

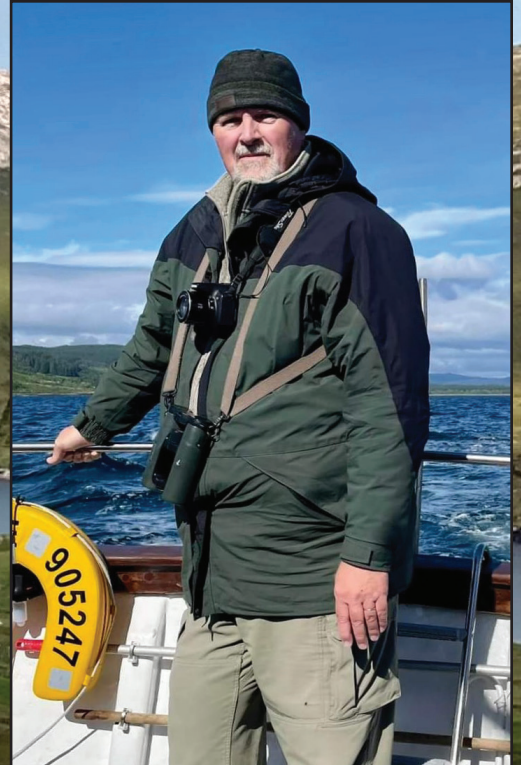
Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Presents:

Hebridean Adventure

A Tour of Scotland's Outer Hebrides and Skye

May 15-May 28, 2026



Led by Iain MacLeod

Itinerary

Join native Scot Iain MacLeod for a very personal, small-group tour of Scotland's Outer Hebrides and Skye. Iain is an experienced group tour leader who has organized and led tours of Scotland more than a dozen times. The hotels are chosen by Iain for their comfort, ambiance, hospitality, and excellent food. Iain personally arranges every detail.

Friday, May 15: Fly from US to Scotland. Iain will provide details on a Boston to Glasgow “preferred” flight and establish a firm meeting time at Glasgow Airport.

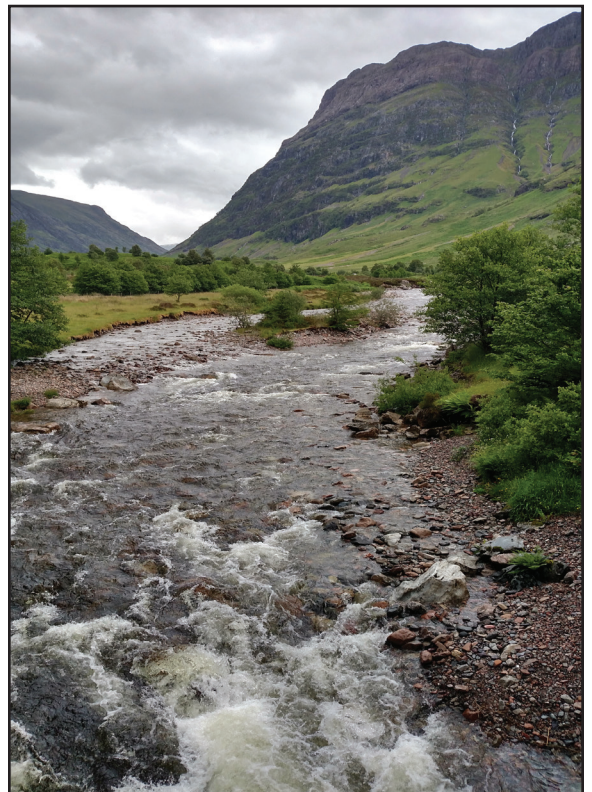
Saturday, May 16: Arrive Glasgow in morning. We will load up the van and head north and west towards Fort William and on to Skye. Along the way we will pass by Loch Lomond and drive through some of the spectacular West Highland scenery. We will end the day at [Sconser Lodge](#) which will be our base for the next three nights.

Sunday, May 17: Today we'll get our bearings on Skye and visit [Dunvegan Castle and Gardens](#). Dunvegan is the ancestral home of the Clan MacLeod. On our loop back we'll visit the [Talisker Distillery](#) and sample some of Scotland's finest whisky.

Monday, May 18: We'll take a spectacular trip with “[Stardust Boat trips](#)” out of Portree Harbor out to the Strait of Raasay. This 2-hour trip will include sightings of White-tailed Eagle (enticed to the boat by a fish or two). After or before the trip we'll explore the town of Portree and view the beautiful natural harbor and surrounding headlands.

Tuesday, May 19: We'll pack up the van after breakfast and head west again enjoying the spectacular scenery and catch the 2 pm ferry from Uig to Lochmaddy on North Uist. On the way, we will visit the [Skye Museum of Island Life](#). From the ferry, Black Guillemots will whistle their greeting from the rock walls in the harbor and Grey Seals will wave from rocky islands. We'll look for fishing Gannets, rafts of Manx Shearwaters. We'll see Kittiwakes, European Shags, Fulmars, and there's always a chance of Puffins and skuas. We arrive in Lochmaddy at 3:45 pm and have a short drive to our next hotel. Our base for the next four nights is the beautiful [Langass Lodge](#)

Wednesday, May 20: Today we'll explore North Uist. We'll take a drive around the island looking for breeding Red-throated Divers (loons) on road-side lochans and look for Golden Plovers, Hen Harriers, Merlins, Short-eared Owls, Golden Eagles, and Arctic Skuas on the moors. We'll visit the award-winning [Taigh Chearsabhagh](#)



[Museum & Arts Centre](#) in Lochmaddy to learn a little about the islands cultural history. At the RSPB reserve at [Balranald](#) we can explore the flower-rich machair lands (farm fields) where hundreds of Northern Lapwings, Eurasian Oystercatchers, Common Redshanks, and Common Snipe make their home. We'll also listen for the rare and secretive Corncrake. We can take time to study the profusion of wild flowers and walk on the white sands of the storm beaches where Ringed Plovers and Arctic Terns nest.



Thursday, May 21: We'll take a 2-hour boat tour with [Lady Anne Wildlife Cruises](#) out of beautiful Kallin Harbor around the island of Ronay and the bays and cliffs below Eaval (North Uist's highest mountain). One of the highlights will be sightings of nesting White-tailed Eagles. In the evening we'll explore the sea lochs and with luck we might see one of the many Otters that live in the labyrinth the salty tidal inlets or a short-eared owl hunting in the twilight.



Friday, May 22: Today we'll explore the southern islands of the Uists. We'll look for Golden and White-tailed Eagles, Ravens and European Kestrels in the hills and visit [Loch Druidibeg](#) where lingering Whooper Swans are often found. Hen Harriers are here as well as divers, ducks, and nesting Greylag Geese. A visit to the [Kildonan Museum](#) will provide an overview of local history and culture.



Saturday, May 23: We'll do some more exploring of N. Uist and then head for Berneray to catch a 3:30 pm ferry to Leverburgh on the Island of Harris. We arrive at 4:30 pm. We'll head to the [Harris Hotel](#) our base for the next four nights.



Sunday, May 24: Today we'll take a hike out to the [North Harris Golden Eagle Observatory](#) at Meavaig. This will really give you a chance to appreciate the wildness and remoteness of the Outer Hebrides. Then we'll explore southern Harris including [St. Clements Church](#) in Rodel, a 16th-century church build for the chiefs of the MacLeods of Harris. Other highlights will include the glorious white sands of [Luskentyre beach](#).

Monday, May 25: We'll explore north Harris and Lewis. We might visit Gearrannan and [Arnol](#) Blackhouses, the [Shawbost Norse Mill](#) and [Loch na Muilne Reserve](#) where we might catch a glimpse of the very rare Red-necked Phalarope.



Tuesday, May 26: Today we'll explore the rest of Lewis including a vist to the town of Stornoway (where Iain was

born) and [Lews Castle](#). We'll also explore the [Callanish Standing Stones](#) (older than Stonehenge). We'll also visit and [Loch Stiapabhat Nature Reserve](#).

Wednesday May 27: We'll check out of the hotel and load up the van and catch the 7:30 am ferry to Uig on Skye. We leave Skye and head south towards Glasgow. We'll take our time and enjoy the spectacular west Highland scenery. Our last night will be at the [Holiday Inn at Glasgow Airport](#).

Thursday, May 28: After breakfast, we'll walk over to the airport for our early morning flight back to Boston.

Cost includes hotel accommodations and all meals, van transportation in Scotland, ferry and boat trips and admission fees to nature reserves and other destinations listed on the itinerary. It does not include airfare.

Cost per person: \$6,950 (assumes double or twin occupancy room). There is an additional \$750 charge if a single room is requested.

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