

Grading: ●●●○○○○○○○



Wilderness Walking

Autumn Highlands



144 reviews


Wilderness
SCOTLAND

Autumn Highlands

Explore some of the stunning glens and valleys of the Central Highlands at their most glorious time of year.

Taking in incredible locations such as Glen Affric and the Great Glen, we have created and timed this trip especially to seek out the most vibrant autumn colours.

This easy walking holiday lets us enjoy the dramatic Highland sights each day, and a cosy fire and wonderful meals in the evenings. In the months of September, October, and November, the mixed woodlands that fringe the glens turn bold shades of amber and gold, offering superb autumnal vistas to walk through and photograph. The roar of rutting stags fills the glens while we take in magnificent views through the crisp autumn air. This is a holiday which will delight all the senses.

Please note – The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the Wilderness Scotland Guide with regard to weather conditions and other factors.

Arrival and Departure Info

You will be met by your Wilderness Scotland Guide in the centre of **Inverness Railway Station at 10.30am on Day 1** of your trip. It's a small station so you should find the group quite easily. For full details on how to get to Inverness, please see our website: [Travel to Scotland](#). You will be returned to **Inverness Railway Station by 4.00pm on the final day**.

If you would like to use your own vehicle on the trip, please contact our team to discuss this.

Book with confidence

We guarantee this trip will run as soon as **3** people have booked.

Please note: The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the Wilderness Scotland Guide with regard to weather conditions and other factors.

Day by Day Itinerary



Day 1 - Hike above Loch Ness

After meeting in Inverness, our group will enjoy a walk on the north side of Loch Ness through a community-owned forest. An excellent trail leads uphill through the woods, with the community trust adding some interesting sights to the hike, including a reconstructed Iron Age house, a wildlife hide overlooking the loch, and a reconstructed 'shieling' on the moor. After reaching the summit and admiring the wide-ranging views, the descent leads to a short journey to the hotel in Fort Augustus. In the evening, we will gather for a welcome dinner, savouring local flavours and toasting the adventures to come.

Walk Details: 9 km / 6 miles | 260 m / 853 ft | Approx: 4 hrs

Meals Included: Lunch and Dinner



Day 2 - Inverfarigaig and the Falls of Foyers

Take an autumnal stroll through the forests at Inverfarigaig, where we'll find a remarkable variety of native and non-native woodlands. Enjoy breathtaking views of Loch Ness as we follow the circuit, which also passes the beautiful Falls of Foyers and the awe-inspiring gorge, shaped over centuries. This evening we will head out for a delicious dinner in Fort Augustus.

Walk Details: 10.5 km / 7 miles | 428 m / 1404 ft | Approx: 5 hrs

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch



Day 3 - Glen Tarff and General Wade's Military Road

Today involves gaining some height by following General Wade's Military Road towards the Corrieyairick Pass. The trail winds up towards the pass at 800 m/2,625 ft – but there's no need to climb that far! Soon, a smaller trail is joined, which follows the woodland along the River Tarff. The woodland gorge is a Site of Scientific Interest and is home to several rare plants, including Wood Cranesbill and Greater Wintergreen.

Walk Details: 8 km / 5 miles | 265 m / 869 ft | Approx: 5 hrs

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch



Day 4 - Glorious Glen Affric

After breakfast, the day begins with discovering the ancient woodlands and solitude of Glen Affric. There are several options for stunning walks—perhaps circumnavigating Loch Affric or following a route through the ancient forest of the great wood of Caledon to explore the flora and fauna of this wonderful glen. This is an incredibly photogenic place and there will be ample time to try and capture the scene. In the evening, we will gather for a final night dinner at the hotel, reflecting on the adventures shared.

Walk details: various options up to 9 km / 6 miles | 300 m / 984 ft | Approx: 5 hrs

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

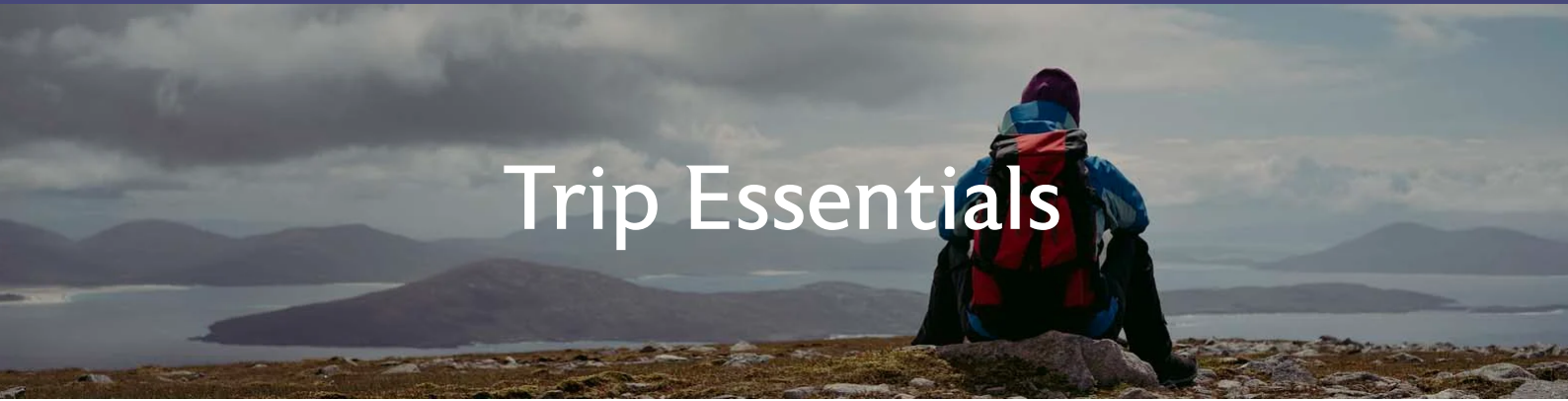


Day 5 - Glen Moriston and Dundreggan

On the final day, our journey leads to the breathtaking Glen Moriston and the Dundreggan Estate. Here, venture through the enchanting forest and picturesque lower hills while delving into the inspiring native forest restoration efforts led by Trees for Life, one of our esteemed charity partners. The aim is to return to Inverness by late afternoon, enriched by the day's discoveries.

Walk Details: 8 km / 5 miles | 200 m / 656 ft | Approx: 3 hrs

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch



Trip Essentials

Equipment List

Check out our guide on what to wear when adventuring in Scotland.

[Equipment-List.pdf](#)

Stay | See

Looking for accommodation for before or after your adventure with us? Check out our list of where to stay and what to do.

[Stay | See | Inverness](#)

General Info – Scotland

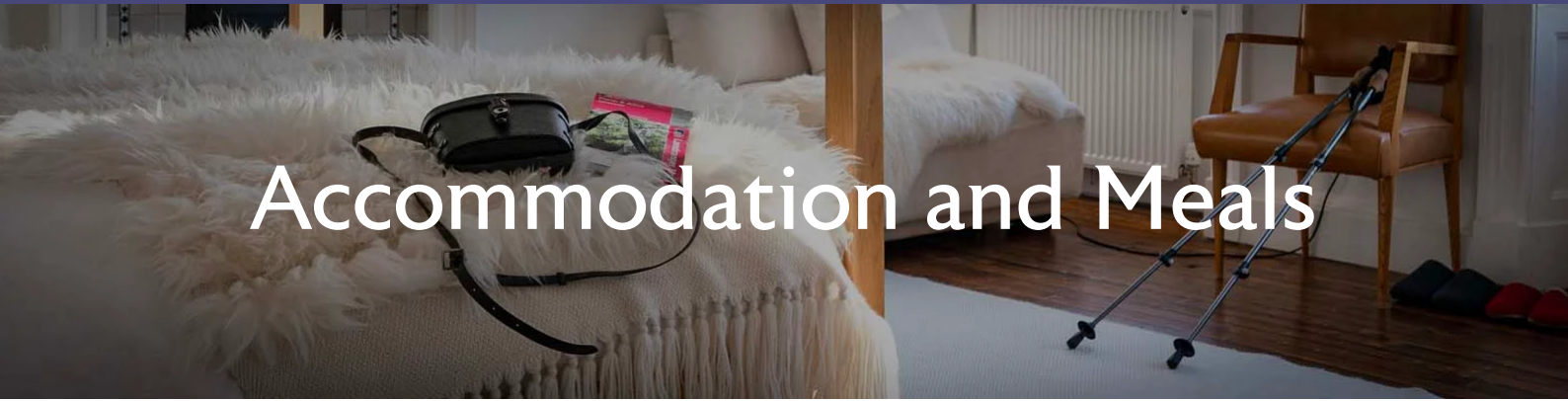
From food and drink to customs and culture, our General Info for Scotland guide has got you covered for all your need to know facts.

[General-Info-Scotland.pdf](#)

Green Graded 1-3

Green graded walking holidays are suitable for active travellers who are reasonably fit and enjoy moderate hikes. We walk at a comfortable pace, and you can expect to be out for 5-6 hours a day. The terrain will consist mostly of good paths and hill trails, but these can still be muddy and rough. Some hikes may involve an ascent up to approximately 450 m/1,500 feet. Distances will typically be 8-10 km/5-6 miles, but there may be an odd, slightly longer day. Daily hike details are available in the itinerary.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are appropriately fit and capable for the grade of the trip you wish to join. The weather in Scotland can be unpredictable at times which can make activities more challenging, so please bear this in mind when booking. If our guides at any point feel you cannot complete a scheduled activity, they may ask you not to join that day; this would be for your safety and the well-being of the group. If you are unsure about your ability, please don't hesitate to give our Adventure Consultants a call.



Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation

Your accommodation for this trip is in the village of Fort Augustus at the southern end of Loch Ness. This location is ideal as it allows easy access to excellent walks in all directions.

The hotel, a landmark Victorian building, is one of our favourites in the Highlands. It is an eco-conscious hotel with an ethos that is very similar to our own. Its grace and charm are complemented by the natural decor and warm hospitality offered by a devoted and passionate team. All bedrooms offer home comforts and modern facilities, and combined with cosy nights by a roaring fire, this makes it the perfect base for this walking holiday.

Meals

Breakfast and lunch are provided daily, along with dinner on your first and last evening. Included dinners are two courses as standard.

Dinners will be taken at the hotel or a local restaurant/pub. Packed lunches are provided each day.

On this trip, we generally eat dinner as a group; however, if you would like to make alternative arrangements, you are free to do so. Your guide will have an evening off during this trip where they do not eat with the group. They will recommend options for dinner that evening and will help you make any necessary reservations.

What's Included

Inclusions

- Four nights accommodation in a lovely Highland hotel.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- The services of an experienced and knowledgeable guide / driver throughout.
- All transport throughout the trip, starting and finishing in Inverness.

“ Wilderness Scotland was great to work with. They communicated with us frequently before the trip helping us to prepare. Our guide was well informed, easy to get along with and an experienced hiker himself. The itinerary was detailed and unfolded as expected. The selected accommodations and places for dining were very good. We will definitely consider another trip with Wilderness Scotland. „

Doug Lawson ★★★★★

[Read More Trip Reviews](#)

Sustainable Travel

Making the Right Choices

Wilderness Scotland is committed to working decisively towards a sustainable future. With an industry leading position on climate change, we are committed to achieving true net zero by 2030.

Working alongside [eCollective](#), we have developed and implemented one of the world's first [carbon-labelling schemes](#). This allows us to measure the carbon impact of the entire business, as well as each and every trip. By identifying how many kilograms of carbon can be attributed to each traveller, we can work effectively and efficiently to mitigate its impact. We are also working on providing our clients with various opportunities to directly reduce or entirely offset their own carbon footprint – therefore allowing adventure without compromise.

By consistently developing our innovative and proactive approach, we are fully committed to world-class [sustainable travel](#).



Your Guide

Our guides are among the most highly qualified and experienced in the country. Defined by their passion for Scotland, they possess extensive knowledge of the country's natural and social history as well as being accomplished in various outdoor fields. For more information about the team, please see our [Guide Pages](#).

Get Travel Ready

Travel Insurance

It is your responsibility to take out appropriate travel insurance to cover you during your trip. This should include cover for cancellation prior to the trip, the activities undertaken (i.e hiking), curtailment, and adequate medical insurance for sickness/injury and medical repatriation. We also strongly recommend you have cover for your other travel arrangements such as flights, and your personal possessions.

We suggest you do your own research to find the best insurance cover for you however, the following companies offer suitable policies.

Campbell Irvine Direct – campbellirvinedirect.com

Journeyman Insurance Services – journeyman-services.com/travelInsurance

If you cancel your holiday charges will apply. Please see section 2 of our terms and conditions for a breakdown:

<https://www.wildernessscotland.com/make-a-booking/booking-conditions>

Travel With Confidence

You can book with us in complete confidence that all trip payments made to us are fully protected.

Wilderness Group Ltd is a licensed and bonded tour operator. Your financial security is guaranteed through our membership and bonding with ABTOT.

FAQs

Looking for more information? Check out our frequently asked questions page.

<https://www.wildernessscotland.com/faq>

Questions To Ask? Ready to Book?

If you want to get in touch please send us an email or give us a call. We accept bookings online, by email, or over the phone. A deposit of 25% is required at the time of booking to secure the trip with the balance payable 10 weeks (70 days) before departure. If booking less than 70 days before the trip start date, full payment of the trip price is required immediately.

We accept payment by credit or debit card, or bank transfer.



Looking for your next adventure?

With a range of small group, private and custom trips, explore the UK and Ireland with our Wilderness family.

Want to speak to someone?

Book a call with our expert in-country adventure consultants.

[Book a Call](#)

Wilderness
IRELAND

A country rich in history, folklore and music; a landscape defined by green hills and endless sky. Known for its warmth, humour and hospitality, discover the Emerald Isle with Wilderness Ireland.

[Explore Now](#)

Wilderness
ENGLAND

From mountains, lakes and dales to chocolate-box villages and fascinating history, explore the diverse and engaging landscape on a Wilderness England trip.

[Explore Now](#)