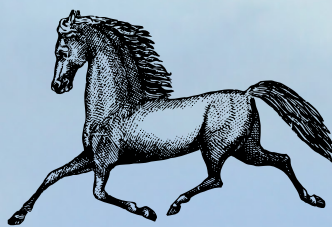


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SCOTLAND'S WILD WEST HIGHLANDS RIDE



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The magical Great Glen Way, forests and wild untamed mountains – this trail showcases the Highlands in all their glory.

You will ride through the areas of Glen Affric and Kintail finishing your week in the brooding shadow of Liathach and Ben Eighe, some of the highest mountains in the United Kingdom.

Please note, this route requires that all riders must be able to ride at walk, trot, canter and gallop. Terrain can sometimes be boggy or steep and guests may have to lead their own horse periodically. Riders are encouraged to help out with the morning routine of catching, feeding, grooming and saddling the horses for the day.

You will need to get to Inverness for the start of this ride, we will collect you from the town at 08.30AM on the morning of the ride. The ride finishes at Torridon and we will spend the night there, returning you to Inverness in the morning at about 11.00.



duration:
9 DAYS



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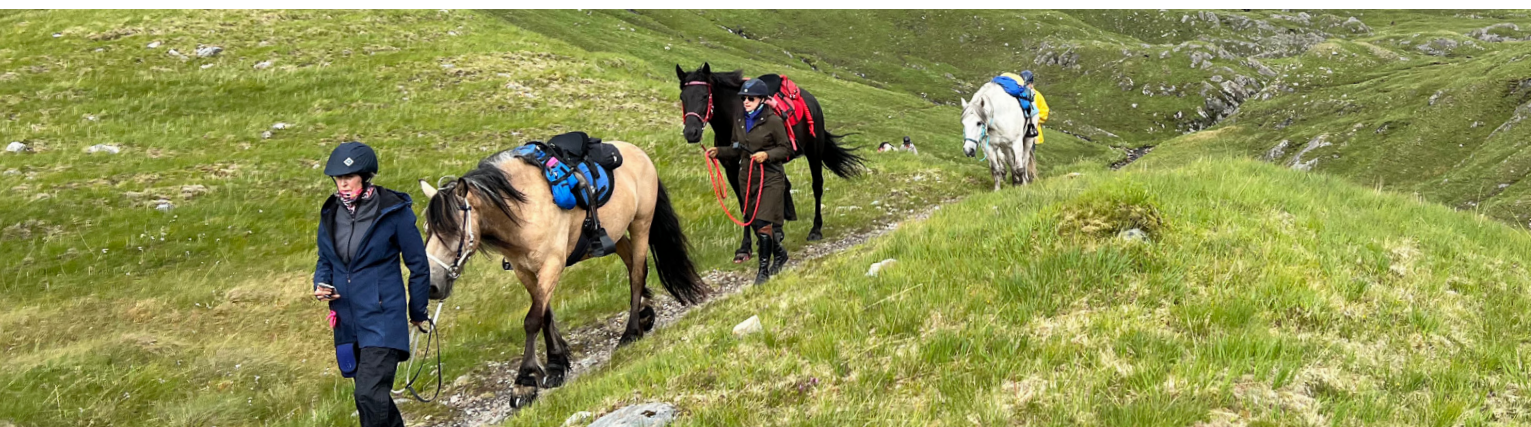
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Suggested ITINERARY

This ride follows parts of the Great Glen Way with stunning views of some of the most iconic mountains in Scotland on lochside trails and then heads off through the forests and hills around Fort Augustus following old drove roads, then through the beautiful caledonian pine forests of Glen Affric to the stunning wild mountains of Kintail.

From Kintail we head inland again, over the hills, with views over to the Cuillin mountains on Skye, to Strath Carron and our final day, takes us through wild country, past rugged mountains and over high passes to finish our ride at Torridon, in the brooding shadow of Liathach and Ben Eighe, some of the highest mountains in the UK.

Day 1

Dores To Whitebridge: 18 Miles

For the first day of our ride, we ride high above Loch Ness - looking out for Nessie as we go!

Riding through forests on the south side of the loch we zig zag our way to the top of the beautiful Fair Haired Lads Pass for stunning views over the loch, down towards Urquhart castle on the other side of the loch.

Following ancient rights of way, we leave our horses at Whitebridge before heading to our hotel for the night.

Day 2

Whitebridge To Fort Augustus: 11 Miles

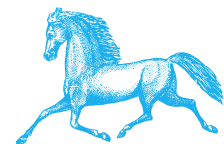
Today we follow the South Loch Ness Trail, which winds through forests before climbing to Suidhe Chumein for fantastic, far reaching views over Loch Tarf, the Great Glen and the hills beyond, we follow the South Loch Ness trail descending to Fort Augustus, site of the old barracks at the head of Loch Ness.

Day 3

Fort Augustus To Tomich: 22 Miles

From Fort Augustus, we ride up through the Inchcardoch Forest switching between an ancient drove road and one of General Cauldfields old military roads. Stunning views again in all directions of the Monadhliath hills to the South and the hills of Glen Affric and Kintail to the North and West.

We finish for the night in the beautiful village of Tomich.



RIDING DIFFICULTY

Challenging. This is an active, fast and ground covering ride with somewhat longer days in the saddle. You also need to lead your horse on foot on steep and very rough ground.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE COVERED

120 miles



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 4

Tomich To Shiel Bridge: 32 Miles

A long day today - leaving Tomich, we head west along beautiful Glen Affric. Some nice faster riding, before we hit the tough part of the trail, through the Allt Grannda gorge beside a stunning waterfall, then descend to the farm track taking us to Shiel Bridge for the night. The scenery today is very wild and beautiful.

Day 5

Shiel Bridge To Dornie: 8 Miles

A shorter ride today to give both the horses and riders a bit of a break!

From Shiel Bridge, we ride beside the shore then head into the forest at Inverinate, before joining the tiny minor road that climbs high above Loch Duich for amazing views of the Five Sisters of Kintail and the length of Loch Duich to the Cuillins on Skye.

We spend the night at Dornie - famous for Eilean Donan Castle - the most photogenic castle in Scotland!

Day 6

Today our riders get a well earned day off where we will hit the road and head over the sea to the Isle of Skye.

This day trip will include visits to famous must-see areas such as Quiraing and the Old Man Of Storr.

Day 7

Dornie To Strathcarron: 18 Miles

We are back on the horses again today, hopefully feeling well rested.

Leaving Dornie behind, we ride the length of Loch Long, before heading over the hills on an old hill track to Strath Carron.

Loch Carron is a very beautiful loch, surrounded by high hills on all sides.

Day 8

Strathcarron To Torridon: 13 Miles

From Strathcarron, we follow the river through fields and forests, then join the hill path taking us high over the Bealach na Lice pass. There are a couple of places where we need to dismount and lead the horses, but not for long stretches.

We are really high in the hills here, with stunning views all around once again!

Once we cross the pass, the iconic Torridon hills stretch out before us - Liathach, Beinn Alligin and Beinn Eighe - an amazing view! We descend to Torridon, where we spend our final night before leaving for Inverness in the morning.



Day 9

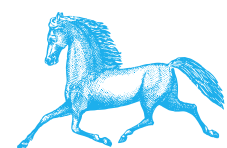
Departure

You'll depart for Inverness after breakfast, to arrive around 11AM.

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**Please note that some days are ridden in reverse.

**Some weeks this ride is run in reverse, so begins in Torridon and ends in Inverness. Please check with us when making flight arrangements.



SADDLES

English endurance saddles with comfortable, deep seat and good knee rolls. All come equipped with wool seat savers, though gel seat savers are also available.

Each saddle has stirrups with wide foot beds and a safety toe cage.



Additional INFORMATION



This is a 6 night, 7 day ride. If you need accommodation on the night prior or after the ride, we can easily assist.

INCLUDED:

8 nights accommodation
7 days of riding
All meals
Horse and all tack
Guiding services
Luggage transfers
All local taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare
Travel Insurance
Pre and post night
in Inverness
Alcoholic beverages
Gratuities for the team
at the end of your stay

