



THE ISLE OF MULL WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

with IOLO WILLIAMS (day tours only)

Saturday 27th - Wednesday 31st July 2024

OVERVIEW

- Led by Naturalist Iolo Williams.
- Co-led by Nature Scotland's local guides.
- A max of 12 guests being looked after by 3 or 4 wildlife guides (inc Iolo).
- We will showcase the island's incredible biodiversity on land and at sea.
- 5 land tours around the island in search of White-tailed Eagles, Golden Eagles, Otters, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owls and many other wildlife species.
- 4 hours on the ocean with 'Sea Life Mull' to search for Minke Whales, Basking Sharks, Dolphins and seabirds.
- Packed lunches are included, using a local caterer.
- Accommodation and breakfasts / evening meals are NOT included, enabling a lower price for the experience. Whether you are camping, glamping, B&B or self catering, join Iolo Williams to discover the wildlife of Mull!

DAY ONE – Welcome & North Mull

We will greet our guests in Ledaig car park (PA75 6NR) at 10am. From here we will head out for our first wildlife tour of the package, exploring the northern parts of the island. Starting with local moors for **Hen Harriers** before having lunch at a white sand beach and admiring the special wild flower meadow called machair. After lunch we will spend time checking a couple of **Golden Eagle** territories before undertaking a stunning coastal drive down the western side to check some **Otter and White-tailed Eagle** sites.

DAY TWO – South Mull

We will venture out around the south side of the island in the comfort of our people carrier to explore some of Scotland's finest wild areas, searching for iconic species such as **Golden Eagle, White-tailed Eagle, Otter, Hen Harrier, Red Deer, Seals** and many more. We will take in the stunning wild scenes of the Ben More mountain range along with some amazing coastal views looking out to the Atlantic ocean.

Other species may include **Red-throated Diver, Wheatear, Curlew, Red-breasted Mergansers, Shelduck** and more.

DAY THREE – Marine Magic

We'll board the Sea Life Surveys vessel to embark upon a marine excursion to cover some of the richest waters in Europe. Warm currents from the Gulf Stream mix with cold polar waters from the north to create an abundant food source for **Minke Whales, Basking Sharks, Dolphins and Harbour Porpoise**. Seabirds sightings are diverse and include **Manx Shearwaters, Puffins, Gannets, Arctic and Great Skuas and Storm Petrels**.

After having our packed lunches in Tobermory we will head out to local moors to check some **Adder** sites and take a look for any dragonflies / butterflies if the weather is in our favour.

DAY FOUR – South East Mull

We will spend another day travelling around some different parts of the island down in the south east. We will check a number of Eagle territories and also some Otter feeding grounds while we take in the breathtaking scenes all around us.

Scotland is the 'cradle of geology' and attracts enthusiasts from all over the World to admire and study the 'cornerstone' of all life on the planet. On the tour we will unearth Mull's fiery volcanic past.

DAY FIVE - Flexible Final Day

We'll be flexible on this day and potentially take the opportunity to try and see any species that have so far eluded us and also may do a woodland walk in search of **Crossbills** and check some local burns for **Dippers**.

We will finish the experience at **15:00**.

£995 PER PERSON

*All boat trips are subject to the weather conditions.

*On booking please advise of any special requirements medical or dietary.

*Easy going walks of 1-2km will be undertaken.

*Complimentary transport to and from Tobermory is available from the Craignure ferry .

*Ferry costs to the island aren't included in the price.

WHAT TO BRING?

- Warm clothes and waterproofs
- Outdoor footwear (outdoor trainers / walking boots)
- A reusable bottle (we will not be providing any bottled water, to try and reduce single use plastic)
- Binoculars (we have plenty of spare pairs if you do not have)
- Camera (although not a photo experience, we will try and accommodate any photography interests during the experience)

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Travel insurance for the duration of the holiday in respect of cancellation and curtailment, injury, death, lost baggage and money, liability, medical expenses and repatriation.
- Ferry transport to and from the island.