

## TOBERMORY, SCOTLAND

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### Tobermory Coastal Walk

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Your guide will meet you at the **Harbor Building** in Tobermory where your walk will begin. The path leads from the end of the marina and climbs gently through the woodland along the side of **Tobermory Bay**. There are fabulous views out to **Calve Island**, the **Sound of Mull** and the Scottish mainland beyond. You will follow the track to the old pier and will see breathtaking views of this picturesque and iconic Hebridean village. The woodland area is full of many varieties of wildflowers, ferns, mosses, lichens, fungi, and trees, promoting the atmosphere of a Celtic rainforest. A **variety of songbirds** breed in the park, adding sound to the colors and textures of spring and summer. Leaving the confines of **Aros Park** a short detour takes you to the **Standing Stones at Baliscate**, a Bronze Age location of particular significance in the pre-history of the Isle of Mull. Here you will be able to explore and speculate as to the origin and importance of such megalithic structures. Your guide will then walk with you back to the Harbor Building meeting point where you can then make your way back to the ship.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for wheelchair users or guests with limited mobility. The tour is a 4-mile moderate walk with one steep hill. The terrain is good but can be muddy in parts. Waling gear is required and sturdy walking shoes that support the ankles. Waterproof clothing is recommended and it is suggested walkers bring along water and a snack as there will be no place to buy refreshments long the route.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>75

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### Tobermory: Glengorm Castle Walking Tour

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Your guide will take you on a **2-hour walking tour** through Glengorm's history, taking a look around the Castle's exterior, visiting the **4,000-year-old Standing Stones** and strolling out to **Dun Ara**, one of two Iron Age forts. If you're lucky you may also spot exciting wildlife, with Hen harriers and white-tailed eagles often passing through. This tour is very special and exclusive as Tom the owner will also be joining you on your tour and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have about the wider history of Glengorm Castle and Highland life.

This walk will also take you past the beautiful "**Flower Fields**" in summer, with a wealth of invertebrate and plant life waiting to be admired. You may also be fortunate enough to see seals and wading birds by the shore, with the islands of Coll and Tiree providing a beautiful

backdrop out at sea. After your walk you are invited to the **castle's private dining room to enjoy a hot drink or wee dram of whiskey** along with some **traditional Scottish shortbread**.

Please note: This tour is not recommended for those with mobility issues and you will be walking on uneven ground, through a pasture and on footpaths that do not accommodate wheelchairs or mobility scooters. There is likely to be Highland cattle along the walking route.

PRICE<sup>£</sup>149

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Tobermory: Iona Abbey & Scenic Mull

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Today's tour will take you through the lovely scenery of the island of Mull to the small ferry port of **Craignure**. You will continue on from there across the south end of Mull to the hamlet of **Fionnphort**. You will leave your coach here to take the little **foot ferry** over to the idyllic island of **Iona**. Iona is steeped in Christian history and is regarded as the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland with the arrival of St. Columba in 563 A.D. and the founding of the abbey. Over a century ago, the abbey and monastic buildings were restored and, in 1938, the Iona community was founded to continue the tradition of worship in the abbey through daily services and teaching. Today, Iona remains a place of pilgrimage and spirituality. **Tour the abbey** with your guide and see the cloisters, graveyard, the burial site of numerous early Scottish, Irish, and French kings as well as seeing the impressive collection of over 180 medieval carved stones and crosses. Enjoy plenty of free time here to soak up the atmosphere of the abbey, as well as to explore the lovely little shops and cafes of the village, before taking the ferry back to Fionnphort, and the coach returning through Mull back to Tobermory once more.

Please note: There is wheelchair access to the Abbey but guests may require a taxi to drive ¼ mile up a gentle hill. This can be arranged on request. Wheelchair guests will need to be accompanied as the guide cannot take responsibility for them during the tour. Lunch is not included so it is recommended that you request a lunch box from the ship.

PRICE<sup>£</sup>209

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Tobermory: Mull's Duart Castle with Tea

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Standing proudly on a cliff top guarding the Sound of Mull, **Duart Castle** enjoys one of the most spectacular positions on the west coast of Scotland. You can relive the past with a walk

through the ancient keep, visiting the dungeons where officers of Tobermory's Spanish Galleon were imprisoned, and taking a journey back through the ages in the exhibition of clan history where many objects of historical interest are on display. In 1911 Sir Fitzroy Maclean repurchased and restored the castle, which is now occupied by Sir Lachlan Maclean, 28th chief of the clan Maclean. Subject to availability, Sir Lachlan Maclean himself will be pleased to welcome you to his fabulous 400-year-old castle and home which is the clan seat. Enjoy a **tour of the castle** at your leisure with your guide on hand to answer any questions. A **refreshing cup of tea or coffee with Scottish shortbread** or cakes will be served in the tea rooms, before you return to your ship.

Please note: Duart Castle is not suitable for wheelchairs and there are many steps and spiral staircases throughout. Photographs and filming are not permitted inside the castle.

PRICE\$169