

# Wild Scotland: Shore Excursions

From the summit of the UK's highest peak to the shores of legendary lochs, from 5,000-year-old stone circles to sea-cliff Viking settlements – our **Wild Scotland: St. Kilda, Ben Nevis & Northern Isles** expedition offers a curated programme of shore excursions at each Scottish port. Every outing pairs expert local guides with Scotland's most extraordinary landscapes, wildlife and heritage.

EIGHT GUIDED EXCURSIONS • THREE HIGHLAND PORTS • 2026 EXCLUSIVE

## The Loch Ness Signature Experience

### Urquhart Castle & the Great Glen

DAY: 2 • JUL 22 • FORT WILLIAM

DIFFICULTY: ●●●○○

Travel the Great Glen from Fort William to the brooding waters of Loch Ness. Explore the ruins of Urquhart Castle, cruise the loch famed for its legend, and pause in the village of Fort Augustus with its flight of five Caledonian Canal locks.

- > Tour the dramatic ruins of Urquhart Castle above Loch Ness
- > Cruise the legendary loch from the Castle pier to Clansman Harbour
- > Free time in Fort Augustus with a two-course Highland lunch included

**Duration:** 8 hours • Coach, walking & boat

**Details:** Moderate to strenuous • Stairs & uneven surfaces



## Steall Falls & the Nevis Gorge

### Glen Nevis • Scottish Highlands

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DIFFICULTY: ●●●○○

A short but dramatic trail threads through the narrow Nevis Gorge, opening onto a wide meadow facing Steall Falls – at 105 meters, one of Scotland's tallest waterfalls. An optional wire bridge crosses the Water of Nevis for those wanting a closer view.

- > Trek through the dramatic, rock-walled Nevis Gorge
- > Reach the meadow with Scotland's second-highest plunge waterfall
- > Optional wire-bridge crossing (waiver required)

**Requirements:** Sturdy footwear • Steady footing on rocky path

**Details:** Strenuous • ~6.5 km round trip



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## Ben Nevis Summit Hike

The UK's Highest Peak • Mountain Track

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A guide-led ascent of the 1,345 m summit via the historic Mountain Track. Pass the lochan at Meall an t-Suidhe, the Red Burn, and the iconic zigzags before emerging on the andesite plateau and the ruins of the Victorian weather observatory.

- > Stand atop the highest point in the United Kingdom
- > Traverse 350-million-year-old volcanic geology
- > 360° Highland panorama on clear days across the Grampians

**Requirements:** Solid fitness • Full mountain kit • Waiver required

**Details:** Very strenuous • 1,345 m ascent / descent • ~20 km round trip



## Knockan Crag – Heart of the Geopark

North West Highlands UNESCO Geopark

DAY: 4 • JUL 24 • ULLAPOOL

DIFFICULTY: ●●○○○

Travel north with an expert guide to Knockan Crag – the site where the Moine Thrust was first identified. Walk the Thrust Trail spanning 500 million years of geology, and discover the outdoor artworks and carved-stone poetry inspired by this singular Highland landscape.

- > Walk in the footsteps of the geologists who decoded the Moine Thrust
- > Choose from three interpretive trails through the Geopark
- > Discover stone-carved poetry and landscape-inspired artworks

**Requirements:** Good walking shoes • Waterproofs recommended

**Details:** Medium • ~2 km at guest's discretion • Some steep paved path



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## Stac Pollaidh Guided Hike

Assynt • Northwest Highlands

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DIFFICULTY: ●●●●○

A guided hike to the East Summit of Stac Pollaidh through Assynt's striking sandstone landscape. The defined trail climbs steadily through heather and sculpted rock formations before a satisfying final ascent opens views across lochs and surrounding peaks.

- > Summit one of Scotland's most photographed small peaks
- > Navigate iconic sandstone pinnacles and ridges
- > Panoramic Assynt views toward Suilven, Cul Mor and Cul Beag

**Requirements:** Hiking experience • Sturdy boots with ankle support

**Details:** Strenuous • ~4.5 km • Steep inclines & rugged sandstone underfoot



## Singleton of Glen Ord & Free Time in Beaulieu

Highland Whisky & Village Life

DAY: 4 • JUL 24 • ULLAPOOL

DIFFICULTY: ●○○○○

A scenic drive along Loch Broom leads to the Glen Ord distillery for a guided tour of one of the three storied distilleries behind the Singleton brand, followed by a tutored tasting. Continue to Beaulieu for free time among independent shops, cafés and the priory ruins..

- > Guided tour of the historic Glen Ord distillery
- > Tutored tasting of the Singleton of Glen Ord range
- > Free time in Beaulieu – independent shops, cafés & the priory ruins

**Requirements:** None – suitable for all mobility level

**Details:** Low activity • Walking at guest's discretion • Coach, distillery & village



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# Neolithic Highlights of Orkney

## UNESCO World Heritage Site

DAY: 5 • JUL 25 • KIRKWALL

DIFFICULTY: ●○○○○

A journey into Orkney's Neolithic heartland: the Standing Stones of Stenness, the vast ceremonial Ring of Brodgar, and 5,000-year-old Skara Brae – revealed from beneath the dunes by storms only 150 years ago. Skail House and the Scapa Flow coast complete the day.

- > Three UNESCO World Heritage sites in a single visit
- > Walk among the 5,000-year-old Ring of Brodgar stones
- > Tour Skara Brae and the 1620-built Skail House

**Requirements:** Warm waterproofs • Good walking shoes

**Details:** Moderate • 1.2 km total walking • Soft, uneven ground at stones



## Mull Head Cliff Walk

### East Mainland • Orkney

DAY: 5 • JUL 25 • KIRKWALL

DIFFICULTY: ●●●○○

A circular coastal walk through Mull Head Nature Reserve. Visit The Gloop — a collapsed sea cave forming a dramatic chasm — and cross to the Brough of Deerness, once a Viking settlement, via a narrow, exposed cliff path. Superb seabird cliffs and seasonal flora.

- > Stand over The Gloop, a dramatic collapsed sea cave chasm
- > Cross the exposed path to the Brough of Deerness Viking site
- > Cliff scenery, seasonal flora and abundant seabird life

**Requirements:** Head for heights • Suitable walking shoes

**Details:** Moderate • ~6.75 km • Uneven, boggy & narrow sections

**Important:** Guests may select only one activity per day where multiple excursions are offered at the same port. All excursions are subject to weather and sea conditions and may be adjusted at the operator's discretion. Appropriate fitness, waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear are required. Places are limited – register your interest with the Expedition Team in advance. Order of visits may be reversed according to port times and local availability.

# Discover the Full Wild Scotland Itinerary

