

A Real Taste Of the Highlands and Islands

Draft Itinerary for a Post Gathering Tour of the Outer Hebrides and Skye

Monday 9th August 2010

You leave your accommodation at **9.30am** driving westwards by Garve, Achnasheen and Lochcarron to the village of Dornie where you visit Eilean Donan Castle. North from there you cross the bridge on to the Isle of Skye and travel north through Broadford to Portree. You then head north to make the circular drive by the Trotternish Peninsula back to Portree. You pass through the village of Uig on your way to the north coast. You visit the Museum of Island Life and have the option of a short walk from there to visit Flora MacDonald's Grave and Monument. You then pass the Kilt Rock Viewpoint and the Old Man of Storr on your back down into Portree where you stay for **two nights** at the Royal Hotel. **Breakfasts** are included in the Package Costs.

Tuesday 10th August 2010

You leave the hotel at **9.30am** and drive westwards across the Island. You visit the beautiful Waternish Peninsula where a visit to the local Sheepskin Tannery will be included. The process will be explained followed by time to view the many superb skins always available for sale. There will be time to stop and photograph the stunning scenery on Waternish before heading further across the Island to Dunvegan. There you visit Dunvegan Castle, ancestral home of the Chiefs of the Clan MacLeod for over 850 years. A Lunch of Soup and Sandwiches will be served in one of the local hotels after which you'll head to Colbost for a visit to Skye Silver where the most superb traditional jewellery is made and sold. South from there you leave the Dunvegan area driving south to visit the Talisker Single Malt Whisky Distillery to experience a real "Island Malt" at first hand. From there you return to Portree by late afternoon.

Wednesday 11th August 2010

You have a leisurely morning in Portree before, at **12.30pm** you leave town driving north to the port of Uig. You take the **2.00pm** ferry from Uig to Tarbert on the Isle of Harris which is scheduled to arrive at **3.40pm**. On arrival in Harris you check in to stay for **one night** at the Harris Hotel where **Breakfasts** are included in the Package Costs. You have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the little town of Tarbert.

Thursday 12th August 2010

You leave the hotel at **9.30am** and head south on the east side of the Isle of Harris where the terrain is often more reminiscent of the moon. At Plockropool you visit one of the Islands "Harris Tweed" producers, see a demonstration of weaving, and have the opportunity to make purchases. Arriving in Rodel you turn north along the west side of the Island where the beaches are arguably the best in Europe, but where the uncertainties of the weather have kept the beach-lovers away. Its not unusual to see miles of beautiful beach with nothing more than a couple of sheep wandering about on them. You eventually return to Tarbert from where you head north on to the Isle of Lewis. You make your way to Callanish where you visit the world famous Standing Stones. You then check in to stay for **one night** at the Doune Braes Hotel where **Breakfasts** are included in the Package Costs.

Friday 13th August 2010

You leave the hotel at **9.30am** and head north to the Isle of Lewis to visit the Black House Museum. From there you cross the Barvas Moor to Stornoway from where you take the **12.40pm** ferry to Ullapool back on the mainland where you are scheduled to arrive at **3.25pm**. You head south from Ullapool to the Inverness area

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