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Isle of Skye: Nature and Beauty of the Inner Hebrides

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The Isle of Skye is pure magic! The island's mountain ranges and breathtaking coastlines that stretch for miles are sure to enchant you. This unique landscape is shaped by majestic geological landmarks such as the Old Man of Storr or the Cuillin Hills. Skye also looks back on a rich cultural history – prehistoric sites and dark castles of old clans tell of the past. Scotland connoisseurs also appreciate its premium quality malt whiskey. This cruise on the Eye of the Wind will take you through sailing waters that spark enthusiasm in all Scotland lovers, creating a unique travel experience.

This is where you will go on board: Kyle of Lochalsh / Scotland

Our crew will welcome you on board in Kyle of Lochalsh on the peninsula between the Loch Alsh estuary and Loch Carron in the Scottish Highland district. The train company [▷ ScotRail](#) will take you there from the nearest airport, which is in Inverness. Our travel recommendation: Extend your stay by a few days before or after the trip – the famous Loch Ness and other worthwhile destinations are not far away! We will be happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time.

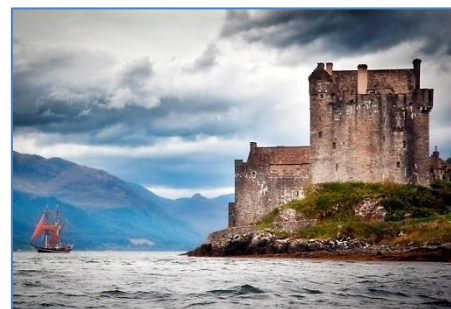


Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner in the comfortable lounge, where you will soon feel at home and be able to find your way around the Eye of the Wind's deck – and you will quickly get to know your fellow sailors.



Around Lochalsh, you will experience the land of clans and castles in Scotland. Here you can meet the residents who still speak Gaelic and keep the traditional folklore of their ancestors alive. The rich history of the country and the former life of the Celts can be experienced in many places.

Hiking trails lead you to wonderful landscapes and historic finds, for example the ten metres high and more than 2000-year-old stone towers from the Iron Age in Glenelg in the southern part of Lochalsh. These hollow-walled buildings can only be found in this part of Scotland.



From here, we intend to sail counterclockwise around the Isle of Skye at its northern end. If we cannot take this route due to strong western winds, we will choose a route between the strait at Kyle of Lochalsh, Tobermory, and our destination Oban.

Our sailing waters: The fabulous island world of the Hebrides

The Hebrides look like a natural fortress of rock, water, storms, fog and unusually clear light. Its magic and attraction are based on its cool, rough nature and its breathtaking beauty. Mighty cliffs, rock formations and highland peaks characterise this unspoiled, barren landscape. In the course of the trip, several stops with the opportunity to go on shore are planned. The decision on which port or mooring spot to call on in the evening is usually made by the captain on the same day, and depends on the wind and weather conditions and the current. Whenever possible, your wishes will be taken into account, too. Here are a few examples of possible destinations:

▷ **Portree, capital of the Isle of Skye:** Sheltered in a deep bay, the harbour with its colourful houses (pictured right) is a popular holiday destination. Make the most of your stay by exploring the island's beautiful nature. Leisure activities include hiking, cycling, horse riding and guided tours of the pyramid-shaped Ben Tianavaig mountain. Portree is Skye's cultural hub and the award-winning Aros Center hosts regular plays, concerts and film screenings. The city is also a popular starting point for exploring other parts of the island.

▷ **Carbost:** Loch Harport, which cuts deeply into the coastline, is where the Talisker – the only single malt whisky on Skye – has been produced for over 180 years. The best way to try the "King of Drinks", as Robert Louis Stevenson called the Talisker, is, of course, to sail to the whisky distillery. We can land on the jetty of the distillery with the dinghy.

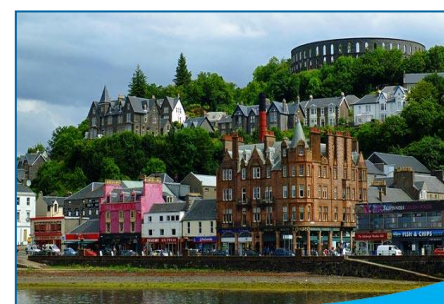
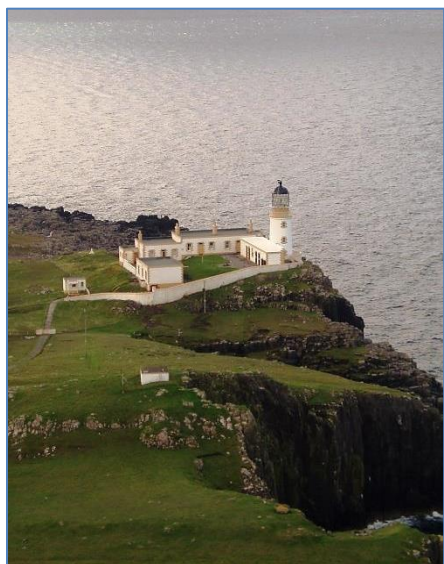
▷ **Loch Scavaig and the Black Cuillin Hills:** Passing underwater rocks and seal banks, we reach Loch Scavaig, the most beautiful mooring spot of the coastline. Hiking trails lead to the well-protected interior of the island with views of rugged basalt cliffs of the Black Cuillin Hills. With its awe-inspiring silence and pristine nature, this solitary mountain world almost seems enchanted.

▷ **Tobermory on the Isle of Mull:** From Skye, we continue southwards between the islands of Rum and Eigg. Another destination is Tobermory, the capital of the third-largest Hebridean Isle of Mull. The harbour front – a landmark of the west coast – is a postcard-like idyll of colourful houses in a semicircular bay. Among the attractions of the pretty village are not only the many pubs, but also the distillery and the Isle of Mull Museum. For over 150 years, the iconic "Mish-nish" bar in Tobermory has been a popular sailing club and the "best pub in town". Our tip: Follow the hiking trails to the lighthouse at Ardmore Point at the northern end of the village.

This is where you will disembark: Oban, Scotland

25 nautical miles lie between Tobermory and our destination port of Oban – a pleasant distance for the end of our journey. The coastal cruise takes us through the Sound of Mull, where Duart Castle lies enthroned on a steep cliff. This castle has been the seat of the Macleans clan for 700 years.

Oban is a charming port town on the Scottish mainland. Inventions such as railways and steamboats once made the Victorian town the "gateway to the Hebrides". A visit to the Isle of Oban is not complete without a visit to the whisky distillery. Above the town stands McCraig's Tower, a replica of the Roman Colosseum, which is a curious landmark of the city.



Seven good reasons to go

- 100 percent Scotland: sailing trip through the Hebrides archipelago
- Balanced ratio of shore leave, time at sea, daytime and nighttime sailing
- Spectacular nature impressions around the Isle of Skye ... fresh air guaranteed!
- Sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer – you may participate actively!
- Visit to a whiskey distillery (optional / weather dependent)
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Become part of the crew! Our deck hands will assist you with a lot of fun at work



Journey time

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Services included

- 7 nights' accommodation aboard the Tall Ship Eye of the Wind.
- Accommodation in a comfortable double cabin with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, and air conditioning (single cabin surcharge).
- Full board (including all meals, soft drinks, coffee & tea).
- Lounge with TV/DVD and extensive on-board library.
- The tour price includes VAT.

Not included

Arrival and departure, shore excursions and alcoholic beverages.

Please consider the following notes on the itinerary

The indicated ports are optional. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice depending on wind and weather conditions.

Even in the summer months, passing low pressure areas, changing winds and precipitation must be expected. For this trip it is advisable to be equipped with foul weather gear. We are happy to advise you on the selection of suitable weather clothing.

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