



THE ISLE OF MULL WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

with IOLO WILLIAMS

Sunday 14th - Thursday 18th April 2024

- 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 with 3 or 4 guides looking after the group (inc Iolo)
- 4 nights' all inclusive wildlife walking tours, food and accommodation.
- 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 Afternoon Excursion

We will greet our guests at the Western Isles Hotel in Tobermory at **14:00** for a welcome introduction.

**lunch not included on day one*

Afterwards we'll head out on an afternoon excursion around the north of the island, firstly checking some local Hen Harrier habitat.

Whilst venturing further round the Isle we will stop at a few scenic locations to take in the breath-taking landscapes and scan the surrounding habitat for Golden, White-tailed Eagles and Adders.

Before the sun drops we'll station ourselves next to a secluded sea loch to search for water-based wildlife, including Otters. If the conditions are favourable, we will seek out that perfect Hebridean sunset before heading back to our accommodation for the first evening meal of the week.

DAY TWO – Marvelling at Mull

After breakfast we will head straight to a well known White-tailed Eagle territory and neighbouring Golden Eagle territory, spending a bit of time concentrating our search in the area. After a tea/coffee break we will drive round some spectacular wild coastlines in search of Slavonian Grebes, Otters and Seals.

After scouting the sea lochs we will venture inland, through the magnificent Glen More in search of all raptors big and small. As we enter the 'Realm of the Eagle' we'll observe some of the glacial evidence that sculpted this huge valley and admire the cascading waterfalls tumbling down from the peaks.

As the light starts to slowly fade we will check some open moorland for Short-eared Owls and Red Deer before arriving back at the hotel for our relaxing evening meal.

DAY THREE – Going for Gold

We will spend day three discovering the south-east of Mull, which has a huge diversity of scenery, landmarks and wildlife to be admired. One of the best Scottish wildlife spectacles has to be Golden Eagles soaring over a mountainous landscape, and we'll check a couple of territories in pursuit of this stunning emblematic species.

After our packed lunch we will undertake a couple of short walks to explore some ancient woodlands and secluded coastlines. Mesolithic stone circles and a 15th century castle will add interest to the surrounding landscapes as we carry on our search for Hebridean wildlife.

Mull is indented with stunning sea lochs and we will check two large bodies of water in search of Great-northern Divers along with possible Red-throated and Black-throated Divers.

DAY FOUR – Harrier Haven

We will explore the long low lying peninsula, the Ross of Mull situated in the south-west of the isle. One of the main target species when covering these grounds will be the Mountain Hare along with Hen Harrier, Barnacle Geese and possible Merlin.

The south coast of Mull is a magical stretch, and we will immerse ourselves in these wonderful wild areas, checking the bays for waders and the skies for raptors. We will find a scenic location to have our packed lunch before venturing out to cover some prime Hen Harrier habitat in hope of encountering these majestic raptors.

On our way back north we will check some more White-tailed and Golden Eagle sites aiming to see some fascinating behaviours and encounters.

DAY FIVE - Rocks to Raptors

We will spend the morning revealing some of the uncovered sites on the island and also targeting any species which have so far eluded us during the week with Crossbills and Dippers being possible target species.

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. During the morning we will unearth Mull's fiery volcanic past.

After our final packed lunch in the field we will say our goodbyes and go our separate ways (**2-3pm**).

£1595 PER PERSON

- * Single supplement is £150 extra.
- * 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.
- * The hotel check in times vary.

WHAT TO BRING?

- Warm clothes and waterproofs (Mull can still be cold during April)
- 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 (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.
- Drinks with evening meals at the hotel.
- Ferry transport to the island.