

# ISLE OF SKYE WALKING ADVENTURE

## Day 1 ~ Inverness to the Isle of Skye

Meet your guide at Inverness Railway Station. Leaving Inverness. Head west via Loch Ness and the spectacular mountains of Kintail before arriving on Skye. Here you'll enjoy a short hike around Portree Bay and have time to explore this quirky little town before heading to your accommodation to settle in and enjoy dinner. (L, D)



Walk details: 4km/ 2 miles | approx. 2 hrs

## Day 2 ~ Hiking the Trotternish Peninsula

After breakfast, you'll drive up a steep road which takes you to The Quiraing. Enjoy a fantastic hike here through the stark and unusual rock formations and landscapes, all the time admiring sweeping views across the Sound of Raasay to Torridon and Wester Ross. Afterwards, you can explore the very north of the Trotternish Peninsula, or perhaps visit Kilt Rock and the charming village of Staffin on this relaxing day. (B, L)



Walk details: 8km/ 5 miles | approx. 4 hrs

## Day 3 ~ Watnish Point

Privately transfer west - circling the bay that lies in front of your hotel. Your hike today will take you to a quiet corner of the island that deserves more attention!



Starting from a ruined church, you'll hike out to a remote headland. On the way you'll pass the ancient ruins of one of the best preserved brochs on Skye. From the headland you'll enjoy wonderful sea views before returning along the same route. (B, L)

Walk details: 13km/ 8 miles | approx. 5 hrs

#### **Day 4 ~ Exploring Raasay**

Today you'll be transferred to our second hotel in the south of Skye, but first you'll explore another island! From Sconser you'll board the small ferry to the Isle of Raasay where you'll walk today. Raasay is an often overlooked gem, and much quieter than Skye. There are a couple of excellent hikes to choose from, starting from the ferry and hiking up to 10km. Raasay has a fascinating history all of its own to enjoy before you head back to Skye. (B, L)



Walk details: 10km/ 6 miles | approx. 5hrs

#### **Day 5 ~ Wild Loch Coruisk and the Cuillin Mountains**

The wild and jagged peaks of the Black Cuillin are a real highlight of a visit to Skye. While the summits are accessible only through challenging scrambles, their



beauty is easy to appreciate from more forgiving glens. Take a boat trip to the remote southern edge of the Cuillin. After being dropped off in this lonely and wild spot, you'll circumnavigate Loch Coruisk, perhaps Scotland's most dramatic loch, with sharp summits rising straight from the shoreline. A memorable and

spectacular hike. (B, L)

Walk details: 7km/ 4 miles | approx. 4hrs

### **Day 6 ~ The Clearance Villages**

While the landscapes of the Highlands have always been wild, many remote glens and bays had small populations until fairly recent times. The Highland Clearances – a dark blotch on Scotland’s history – hastened the demise of many small communities. On this coastal circuit, you’ll pass through the sites of two villages which were abandoned during the Clearances. The peaceful landscape of today contrasts with the harsh emotions felt at the time of the evictions. This walk is slightly longer than others on this trip, but worth that bit of extra effort! (B, L, D)

Walk details: 13km/ 8 miles | approx. 6hrs

### **Day 7 ~ Glenelg and Return to Inverness**

Leaving your accommodation, you'll depart Skye via the unique community-owned ‘turntable ferry’. Arriving in Glenelg, a remote village on the mainland, you'll hike down to the coast to see the site of the house where the famous author Gavin Maxwell lived when he wrote ‘Ring of Bright Water’. Visit the well-preserved Brochs – Iron Age dwellings – in Glenelg before making your way east via the spectacular Mam Ratagan Pass back to Inverness. (B, L)

Walk details: 3km/ 2 miles | approx. 2 hrs

## **END OF TRIP**

**(Code: B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner)**