



Scotland Orkney Isles Private Adventure

7 Days



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➤ Scotland Orkney Isles Private Adventure

Experience a one-of-a-kind private adventure in Scotland's Orkney Islands, a little-visited archipelago with a bounty of treasured archeological sites and spectacular hiking trails. Follow cliff-side paths to the Old Man of Hoy, Britain's highest sea stack, and traverse windy moors to the Neolithic ruins at Skara Brae. Travel back more than 4,000 years at the Ring of Brodgar before enjoying present-day delights — hearty Scottish fare and a wee dram o' malt whisky — in charming towns and hamlets along the way. Revel in warm Scottish hospitality and raise a toast to an unforgettable adventure away from it all.

Details

Arrive:	Inverness, Scotland
Depart:	Inverness, Scotland
Duration:	7 Days
Group Size:	2-6 Guests
Minimum Age:	16 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy."

Kathy J.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been operating adventures in Scotland for decades, working closely with local expert guides

REASON #02

This custom-designed private adventure is perfect for those who want to combine days on the trail with an immersive cultural experience.

REASON #03

We seek out the very best hiking routes, accommodations, restaurants, and insider experiences so that you get the ultimate adventure every time.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Guided hikes through a storybook island with rolling hills and dramatic cliffs, exploring historic sites, and sampling malt whisky and traditional local food.



LODGING

Delightful hotels in spectacular locations, including a luxury mansion in Inverness and a romantic inn with bay views in Kirkwall, Orkney.



CLIMATE

Weather in the Scottish isles is constantly changing. It is often cool, wet and windy, but be prepared for sunshine too.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.


Craig's love of Scottish history, mountains and glens has brought him further north into the Highlands from his birthplace in the Central belt. He embarked on a career working in this stunning environment and loves hillwalking, mountaineering, and biking all over Scotland—all year round. His passion for exploring the history of these areas is infectious and he loves sharing these experiences with other people. His idea of heaven is a cracking long day on foot or on bike exploring Scotland's stunning scenery and history, followed by a good hearty dinner and some mirth and laughter by a roaring fire with a wee dram in the evening!

Craig McDonald

Eilid, born and raised on Scotland's west coast, describes herself as a wilderness stravaiger. Reveling in micro-adventures on her Argyll doorstep or month-long expeditions across the globe, her joy is being out there and sharing her experiences with like-minded folks. Working both in the outdoor education and adventure tourism industry, her mantras are deeper values and place-based connections, and enjoying and respecting the landscape of which we are part. Introducing people to her country, sharing her love and knowledge of its unique natural and cultural heritage gives her a chance to share those connections by having a "richt gud blether."

Eilid Ormiston

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN INVERNESS

Arrive in Inverness by air or train and make your way to your fabulous four-star luxury hotel, set in peaceful surroundings close to the city center. Unwind at the hotel, and enjoy its spa facilities and excellent dining options.

DAY 2

JOURNEY TO ORKNEY

Set out on a spectacular journey to the Orkney Islands, following the northeast coast of the Highlands and onwards over the Pentland Firth by ferry. Arrive in Orkney in the late afternoon and visit the highly ornate Italian Chapel before continuing on to our picturesque hotel, located close to all the major archaeological sites. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your guide to discuss the days ahead.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

COASTAL HIKE & SKARA BRAE

Start the day with a hike above the sea cliffs at Yesnaby. The cliffs, pounded by the relentless swell, are sculpted into an array of stunning coves and sea stacks. Afterwards, visit the magnificent Stone Age village of Skara Brae, which was unearthed by a storm in 1850 after lying buried for 4,500 years. End the day with a trip to the local micro-brewery or stock up on delicious traditional treats bought from the 'Little Yellow Hut.' Enjoy a night at your leisure in Kirkwall.

Activity: 2-3 hours/3.5 miles hiking

Meals: B, L

DAY 4

DISCOVER ORKNEY'S NEOLITHIC HEART

Spend the morning exploring some of Orkney's key historic sites: the Ring of Brodgar, the Stones of Stenness, and Maes Howe. After lunch in the village of Stromness, follow a coastal path to a headland known as The Ness and onwards to the Sand of Warebeth. On the return to Kirkwall, you can make a stop at the tiny village of Harray, known for its treasure trove of handcrafted pottery, or tour a local whisky distillery. Back in Kirkwall, head out to an inn for dinner and enjoy traditional folk music.

Activity: 5 hours/3 miles hiking

Meals: B, L

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DAY 5

HIKE THE OLD MAN OF HOY

Leaving Kirkwall, you'll drive along the edge of Scapa Flow, where a fleet of German ships was scuttled in WWI — some wrecks are still visible today. Next catch a local ferry over to the hilly island of Hoy, where you'll hike to the famous Old Man of Hoy — the highest sea stack in Britain! Enjoy scenic views of beautiful Rackwick Bay and cross high moorlands before reaching the towering cliffs and red-sandstone monolith, standing 449 feet high. Return to Kirkwall tonight.

Activity: 5 hours/6 miles hiking

Meals: B, L

DAY 6

RETURN TO INVERNESS

Depart from Orkney on a morning ferry to begin your journey south to Inverness via Scotland's 'North Coast 500' route — the ultimate scenic drive. Stop to marvel at Whaligoe Steps, a set of 365 steep stone steps sculpted into the cliff face and leading down to a tiny harbor. Arrive back in Inverness in the late afternoon, check into the hotel and say farewell to your guide, before enjoying a free evening in the city.

Activity: 1 hour hiking with various options

Meals: B, L

DAY 7

DEPART FROM INVERNESS

After breakfast, depart at your leisure. The hotel staff will be happy to arrange a transfer to the airport or railway station. Alternatively, ask us about options to extend your stay in the Highlands.

Meals: B

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Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted in the Trip Planner)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Airport Transfers

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