and DVD players.

The Pierhouse Restaurant offers a fine menu of modern Scottish cuisine. Mote Lounge Bar has an extensive selection of whiskies and traditional Scottish music.

Luskentyre beach, voted the 8th most beautiful beach in the world (Lost Planet), is only 15 minutes' drive from Hotel Hebrides.

Set in beautiful Scottish landscape, Hotel Hebrides is 50 minutes' from Stornoway and Callanish Stones.



Day 6 - Harris to Lewis - 62 miles, ascent 2530



The last part of the the route travels through the hilly Lochs area of Lewis, and then at Leurbost follows the road around the scenic west side of Lewis, past the famous Callanish Stones and then on up to the Butt of Lewis. This part of the route is 62 miles (100km).

Overnight at Borge House Hotel Lewis

Included: bedroom and breakfast



Check in at Borge Country House Hotel

Offering elegant and modern accommodation on the idyllic Isle of Lewis, Borge House Hotel features luxurious rooms and offers good food. On the West coast of the Isle of Lewis, the house provides free WiFi access throughout the hotel.

Spacious and classically furnished, the rooms enjoy luxury duvets and cotton sheets, along with an en suite bathroom with a power shower and natural toiletries. A flat-screen TV and tea/coffee facilities are featured in each room.

The on-site restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food is prepared with seasonal and local products. The bar offers a range of Scottish malt whiskies and an extensive wine list.

Free parking is available, and Stornoway, with its ferry port, airport and golf club, is 30 minutes away by car.



Day 7 - Stornoway to Inverness - 31 Miles, ascent 850



Last Day and final ride back to Stornoway to catch the ferry back to the mainland.

Depart early morning and cycle the 28 Miles to Stornoway.

Check in at Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry Terminal 1330

Ferry from Stornoway to Ullapool Departs 1400 arrives 1630

The Minch is a long stretch of sea water between the west coast of Scotland and the Hebrides. Enjoy this ferry trip from Ullapool to Stornoway and providing it is a clear and calm day, you should get one of the best ferry trips of your life. Sit back and enjoy the wildlife, pod of whales and plenty of birdlife can be seen.

On arrival at Ullapool ferry port,, our representative will meet you and transfer you to Inverness

Overnight at Royal Highland Hotel

Included: Ferry , transport , bedroom and breakfast



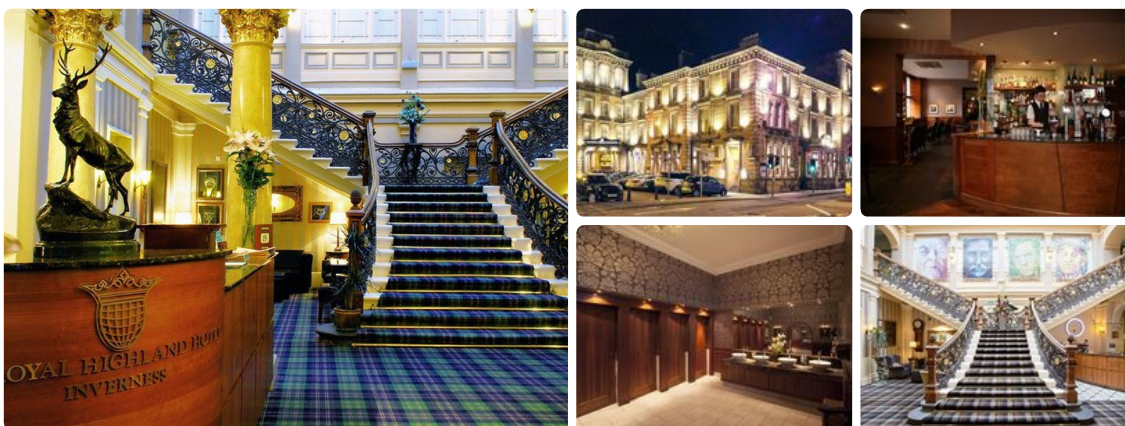
Check in at Royal Highland Hotel

Next to Inverness Rail Station, this hotel has a grand staircase that was inspired by the stairway in the Titanic. It is a friendly, welcoming hotel with 2 restaurants and free parking.

The Royal Highland has an excellent location for enjoying the activities and attractions in Inverness and the Highlands beyond. The airport is just 15 minutes' drive away.

The Gallery Café serves traditional meals, while Ash Restaurant serves an à la carte menu. Food is sourced locally, and includes fish from nearby lochs and rivers.

Each room at The Royal Highland has rich décor with traditional furniture and high ceilings. Every room also has satellite TV, and facilities for making tea and coffee.



Day 8 - Departure



Today depart Inverness for your journey home

Well done, you can clap yourself on the back - you did it!