

All The Outer Hebrides & Skye

Harris & Lewis, The Uists, Benbecula & Barra

Wildlife Spectacular “In Comfort & Style”

NEW

June 22-29

Highlights? *Orchid-covered machair, “bubbling” Curlews & the Calanish Standing Stones*



Red-throated Diver

The Habitat? The ultimate Tour to The Outer Hebrides. A wonderful romantic & remote region of heather-clad mountains, peat bogs, shallow sea lochs, empty white beaches, broad green-blue seascapes, fertile grassland & machair. With a unique quality of light, subtly beautiful, infectious! Hebridean Magic!

The Wildlife Highlights? Listen to the sounds of wailing Red-throated Divers, a crèche of Eider Ducks swimming offshore, bubbling Curlews, repetitive Corncrakes & mournful Golden Plovers. Watch magnificent soaring White-tailed or Golden Eagles, quartering Short-eared Owls & gliding Hen Harriers. Skimming Puffins & Manx Shearwaters low over the water often accompanied by diminutive

Storm-petrels. A surfacing Minke Whale, Basking Shark or school of Common Dolphins. Enjoy colourful orchid-covered machair inc. Hebridean Spotted, Pyramidal & Frog Orchids, dancing Dark-green Fritillaries, roaming Red Deer or elusive Blue Hare. Hush...an Otter fishing just offshore. Let’s quietly watch!

The Itinerary? Depart Inverness after breakfast driving through Easter Ross to Ullapool to catch afternoon ferry for Stornoway to explore Harris & Lewis inc. the Calanish Standing Stones, Carloway Broch, Black House Village & fabulous machair beaches opposite Taransay. Then ferry crossing over to Berneray to explore North & South Uist and Benbecula, with boat excursion to Barra & Watersay via Eriskay. Final ferry crossing to Skye and driving over the “bridge” to arrive back in Inverness early evening.

The Accommodation? Firstly 3 nts. based at *Scarista House* on Lewis, a small, elegant, comfortable Hotel & Grade B listed building, offering natural skilled cooking utilising local ingredients, with stunning views over a 3-mile beach and one of the most beautiful & remote places in all Britain. Followed by 4 nts. at *Langass Lodge* on North Uist, another small hotel beautifully updated, set on the edge of Loch Eport & offering probably the best food in all the Hebrides inc. locally sourced fresh seafood, game & local produce.

Cost: £1595 [s/s £195]

Deposit: £200

B/L due: Apr. 22

Included in the cost: 3 nights dinner, bed & b/fast at *Scarista House*, 4 nights dinner, bed & b/fast at *Langass Lodge*, all transportation, all inter-island ferries and full professional guidance throughout.

Not included in the cost: Travel insurance, lunches, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature.



Calanish Standing Stones



Otter



Pyramidal Orchid