



Sample Itinerary_Islay, Jura & Inner Hebrides (7 days)

Suggested Itinerary

- Day 1 Meet in Oban – Sail from the Isle of Seil
- Day 2 Sail from Seil to the Isle of Jura
- Day 3 Sail from Jura to the Isle of Islay, visiting the Isle of Gigha en route
- Day 4 Sail from Islay to Jura
- Day 5 Sail from Jura to the isle of Oronsay, then on to the Isle of Colonsay
- Day 6 Sail from Colonsay to Kerrera
- Day 7 Sail from back to Oban, arrive at approx. 12 noon for onward travel

Trip Description

This trip starts from Oban, a picturesque and busy harbour town with good transport network, plenty accommodation options and facilities. We meet up at 3 pm at Oban's new marina development (North Pier).

After an introduction to the boat and crew, and a safety brief we will have a short sail to our first night's anchorage to get our sea legs and let you get to know your home for the next week.

We head south to the Isle of Seil, the first of our many islands visits. Separated from the mainland only by the thinnest of sea channels spanned by the famous 'Bridge over the Atlantic'. The island's main village, Ellenabeich, has featured in a number of TV shows and films including Para Handy and Ring of Bright Water and houses the Scottish Slate Islands' Heritage Centre.

We'll catch the tide through the Sound of Luing to head south to Jura, a long island with its recognisable hills "The Paps of Jura" dominating the seascape. It's home to thousands of red deer and formerly also to the author George Orwell. This island has plenty to offer.

A short voyage the next day takes us to the southern Isle of Islay, famous for its many malt whisky distilleries, seabird reserves and unspoilt beaches. We take time to enjoy the charms of this gentle island. Weather dependent we can also call in at the Isle of Gigha, a community-owned island with its own sustainable dairy farm, lush gardens and sandy beaches.

We'll ride the tide through the Sound of Islay to return to Jura's other side and anchor in Skipper John's current favourite spot West Loch Tarbert. A night here is an experience to cherish, depending on the time of year we are treated to stags roaring, otters fishing round the boat, seals calling or the many sea birds picking the charming coastline.

Heading north again to the Isle of Colonsay, stopping off perhaps for lunch on the white sands of Oronsay and anchoring in Kiloran Bay, a wide sandy beach with wind-swept dunes and air that invigorates.

Pointing the bow farther north we return to the Oban area past the Garvellachs and Insh Island to anchor under Gylen Castle on the Isle of Kerrera. Oban's barrier island with around 30 inhabitants, Kerrera has a varied coastline featuring craggy coves, seal colonies, a delightful tea room and its own marina in the north.

A final night here allows time to be up ready in the morning to head over to Oban in good time to catch trains, busses or check in to accommodation.

What's included in the price

6 nights / 7 days on board Stravaigin

All on-board meals and snacks

Accompanied by a qualified and experienced skipper/guide.

All bedding (sheets, duvets and pillows), towels

All safety equipment

All harbour and marina fees

Fuel

Gas

No hidden extras!