



HEBRIDEAN & HIGHLAND ADVENTURE

Saturday 6th to Saturday 13th June 2020

The ultimate road cycling adventure, hopscotching around the Highlands and Islands.
A Cycle tour, without the chore!

Day 1 We meet at Oban Ferry terminal and transfer our luggage into the van and walk onto the ferry with our bikes and sail to Barra. If the weather is suitable there is the option to cycle to Vatersay in the evening before dinner in the Hotel

Day 2 We cycle round Barra, marvelling at the beautiful sandy beaches and seals (if we're lucky), up to the ferry to Eriskay. We then cycle through South Uist and Benbecula to our hotel on North Uist via single track roads and causeways.

Day 3 We cycle to Berneray and catch the ferry to the Island of Harris, landing in Leverburgh, before cycling through Harris. There we have a choice of routes, passing more marvellous sandy beaches or a hillier option that passes through more rugged terrain, before climbing over the hills that mark the beginning of the Isle of Lewis. Once on Lewis we ride to our Hotel near to the ancient and haunting Callanish Stones and the nearby Black house museum, which is well worth a visit.

Day 4 is an easy day with a morning ride across Lewis to catch the early afternoon ferry at Stornaway to arrive in Ullapool late afternoon and sample the delights of this fabulous port, with lots of places to eat and, if the mood takes, sample some live music.

Day 5 sees us cycle a few miles down the main road before turning left to follow the coast through spectacular scenery to our bed for the night in the beautiful Torridon.

Day 6 depending on the weather, or how you feel, this can be a tough day with a ride round the Applecross peninsular and an ascent over Bealach na Ba (described variously as the hardest and/or the best cycling climb in the UK. After allowing our brakes to cool off from the descent we finish the days ride in the pretty village of Plockton. There is a route option to miss this section out and re-join the main route in Loch Carron. Please note that the ascent of Bealach na Bar will not be attempted in bad weather or high winds.

Day 7 is a shorter day to allow you to recover from the exertions of Applecross. We cycle over the bridge to Skye (or get the privately run ferry if you fancy) from where there are a couple of route options, depending on how much of an easy day you want, before catching the ferry over to Mallaig, and a leisurely lunch/afternoon tea. Leaving Mallaig it's a short cycle to Arisaig and its beautiful coastline where "Local Hero" was filmed.

Day 8 the final day is a gorgeous undulating ride through spectacular scenery where, if you are lucky, you'll see sea otters frolicking in the surf before a long climb and even longer descent to catch the ferry to Mull. A short 5 miles on Mull and we catch the ferry back to Oban where we have a slap up meal to finish the trip before the journey home on Sunday.