



The Isles of Islay and Gigha

This tour is something a little different it combines some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Scotland seen both by coach and ship, with the best that the Islands of Gigha and Islay can provide. Some people consider Islay to be one of Scotland's most beautiful islands due to its undeniable natural beauty. Gigha is the most southerly and one of the most beautiful of the Hebridean Islands, seven miles long by a mile and a half wide, Gigha is breathtaking with sandy beaches, clear green seas and a host of wildlife. Our visits will be complemented by two of the best gardens in Scotland to explore, Achamore Gardens on Gigha and Crerae.



5 DAYS

Tour No 3015 29th August - 2nd September £ 459
Single Room Supplement £69.00 Insurance £16.00

ITINERARY

Sunday Leaving early morning we head north arriving at our Hotel by the shores of Loch Fyne.

Monday This morning we will travel the short distance to Crerae Gardens one of the finest gardens in Scotland (P/I). This is also one of the best times to see the red squirrels. We will also visit the nearby pretty, fishing village of Tarbert with its craft shops and gallery.

Tuesday Today we will take a cruise across to the Island of Islay, one of the Inner Hebrides Islands and famous for its distilleries. We arrive in the south at Port Ellen and drive through Islay calling at Bowmore and arriving at Port Askaig where we catch our ferry back to the mainland.

Wednesday Today we head south along the Mull of Kintyre to make the short ferry crossing to the beautiful and tranquil Isle of Gigha - named "Gudey" by the Vikings, mean The Good Isle or God's Isle. This community- owned Isle, which even boasts its own Tartan, is the most southerly and one of the most beautiful of the Hebridean Islands. It is recognised for its breathtaking sandy beaches, clear green seas and host of wildlife. We will also visit the World renowned Achamore Gardens (P/I), viewed by the islanders as their Jewel in the Crown. We return to the mainland and our Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to Argyll and head back home to Shropshire.

LOCH FYNE HOTEL ★★★ 01499 302980

The Loch Fyne Hotel enjoys wonderful views across the Loch to the Cowal Hills. The Hotel has now become one of the leading Hotels in Argyll. The Clansman Restaurant is a popular Argyll venue and rightly so. Guests, locals and passers-by all come to savour the fresh seafood and locally grown produce, whilst in the bar you can sample a local Fyne Ale or one of the many malt whiskies on display. The Hotel Has a Lift and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Satellite Television, Telephone, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

Look What's Included!

- 4 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Ferry Crossings to the Isles of Gigha and Islay.
- Entrance to Crerae and Achamore Gardens.
- Included Excursions to Tarbert, Gigha and Islay.



Dunoon and the Cowal Peninsula

Dunoon is situated on the West Coast of Scotland on the beautiful Cowal Peninsula, Cowal has the advantage that it has all the beauty of the sparsely populated Highlands and Islands, but still has excellent excursion possibilities. Dunoon is the capital of the Cowal region and is dominated by Castle Hill. The Cowal Peninsula, formed by Loch Fyne to the west and Loch Long to the east, is the most visited part of Argyll. The landscape of the south-west Cowal is in complete contrast to the townscape of Dunoon. The Kyles of Bute separating the north end of Bute from Cowal, offer some of the most breathtaking scenery in Scotland.



6 DAYS

Tour No 3016 5th - 10th October £ 349
No Single Room Supplement Insurance £17.00

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Tuesday After a morning departure we drive to the Scottish border and travel through the southern uplands before we take the ferry over the Firth of Clyde to Dunoon.

Wednesday A morning visit to the Younger Botanical Gardens at Benmore, (P/I) a magnificent woodland garden set amidst the mountains of the Cowal Peninsula.

Thursday We travel past the Kyles of Bute and by ferry to the Isle of Bute where we shall visit Rothesay, we return to the mainland driving around Loch Riddon to Tighnabruach.

Friday Enjoy spectacular scenery today as we visit the well kept Georgian town of Inveraray and popular Oban, a busy port and starting point for ferries to the Western Isles.

Saturday At leisure on Dunoon, maybe take an optional cruise on the Firth of Clyde by Paddle Steamer.

Sunday Departing after breakfast we cross over the Clyde once more to Gourock and passing by Glasgow head south to Shropshire, we arrive home late in the afternoon.

THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL ★★★ 01369 705810

The Hotel sits on the shores of the Firth of Clyde amongst the stunning Argyll scenery. The Ghillies Cafe Bar offers an extensive menu in an informal setting with spectacular views of the sea and the Kilcreggan Room is more formal dining serving a table d hote dinner menu. The Hotel does not have a Lift and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television, Telephone, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities, ten are in the adjacent building.

Look What's Included!

- Award winning Hotel.
- Entertainment Provided During our Stay.
- Situated on the Promenade.
- Entrance to Benmore Botanic Gardens.
- 5 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Included Excursions to Oban, Inveraray, The Isle of Bute, Benmore and Ayr.