

BYWAY HOLIDAYS

Scottish Highlands & Islands

August 18 - 7 nights

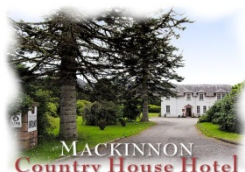
Tour Leader: David Leitch

Hotels:

*The Dowan – Aberlour – 4 nights
night*



The MacKinnon – Isle of Skye – 2 nights



Price: £1495 per person. All rooms en-suite

Train Meeting: Edinburgh Waverly Station

Itinerary: Building on the resounding success of this tour in 2009, David Leitch plans a few itinerary variations for this year whilst still encompassing the magnificent route through to the west coast of Scotland. This three centre tour will take you through some of the most spectacular scenery to be seen anywhere and allow you to experience the majestic beauty of the Isle of Skye and The Western Highlands.

Your tour begins with your arrival in Edinburgh where David will gather the party together and take you on a short drive to your transit night's accommodation in Perth where you will enjoy Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Having rested the following morning sees you heading westwards as the tour meanders its way towards the Western Highlands and the west coast. You will enjoy the unspoilt beauty of the Falls of Dochart and the mysterious splendor of Glencoe. You will then follow the Great Glen and the Caledonian Canal before turning westwards to finally cross 'over the sea to Skye' where you reach your home for the next two nights – The MacKinnon Country House Hotel – well renowned for its excellent accommodation and great food and often frequented by food gourmet Rick Stein.

Next day you will enjoy the stunning and unique scenery of Skye and gain an insight into the Lords of the Isles at Dunvegan Castle before experiencing the magnificent views through the Cuillin Mountains on the return drive to your hotel. Following your second night at the MacKinnon you will head towards the Highlands enjoying the incomparable setting of Eilean Donan Castle and the beautiful and tranquil Attadale Gardens on the way. You will meander gently back through the glens to Inverness and on to Aberlour for the next four nights enjoying a warm welcome, elegant accommodation and first class dining of the Dowans Hotel. Originally build over 100 years ago as a private residence the beautiful baronial style 19 bedroom hotel is set high on the picturesque Spey Valley and overlooks the village and river below. Complete with its own a la carte restaurant, gardens and pond, The Dowans provides a wonderful setting for you to relax and enjoy the elegance of a fine Scottish Highland hotel. Over the next 3 days you will explore the mysteries of Loch Ness and climb on the Cairngorm Mountain Funicular Railway into the very heart and summit of some of the highest peaks in the UK. Whilst the nostalgic Spey Valley Steam Railway is the perfect setting for a Byway Picnic Lunch.

On the final evening David and his wife Heather will welcome you into their own home at Burghead where you will be treated to some authentic Scottish cuisine and hospitality. The next day David will speed you back to Edinburgh to catch your train or plane home.



The detailed planning for this tour is still 'being constructed(!)' so some changes to visits **may** well be made.

For more details about David please see the who's who section

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