# Biketour on the Inner Hebrides

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 325 – 355 KM BOOKING CODE: EN-GBAA7 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••

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#### Your tour

Experience the unspoiled beauty of the Inner Hebrides on a unique cycling tour. Discover the Scottish islands of Arran, Islay, Jura and Colonsay on two wheels and enjoy the spectacular coastal scenery, historic whisky distilleries and welcoming villages. Each island has its own charm and is waiting to be explored. Ideal for nature lovers, culture vultures and cycling adventurers.

#### Itinerary

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Day 1	Individual arrival in Ardrossan harbour, ferry ride to the Isle of Arran			
Day 2	Round trip on the South Island Brodick, approx. 55 km + ferry ride			
Day 3	Brodick – Lochranza – Isle of Islay, approx. 35 km + ferry trips			
Day 4	Excursion to the Isle of Jura, up to 80 km			
Day 5	Excursion to the Isle of Colonsay, approx. 30 km + ferry trips			
Day 6	Ballygrant – Port Askaig – Port Ellen / Bowmore, approx. 55 – 70 km			
Day 7	Round trip to Port Ellen, approx. 35 – 55 km			
Day 8	Isle of Islay – Arran – Ardrossan Hafen, approx. 30 km and individual departure			

#### Travel time

<b>Season A</b> 04.04. – 24.10.	
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Arrival Saturday 04.04. – 24.10.2026 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

- $\rightarrow$  7 nights incl. breakfast, in good quality guesthouses and hotels of the local 2\* / 3\* level
- → Digital travel documents and route navigation via app
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece of luggage per person, max. 23 kg / piece
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

#### Not included services

→ Ferry rides

Double room

→ Citys or visitors tax, if payable

### Basic price per person

Double room	1045,

1640

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	399,-
Rental bike (24-gear)	249,-

#### Notes

→ Minimum number of participants: 2 persons

#### **Exemplary hotel list**

Brodick, Isle of Arran	Hunters Guest House Brodick, Isle of Arran	https://huntersguesthouse.co.uk/
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Ballygrant, Isle of Islay	Ballygrant Inn, Isle of Islay	https://www.ballygrant-inn.com/
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Port Ellen / Bowmore	NO 1 Charlotte Street Port Ellen	https://www.no1charlottestreet.com/
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#### Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

#### **Languages Travel documents**

→ English

#### Additional note

- → All bookings are on request.
- → The last ferry on day 1 is at 18:00 on most days. It is essential that ferry tickets are booked in advance and independently at www. calmac.co.uk.
- → Ardrossan to Brodick 18:00 / Lochranza to Cloanaig 10:45 /
  Kennacraig to Port Askaig 13:00 / Port Askaig to Colonsay (return
  trip, Wednesdays) / Port Ellen to Kennacraig 9:45a.m. / Claonaig to
  Lochranza 1:50p.m. / Brodick to Ardrossan 7:20p.m.
- → Arrival: Bikes are delivered to the Ardrossan docks at 5p.m., in time for the 6p.m. ferry.
- → Departure: Bikes are returned to the Ardrossan docks when the ferry arrives from Brodick at 7.20p.m.
- → 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

- → Replacement tube (1 x per room)
- → Bike lock
- → Bottle cage
- → Map holder
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier

## Stages description

## Day 1: Individual arrival in Ardrossan harbour, ferry ride to the Isle of Arran

Arrive to Ardrossan. take the 16.50 train from Glasgow, arrives 17.36 to Ardrossan when we shall meet you and handover the bikes. You take the 18.00 ferry to Isle of Arran which takes around 1 hour. Car parking is available in Ardrossan. If you rent bikes the you must always take the 18.00 ferry.

## Day 2: Round trip on the South Island Brodick, approx. 55 km + ferry ride

Arran has it all, mountains, coastal cliffs, pan flat roads that's why its Scotland in miniature. Before setting off visit the 13th century castle and gardens or the Arran distillery. The road south provides ever changing views. Small villages intermix the cycling viewpoints. Lamlash provides the link to Holy Island, where a ferry can be caught to the monastery still occupied by Bhuddist monks. Head back across the 'String' (the link road across the centre of the island).

## Day 3: Brodick – Lochranza – Isle of Islay, approx. 35 km + ferry trips

A day to cycle and relax on ferries. After the climb over to Lochranza, visit the castle and then catch the ferry to Cloanaig. The cycle across the Kintyre peninsular to catch your second ferry to Port Askaig on Islay. On arrival on Islay you will only be a few miles from your hotel in Ballygrant.

### Day 4: Excursion to the Isle of Jura, up to 80 km

Jura is populated by some 5000 deer and 250 people. Jura House can be visited with some wonderful walled gardens and exotic plants. The road east gradually gets smaller and smaller until eventually turning into a footpath. Here you will feel you have reached nowhere and the solitude will be something you will remember for ever. If you continue to the far end of the Island and look out to the river mouth you will see the natural wonder of this region, a huge whirlpool which is produced due to the tidal effects.

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#### Day 5: Excursion to the Isle of Colonsay, approx. 30 km + ferry trips

Catch the ferry at Port Askaig to Colonsay . Colonsay being 10 miles long will allow you to explore most of the Island. Cycle to Ornasay across the tidal causeway to visit the ancient priory. The north section of Colonsay has some of the finest beaches in the Western Isles. Catch the evening ferry back to Islay.

## Day 6: Ballygrant – Port Askaig – Port Ellen / Bowmore, approx. 55 – 70 km

With Islay only 30 miles long there are many choices of routes. Islay has no shortage of famous name distilleries many Malt Whisky brands are actually places on the Island. Visit the Wildlife Centre, rural life museum or RSPB centre or just cycle the quiet lanes, see quaint bays & small sandy beaches. Here you may feel time has stood still. Your destination is the western port of Port Ellen or Bowmore depending on availability.

#### Day 7: Round trip to Port Ellen, approx. 35 - 55 km

Today you explore the eastern shores of Islay with a chance to visit the Ardbeg distillery and continue on a remote Island to a ruined church and famous cross and a lovely remote secluded beach. Overnight in Port Ellen or Bowmore.

# Day 8: Isle of Islay – Arran – Ardrossan Hafen, approx. 30 km and individual departure

First a 9.45 Ferry to Kennacraig (Sundays 12.30). Then cycle across the Kintyre peninsular to Cloanaig and back on the Ferry to Isle of Arran. Cycle around the NW coast of Arran back to Brodick. Take the 19.20 ferry back to Ardrossan and then a train back to Glasgow.

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