

Scotland NC500 / The Isle of Skye - Accompanied Tour 2023



The basics:

8th to 15th July 2023

8 day Tour

Destination: Scotland

Group size: 6-14 bikes (excluding guides)

£200 non refundable deposit. Payment plans available.

The itinerary:

Day 1 195 – 200 miles if starting from Worcester

The tour starts with an overnight stop in Carlisle or Penrith (TBC). If you want to ride up with us, we can pick you up from appropriate points on the M5 / M6 north of Worcester, to make our way via a loop through the Lake district, taking in Windermere, and the Kirkstone pass / Ullswater. Alternatively, you can meet us there if you want to ride independently or live in northern climes.

Day 2 222-239 miles

Heading up the M6, we then cut west through some pretty rural areas to avoid Glasgow and grab some lunch around Stirling / Crieff. Riding onwards through some beautiful countryside, and skirting the Cairngorm National Park we make our way to our overnight stay near the start of the NC 500.

Day 3 143 miles

Sees us heading northwards up the East coast of Scotland. This day takes in some stunning coastal roads, and a stop at John O Groats, before arriving at our hotel in Thurso. Dinner is included here.

Day 4 138 miles

Leaving Thurso, we explore the Sutherland Coast – ‘Europe’s last great wilderness’ with it’s dramatic scenery, where the mountains meet the sea, scattered fishing communities and fairytale castles. We’ll stop in Durness, the northernmost point where, if tides allow we can visit Smoo Caves, then onwards around the coast stopping to admire the ruins of Ardvrek Castle. Our hotel in Ullapool has beautiful views over Loch Broom. There is no bar or restaurant, but the welcoming lounge is equipped with glasses, ice etc for BYO and we are close to food outlets in town.

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Day 5 182 miles

Continuing our exploration of the west coast, we meander our way along, with a stop at Gairloch for coffee. Making our way along picturesque coastal roads to Applecross, we then stop for lunch, enjoying stunning views of Skye and the outer Hebrides, before taking the road inland via the famed Bealach na Ba** (pass of the cattle) and across the Skye bridge (Cost about £3) to our hotel on the Isle of Skye, which houses Seamus's bar - Home to over four hundred single malt whiskies.

Day 6 135 miles

Today we discover the wild and rugged nature of Skye, with a coffee stop in Dunvegan and lunch in Portree; famous for it's colourful houses. Onward then to Armadale in the south of the island to catch the ferry to the mainland (cost included), and arrive at our hotel in Morar.

Day 7 120 miles

A picturesque ride crossing Loch Shiel, and skirting Loch Sunart to the Coran ferry takes us up into Glen Coe and south to our hotel in the Trossachs where dinner is provided on our last night.

Day 8

The tour ends here after breakfast. If you're heading south to Worcester, it's about 350 miles on the motorway. You're welcome to ride back with us in easy stages, or you may wish to take your time and book another stop for yourself on the way home.

Accommodation

Is mainly in 3 star hotels or guest houses with ensuite bathrooms.

Prices:

Rider single occupancy £1059pp

Rider sharing with pillion £849pp

Rider sharing with rider £891pp

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

7 nights accommodation Bed & Breakfast

2 evening meals at our hotels

Mallaig and Coran ferries

Route plans including GPS co-ordinates for key locations

Tour co-ordinators - accompanied ride-outs (optional)

Corner marking system of navigation

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Fuel

Meals and Drinks (other than detailed above)

Entrance to Visitor centres, museums etc. (unless stated above)

Personal Travel Insurance

Vehicle Breakdown cover

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