



THE ISLE OF MULL ‘WALK THE WILDS’

EXPERIENCE with IOLO WILLIAMS

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th July 2024

OVERVIEW

- Led by Iolo Williams.
- Co-led by Nature Scotland’s local guides.
- We will showcase the island’s incredible biodiversity on land and at sea.
- A max of 12 guests being looked after by 3 or 4 wildlife guides (inc Iolo).
- 4 nights’ all inclusive wildlife walking tours, food and accommodation.
- 4 hours on the ocean with Sea Life Surveys to search for Minke Whales, Basking Sharks, Dolphins and seabirds.
- 5 land-based walking tours around the island in search of White-tailed Eagles, Golden Eagles, Otters, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owls and many other wildlife species.

DAY ONE – Welcome and Solitude on the Moors

We will greet our guests at the Western Isles Hotel, Tobermory at **5:30pm** and have our first meal together at **6pm**.

Afterwards we will head out south to do a peaceful walk on the moors in search for **Hen Harriers and Short-eared Owls**. There may also be a chance of Long-eared and Barn Owl as dusk approaches.

DAY TWO – The North of Mull

We will spend the whole day on foot exploring a wildlife friendly estate on the north west side of the island. There are two active **Golden Eagle** territories to check along with a huge array of mixed habitats from moorland, meadow, peat bog and a varied coastline. **Hen Harriers, Adders, Wheatears and Twite** can all be seen.

Otters and seals inhabit the coastal waters and you never know when a pod of dolphins will be passing by.

DAY THREE – Marine Magic & The Rule of Reptiles

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**. Seabird sightings are diverse and include **Manx Shearwaters, Gannets, Arctic and Great Skuas and Storm Petrels**.

After lunch back in Tobermory, we will head out to local area and take a walk to search for Adders, Hen Harriers, Short-eared Owls, Slow Worms, Whinchat and more.

DAY FOUR – The South of Mull

We will head towards the islands south coast to explore the dramatic coastlines. **White-tailed Eagle** nest along this coastline along with **Golden Eagles**. Other species to look out for on this walk includes **Harbour Seals, Stonechats, Red-throated Divers, Curlews and Oystercatchers**.

The mudstone rocks along the coast provide opportunities to see Mesozoic fossils such as ammonites, belemnites and trilobites.

The south facing slopes provide a great haven for **Adders, Common Lizards and Slow Worms**.

DAY FIVE - South East Mull

After breakfast we'll head down to the south east side of Mull to do a walk alongside loch Spelve. There will be a big focus on **Otters** here as we will aim to track these magical mustelids.

We will finish the experience at **2pm / 3pm** (depending on travel arrangements)

£1695 PER PERSON

- * Single supplement is £150 extra.
- * All boat trips are subject to the weather conditions.
- * On booking please advise of any special requirements medical or dietary.
- * Moderate fitness levels are required to join this tour as walks of 5-10km will be undertaken on each day.
- * 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 its holiday in respect of cancellation and curtailment, injury, death, lost baggage and money, liability, medical expenses and repatriation.
- Bar drinks with evening meals at the hotel.
- Ferry transport to and from the island.