



Sample Itinerary_ Isle of Skye & the Small Isles Explorer (7 days)

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1	Meet in Mallaig – Sail to a local anchorage
Day 2	Sail to an anchorage at the Isle of Muck and the Isle of Eigg
Day 3	Sail from Muck and Eigg to the Isle of Rum
Day 4	Sail from Rum to the Isle of Canna
Day 5	Sail from Canna to the Isle of Skye and the small island Soay
Day 6	Sail from Skye to the Knoydart peninsula or to Arisaig
Day 7	Return to Mallaig, arrive at approx. 12 noon for onward travel

If the weather is in our favour, we can amend this itinerary to circumnavigate the Isle of Skye instead. Visit Talisker Distillery, enjoy the delightful town of Portree, explore the rugged coastline of the “Misty Isle” and take in the grandeur of the sea cliffs of Trotternish and jagged peaks of the Black Cuillin. We may also get an opportunity to drop anchor on the enchanting island of Rona. In this world-renowned cruising ground we have plenty of choices.

Trip Description

Typically, this trip departs from Mallaig, though departures from Oban can be arranged. Starting in Mallaig, which is easy to reach via the scenic West Highland Line railway, we meet our guests at the pontoons located in the busy fishing harbour.

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

The next day, enjoy a scenic sail leaving the mainland behind as we head west to the first of our Small Isles visits. We'll stop at the Isle of Muck for a lunchtime anchorage and short visit ashore before heading off to Eigg, its prominent Sgurr dominating the archipelagos' skyline.

At Eigg, a community-owned island, we can get ashore and explore the pretty coast, pay a visit the delightful café to enjoy some homebaking, before returning to the boat for dinner. Enjoy the evening aboard in the sheltered bay with the dramatic backdrop of the escarpment behind us.

Departing Eigg, we head farther west to the Isle of Rum, this stretch of water is known for regular sightings of dolphins, whales and plentiful seabirds including puffin, Manx shearwaters, guillemot and gannets.

Enjoy a fascinating visit ashore on the Isle of Rum with options to explore Kinloch Castle, otter hides, the new Rum distillery, a nature centre or simply enjoy a coastal walk along Kinloch Bay with the imposing Rum Cuillin dominating the skyline above.

Leaving Kinloch Bay the next day, we'll sail over to Canna, a pretty low-lying island famous for bird life. We anchor in the bay with a colony of seals keeping us company. Enjoy a visit ashore to explore the island and white sandy beach on the western shore, picked over by colourful oystercatchers. Visit the local café before returning to the boat for dinner and an evening enjoying the dark night skies.

At last, we make our way north to the Isle of Skye, visiting Soay on the way, an interesting little island with a fascinating industrial and environmental history. We anchor in Loch Scavaig beneath the stunning Black Cuillin on Skye, a truly wild and imposing landscape.

After breakfast, we head east and back to the mainland to anchor locally, potentially in Loch Nevis on the coast of one of Scotland's last wilderness areas and home to the country's remotest pub. Or the pretty village of Arisaig also with a very good hostelry!

On our last day, we head back to Mallaig, arriving in good time to pack up and disembark to catch transport or book into 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!