



Magical & Mystical Orkney & The Castle of Mey, Scotland

Discover the hidden gems of this magical and mystical region, with awe-inspiring visits to Orkney and the Castle of Mey.

Day 1: After all of our pick ups we head North to your overnight hotel in Preston stopping for comfort breaks en route.

Day 2: Today we will travel north into Scotland, and enjoy a coffee break at **Gretna Green** with its famous Blacksmith's shop. We then take a trip to the unique **Falkirk Wheel**, an amazing feat of engineering and the world's first and only rotating boatlift. We continue to Perth for our second overnight hotel. The Salutation Hotel.

Day 3: We continue to head north into the Perthshire Highlands and enjoy a morning stop to the Highland town of **Aviemore**, here we will have plenty of free time. We then venture further North to **Dornoch**, we have time here to have lunch and to explore its many unique shops and beautiful scenery. Marvel at spectacular Highland scenery before arriving in **Thurso**, Britain's most northerly mainland town, for a 3 night stay.

Day 4: After breakfast, we travel to the **Castle and Gardens of Mey**, once the much-adored home of the Queen Mother, who saved it from ruin in 1952. With glorious views across the Pentland Firth towards Orkney, the castle is kept as it was when the Queen Mother was in residence. No visit to this region would be complete without a visit to the famous landmark, **John O'Groats**.

Day 5: Enjoy the highlight of the tour, a voyage of discovery through time itself on a coach guided tour of the **magical Orkney Islands**. Here, you will have the chance to see the World Heritage sites of Skara Brae, the Standing Stones of Stenness and the Ring of Brodgar, plus Scapa Flow, the Churchill



Tour Highlights

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Duration: 8 Days

Single room supp: £105 (limited availability)

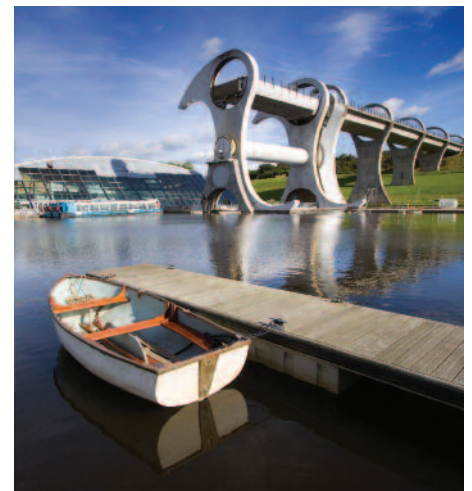
Inclusions:

- Visit Gretna Green
- Entry to Falkirk Wheel
- Visit to Aviemore
- Visit Dornoch
- Entry to Castle of Mey
- Visit John O'Groats
- Return ferry to/from Orkney
- Full day Guided Tour of Orkney
- Visit Golspie
- Visit Fort Augustus
- Visit Luss
- Visit Moffat

Your Hotels

Preston Leyland Hotel, Signature Collection by Best Western (1 night)
 Salutation Hotel, Perth (1 night)
 Castletown Hotel, Thurso (3 nights)
 Royal Hotel, Oban (1 night)
 Mercure Haydock Hotel, Haydock (1 night)

Basis: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast



Barriers, the Italian Chapel and the Island's capital, Kirkwall, with its magnificent Cathedral.

Day 6: Today we begin our journey South, stopping for a comfort stop in **Golspie** before visiting **Fort Augustus**, lying on the impressive 60 mile long Caledonian Canal. Fort Augustus offers spectacular views down Loch Ness. We continue our journey and have a quick stop to see **The Commando Memorial**, which stands some 17ft high, and comprises a group of three bronze commandos dressed in typical World War Two uniforms and equipment. Relax and enjoy the stunning Highland scenery en route to your overnight hotel in Oban.

Day 7: This morning we continue our journey South, and visit the pretty conservation village of **Luss**, which is situated on the western shore of Loch Lomond. We then visit Moffat, nestled in the heart of Southern Scotland. **Moffat** is a vibrant, bustling town, explore its many shops, cafés and restaurants. We then head to our last overnight hotel in Haydock.

Day 8: Sadly it's time to head home, making comfort stops en route.