

# Outer Hebrides Cycling Tour

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 275 KM

BOOKING CODE: EN-GBOS7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●

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Island hopping on Scotland's north-west coast

From Eur 1589,-



## Your tour

Long, flat sandy beaches on the west coast, steep cliffs and rocks on the east coast, in between flat uplands with moors and peat bogs, some of them still completely untouched by human influence: this is how the islands of the Outer Hebrides present themselves. A highlight of your tour: the stone circle of Callanish, which, like Stonehenge, was erected in the Stone Age. Why? There are many myths and legends surrounding it, which are deeply rooted in the culture of the islanders.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Oban + Ferry ride to Castlebay
<b>Day 2</b>	Castlebay – Lochboisdale, approx. 30 km + ferry ride
<b>Day 3</b>	Lochboisdale – Grimsay, approx. 55 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Grimsay – Lochmaddy, approx. 60 km
<b>Day 5</b>	Lochmaddy – Tarbert, approx. 50 km + ferry ride
<b>Day 6</b>	Tarbert – Callanish, approx. 40 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Callanish – Stornoway, approx. 40 km
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	01.05. – 30.09.
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Daily arrival 01.05. – 30.09.2024

## Services

- 7 nights incl. breakfast, in good quality guesthouses and hotels of the local 2\* / 3\* level
- Digital travel documents (arrival information and hotel list only available in German) and route navigation via app
- Ferry ride Barra – Eriksay incl. bike
- Ferry ride Berneray – Leverburgh incl. bike
- Ferry ride Oban – Castlebay incl. bike
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Stornoway
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Basic price per person

Double room	1589,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	489,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	419,-
Trekkingbike (21-gear)	299,-
Surcharge for single traveler	919,-

## Notes

- Minimum number of participants: 2 persons

## Exemplary hotel list Standard

Castlebay	Castlebay Hotel Barra	<a href="https://www.castlebayhotel.com/">https://www.castlebayhotel.com/</a>
Lochboisdale	Polochar Inn Lochboisdale	<a href="https://www.polocharinn.com/">https://www.polocharinn.com/</a>
Grimsay	Temple View Hotel Grimsay	<a href="https://www.templeviewhotel.co.uk/">https://www.templeviewhotel.co.uk/</a>
Lochmaddy	Redburn House Lochmaddy	<a href="https://www.redburnhouse.com/">https://www.redburnhouse.com/</a>
	Lochmaddy Hotel	<a href="https://www.lochmaddyhotel.co.uk/">https://www.lochmaddyhotel.co.uk/</a>
Tarbert	Harris Hotel Tarbert	<a href="https://www.harrishotel.com/">https://www.harrishotel.com/</a>
Callanish	Loch Roag Guest House Callanish	<a href="https://lochroag.com/">https://lochroag.com/</a>
Stornoway	Caladh Inn Stornoway	<a href="https://www.caladhinn.co.uk/">https://www.caladhinn.co.uk/</a>

## Child reduction on basic price

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina.  
No child discount is offered on this trip.

## Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

## Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Please provide your mobile phone number when booking, as this is required by our local partner to carry out the tour on site.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

## Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

## Journey to Castlebay

- Nearest airports: Glasgow, Edinburgh
- Train station: Oban

## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Oban + Ferry ride to Castlebay

You start your cycle tour on the Outer Hebrides in the former fishing village of Oban. We recommend travelling to Oban the day before so that you can catch the ferry to the island of Barra by 12.30 pm. Alternatively, you can stay overnight in Glasgow beforehand and travel to Oban by train. Go for a walk in Oban. McCaig's Tower is located above the town. The unfinished replica of the Colosseum in Rome now serves as a park. Visit the Oban Distillery, which has been producing whisky since 1794. When you catch sight of Kisimul Castle off the island of Barra, you have almost reached your first overnight destination, Castleway.

### Day 2: Castlebay – Lochboisdale, approx. 30 km + ferry ride

On the first stage of your cycle tour in the Outer Hebrides, you will cycle around most of the island of Barra. You first cross over to the island of Eriskay by ferry. Before you cycle over the Eriskay Causeway to the island of South Uist, make a stopover at Prince's Beach. Relax on the fine sandy beach and enjoy the view of the azure blue sea. Numerous prehistoric monuments await you on the island of South Uist. You will spend the night in Lochboisdale.

### Day 3: Lochboisdale – Grimsay, approx. 55 km

From Lochboisdale you cycle northwards through the island of South Uist. You reach the island of Benbecula via a causeway. The west of Benbecula is characterised by agriculture, with moors and lochs to the east. Another causeway takes you to the island of Grimsay. Visit the lively harbour of Kallin. Sample freshly caught or smoked fish and lobster on the spot. The Wheelhouse Bagh nam Feadag from the Iron Age in the north of the island is inconspicuous but worth a visit.

### Day 4: Grimsay – Lochmaddy, approx. 60 km

You leave the island of Grimsay via a causeway. The island of North Uist is today's destination on your cycle tour of the Outer Hebrides. Nature and beach lovers are in the right place here. Fine sandy beaches, peat bogs and lots of wildlife characterise the island. Prehistoric remains such as stone circles and burial sites bear witness to a settlement culture dating back thousands of years. The island is also known for its diverse birdlife. You will spend the night in the harbour town of Lochmaddy in the north-east of North Uist.

### Day 5: Lochmaddy – Tarbert, approx. 50 km + ferry ride

Before you leave the island of North Uist via a causeway towards the island of Berneray, it is worth making a short stopover. Visit the remains of Dun an Sticir, an Iron Age tower. Take the ferry from Berneray to Leverburgh. From Leverburgh you cycle via Luskentyre. On the west coast of the peninsula you will find some of the most beautiful beaches in Scotland. You reach the isthmus of Tarbert, which is only one kilometre wide in an east-west direction. In the harbour town of Tarbert, you are on the southern part of the island of Lewis and Harris. Visit the Isle of Harris Distillery. Situated right by the sea, the whisky distillery invites you to take a guided tour.

### Day 6: Tarbert – Callanish, approx. 40 km

The island of Lewis and Harris is the largest of the Scottish islands. The beautiful landscape is characterised by mountains, moors, rugged coastlines and white sandy beaches. From Tarbert, you cycle to the stone circles of Callanish on the sixth day of your cycle tour on the Outer Hebrides. The site is one of the largest Stone Age structures in

the British Isles. The differently sized stones were carved unevenly several thousand years ago, giving them a special and mysterious character.

**Day 7: Callanish – Stornoway, approx. 40 km**

Leaving the rock formations of Callanish behind you, the route first takes you to Carloway. The Carloway Broch there is a circular tower from the Iron Age, which in all probability once served as a dwelling. It is considered to be one of the best preserved brochs in Scotland.

The nearby Gearannan Blackhouse Village is also worth a stopover. The village is now an open-air museum and takes you back to the not always easy living conditions around the year 1900. At your destination Stornoway, you are in the largest town on the Outer Hebrides.

**Day 8: Individual departure**

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.