

Scotland - Inner Hebrides and Highlands E-Bike and Sail (2025) Guided or Individual Self-Guided 8 days / 7 nights



Oban is the start and end point of your tour through the Inner Hebrides and the Highlands. With the Flying Dutchman, we visit the island of Mull and the Kintyre Peninsula, home to the most spectacular landscapes in Scotland and largely untouched by mass tourism. The isle of Jura, which is known for its rich stock of red deer and its world famous whiskey distillery, is new to our program. Enjoy the wild scenery of Scotland, its colour contrasts and great biodiversity. Treat yourself in the evening to a glass of whiskey in one of the pubs and listen to the ever present Scottish music. On your crossings with the Flying Dutchman, we keep watch for dolphins and seals, and let the grandiose landscape pass on by. On our cycle tours, we'll be looking out for eagles, red deer and otters with incredible views down over the sea from the most beautiful lookout points.



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Oban arrival

Individual flight to Edinburgh or Glasgow followed by either train or bus to Oban. Alternatively you are welcome to reserve a space on our collective transfer service leaving at 5:30 p.m. from Edinburgh centre and at 6 p.m. from the Edinburgh airport. Your cabins on the Flying Dutchman are ready for check in at 5 p.m. Should you arrive earlier, your luggage can be stored on board until check-in time. A late evening dinner will give you time to get to know your crew and tour guides.

Day 2: Oban – Toberonochy - Crinan 36 km

After breakfast we adjust our bicycles and start our first cycle tour. This leads us southwards from Oban through hilly landscapes and along the shores of a small highland lake back to the sea. Here we cross a remote peninsula before embarking on the ferry which takes us to the island of Luing. The island is made up of slate and the mining of the gray glistening rocks played an important economic role in the past. The University of Edinburgh for instance, is largely constructed out of the slate off of this small island. At the Tobernochy dock, the Flying Dutchman awaits us for our cross over to Crinan where we will spend the night.



Day 3: Crinan – Isle of Jura 37 km

Today's bike tour takes us from Crinan to the fascinating excavation site of Kilmartin. Stone circles, which remind us of the Stonehenge and prehistoric burial mounds, characterize the vast landscape. After visiting the museum grounds and enjoying lunch at the museum Cafe, we return to Crinan. Past the Kintyre Peninsula, famous from the Paul McCartney song 'Mull of Kintyre', we continue by boat to the island of Jura.

Day 4: Isle of Jura – Isle of Mull 27 km

After breakfast we cycle northwards on the isle of Jura. The renowned author, George Orwell, spent the last three years

of his life here and described it as the most unattainable place on earth. Enjoy the tranquility of the island, which is only occasionally disturbed by one of the about 5,000 deer that live there. Passing the so-called Paps of Jura we arrive at a small dock where the Flying Dutchman takes us to the island of Mull. On the way we pass the swirling waters of Corryvreckan, one of the largest natural whirlpools in the world - but do not fear, our experienced crew will guide us safely to a quiet bay on the island of Mull for the night.





Day 5: Mull Island: Loch Spelve – Salen (aprx. 32 mi. / 52 km)

Today's cycle tour is dedicated entirely to the spectacular natural beauty of Scotland. The route takes us through hilly terrain and along the island's coastline. Behind every bend in the road another breath-taking view awaits. After the road divides, and the few cars that we may have encountered along the way have turned off towards lona, we share the road only with sheep and shaggy highland cattle graz-ing peacefully in the bright green meadows. Along an ever-changing coastal road, we cycle past Loch Na' Keal to Salen where the ship is waiting. We enjoy a pleasant evening docked in the quiet harbour of Salen, able to soak in the beautiful sunset.

Day 6: Mull Island: Salen – Tobermory (aprx. 31 mi./50 km)

Today's cycling tour leads us to a climb through the northern part of the Isle of Mull. As a reward for our effort, we can enjoy a break in a cosy tearoom before heading towards the brilliant white beach of Calgary Bay with its crystal-clear water. It is considered one of the most beautiful beaches in Scotland and swimming enthusiasts should not pass up this opportunity to jump in for a refreshing swim. Ship-ward bound, we have just a few more inclines to master before arriving in the main town of Tober-mory. In this pretty little place, with its colourful facades, an evening visit to a typical



Scottish pub is high on the agenda. While here we can taste delicious national dishes such as fish 'n' chips and haggis.

Day 7:) Island Mull: Tobermory – Glengorm Castle Oban (aprx. 12 mi./19 km)

Today's tour starts again in Tobermory and leads us to Glengorm Castle, in the northern outskirts of the island of Mull. This grand manor from the 19th century is truly a sight to behold and the cosy tearooms allow us to indulge ourselves before returning back to Tobermory. Back at the Flying Dutchman we embark on our last sail of the week back to Oban. Before dinner there is plenty of time to take a stroll through Oban. The Mc Caig's Tower, an

incomplete replica of the Colosseum in Rome, is a worthwhile visit.

Day 8: Oban and return home

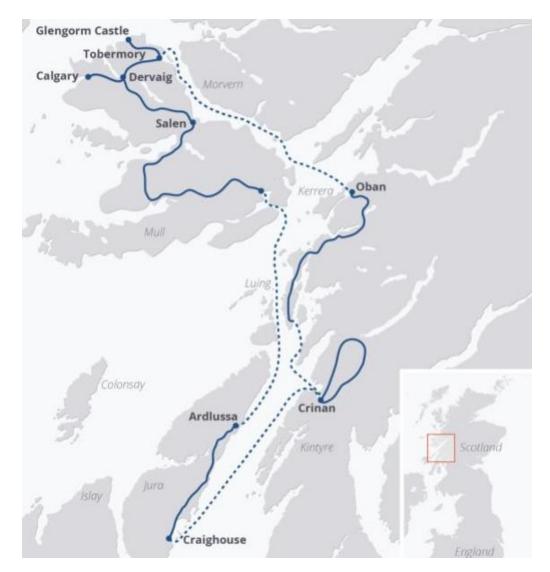
After breakfast, individual return trip home from Oban or group transfer to the Edinburgh airport



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Technical Characteristics:

E-Bike Level 1: Exclusive e-bike tours for with a good fitness level. The tours, including the meters of elevation, can be ridden comfortably by e-bike (12 - 43 mi. / 20 km - 70 km and 656 - 3280 ft. / 200 - 1000 m of elevation gain per day). All bike tours require participants to have a certain basic level of fitness and to be in safe control of the bike. There is always enough time to complete the tours. Our tour guides will inform you in detail each day about the level of difficulty of the planned daily tour. These are primarily designed as guided e-bike tours. In principle, nothing stands in the way of individual e-bike tours after prior consultation with our tour guides and the selection of a suitable route.

Requirement to wear a helmet Helmets are mandatory on our bike tours. It is advised to bring your own, well fitted, helmet with you as our rental helmet numbers are limited (reservation required). **Distance:** 237 km

Travel Season: June1; June 8; June 15; August 17; August 24. August 31



<u>Price per Person:</u> all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Basic price double occupancy	€1999
Single use of Cabin Surcharge	50%
E-bike (i:SY Flyer Eco) with pannier	€245
Insurance against theft and damage for 21 E-bike	€30
Special diet (lactose free/ gluten free/ vegan)	€70
Collective transfer	On request
Drinks on board - flat rate for beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks, drinking water, tea, coffee)	€100

Services Included:

- 8 day cruise on a tall ship with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 7 x half board
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Overview/maps for the daily tours on board
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide

Not Included:

- Journey to Scotland
- Drinks on board flat rate for beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks, drinking water, coffee, tea): 80 GBP/90 euros
- Meals ashore
- Entrance fees to museums and sights
- Tips for crew and tour guide



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Thanks to her extensive safety and navigation technique, the Flying Dutchman has the world wide permit to carry out sailing tours. With a sail surface of 480 m², it is usually possible to cover the stretches between islands under sail, and Captain Klaas appreciates any assistance offered by his guests.

The Flying Dutchman, once a herring logger, was launched in 1903. The conversion took place in 2004: the ship was equipped with 10 small but functionally furnished cabins, each with a shower and WC. The front saloon in the deckhouse serves as a cozy dining room and lounge with upholstered benches for seating all guests. At the stern, you can sit beside Captain Klaas at the wheel and perhaps even steer the 39 m long vessel for a while.



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