



SAIL & BIKE

Inner Hebrides · Scotland

Route

from Oban / to Oban

Duration

8 days / 7 nights

Distance

approx.237 km

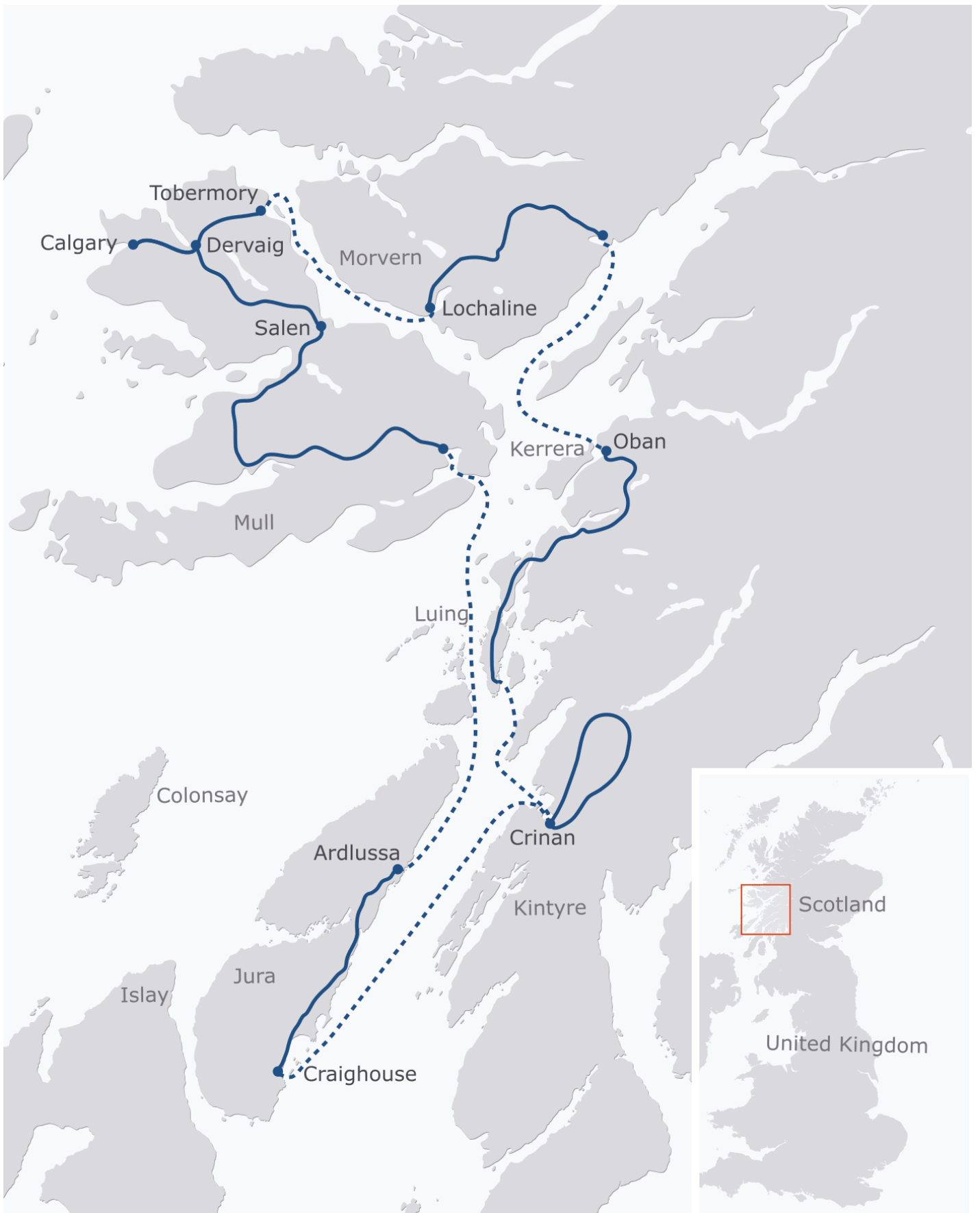
Level 1 (E-Bike)

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Highlands, Isles and Bagpipes

Oban is the start and end point of this tour through the Inner Hebrides and Highlands. Onboard the magnificent Flying Dutchman, we visit the Isle of Mull and the Kintyre Peninsula, still largely untouched by mass tourism and home to the most spectacular landscapes in Scotland. The isle of Jura, known for its large number of red deer and world-famous whisky distillery, is new to our program. Enjoy the wild scenery of Scotland, its colour contrasts, and great biodiversity. Once evening falls, treat yourself to a glass of whisky in one of the pubs while listening to foot-tapping Scottish music. During our crossings on the Flying Dutchman, be sure to keep an eye out for dolphins and seals while enjoying views of the magnificent landscape as we pass by. On our cycle tours, we may see eagles, red deer, and otters alongside the incredible views of the sea we get to enjoy from the most beautiful lookout points.

i [nbsp] TO NOTE: This trip is already updated for the 2025 season. Itinerary, prices and services may vary compared to 2024.



Itinerary

1st Day Oban (Embarkation)

Individual flight to Edinburgh or Glasgow followed by either train or bus to Oban. Alternatively you are welcome to reserve a seat with our collective transfer service which leaves the centre of Edinburgh at 3.30 pm and Edinburgh Airport at 4 pm (see prices below). The cabins on the Flying Dutchman are ready for check in at 6 pm. Should you arrive earlier, your luggage can be stored on board until check-in. An evening dinner gives every-one a chance to get to meet each other, the crew, and the tour guides. (Catering: Dinner)

2nd Day Oban - Toberonochy - Crinan(aprx. 22 mi. /36 km)

After breakfast we adjust our bicycles and start our first cycle tour, which leads us southwards from Oban through hilly landscapes and along the shores of a small highland lake back to the sea. Here we cross a remote peninsula before boarding a ferry which takes us to the island of Luing, one of the Slate Islands. Mining the grey, glistening rock from the archipelago played an important economic role until the mid-20th century. The University of Glasgow, for instance, is largely constructed from slate from this small island. At the Toberonochy dock, the Flying Dutchman awaits us, and we sail over to Crinan where we spend the night. (Catering: Breakfast, Dinner)

3rd Day Crinan - Isle of Jura(aprx. 23 mi. /37 km)

Today's bike tour takes us from Crinan to the fascinating excavation site of Kilmartin. Stone circles, reminiscent of Stonehenge, and prehistoric burial mounds characterize the vast landscape. After visiting the museum grounds and enjoying lunch at the museum cafe, we return to Crinan. Past the Kintyre Peninsula, made famous by Paul McCartney's song 'Mull of Kintyre', we continue by boat to the island of Jura. (Catering: Breakfast, Lunch)

4th Day Isle of Jura - Isle of Mull(aprx. 17 mi. /27 km)

After breakfast we cycle northwards on the isle of Jura. The renowned author George Orwell spent the last three years of his life here, describing it as an "extremely un-get-at-able place". Take the time to truly enjoy the tranquillity of the island, which is only occasionally disturbed by one of the more than 5,000 deer that live there. Passing the so-called 'Paps of Jura' we arrive at a small dock where the Flying Dutchman takes us to the Isle of Mull. Along the way we pass the swirling waters of Corryvreckan, one of the largest natural whirlpools in the world. But don't worry, our experienced crew will guide the ship safely to a quiet bay on the Isle of Mull for the night. (Catering: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

5th Day Isle of Mull: Loch Spelve - Salen(aprx. 32 mi. / 52 km)

Today's cycle tour is dedicated entirely to the spectacular natural beauty of Scotland. The route takes us through hilly terrain and along the island's coastline. Behind every bend in the road another breath-taking view awaits. After the road divides, and the few cars that we may have encountered along the way have turned off towards Iona, we share the road only with sheep and shaggy highland cattle grazing peacefully in the bright green meadows. Along an ever-changing coastal road, we cycle past Loch Na' Keal to Salen where the ship is waiting. We enjoy a pleasant evening docked in the quiet harbour of Salen, able to soak in the beautiful sunset. (Catering: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

6th Day Isle of Mull: Salen - Tobermory(aprx. 31 mi./50 km)

Today's cycling tour leads us to a climb through the northern part of the Isle of Mull. As a reward for our effort, we can

enjoy a break in a cosy tearoom before heading towards the brilliant white beach of Calgary Bay with its crystal-clear water. It is considered one of the most beautiful beaches in Scotland and swimming enthusiasts should not pass up this opportunity to jump in for a refreshing swim. Shipward bound, we have just a few more inclines to master before arriving in the main town of Tobermory. In this pretty little place, with its colourful facades, an evening visit to a typical Scottish pub is high on the agenda. While here we can taste delicious national dishes such as fish 'n' chips and haggis. (Catering: Breakfast, Dinner)

7th Day Island Mull: Tobermory – Glengorm Castle - Oban (aprx. 12 mi./19 km)

Today's tour starts again in Tobermory and leads us to Glengorm Castle, in the northern outskirts of the island of Mull. This grand manor from the 19th century is truly a sight to behold and the cosy tea-rooms allow us to indulge ourselves before returning back to Tobermory. Back at the Flying Dutchman we embark on our last sail of the week back to Oban. Before dinner there is plenty of time to take a stroll through Oban. The Mc Caig's Tower, an incomplete replica of the Colosseum in Rome, is a worthwhile visit. (Catering: Breakfast, Dinner)

8th Day Oban (Disembarkation)

After breakfast, individual return trip home from Oban or group transfer to the Edinburgh airport. (Catering: Breakfast)



Flying Dutchman · Tall Ships

Port of Embarkation

from Oban

Size

39 m x 6.5 m

Capacity

11 cabins, 22 beds

Special Features

Year of construction

1903 – reconstructed: 2004

Cabin features

A/C, central air flow, tiled bathroom with mirror, all-in-one shower, washbasin and WC

Beds

Bunkbeds

Service

mid-week towel change

Extras

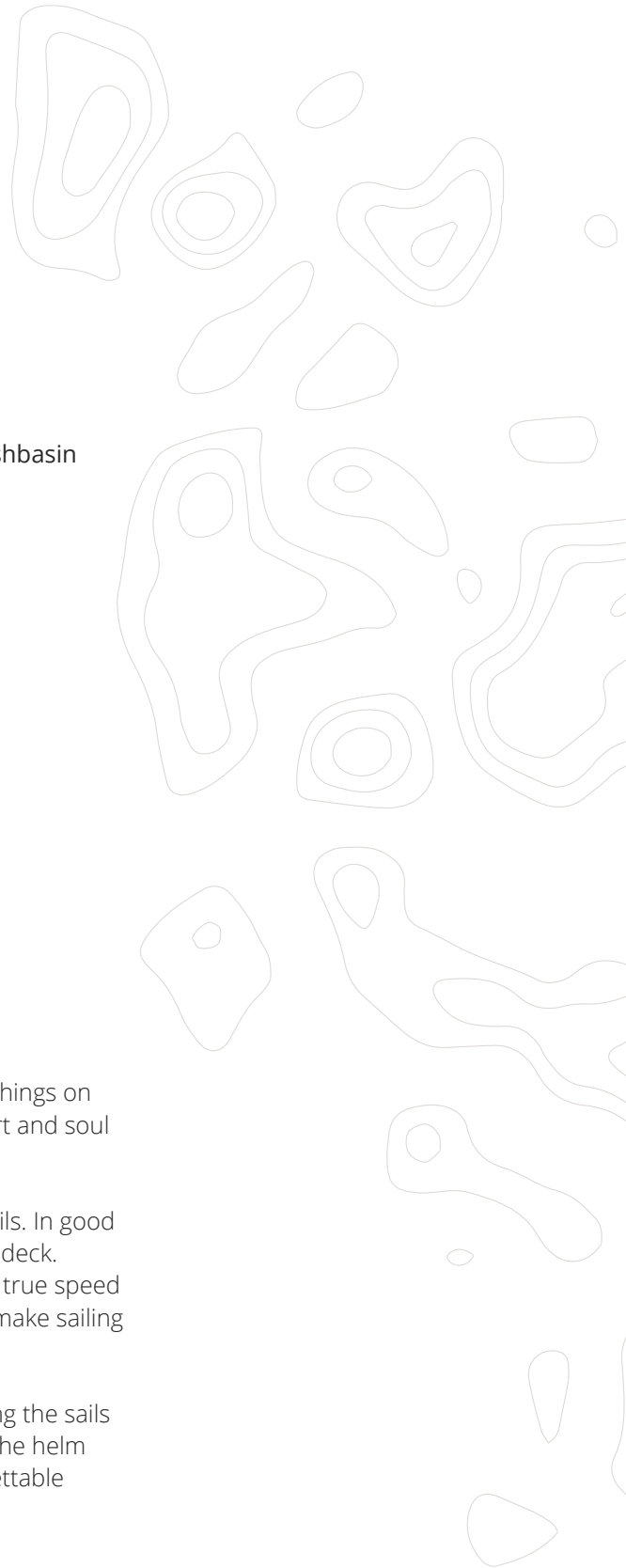
2 masts with sails, quiet generator, fully functional sailing boat

Flying Dutchman

The Flying Dutchman was originally built as a herring fisher and was later reconstructed into the impressive passenger ship which it is today. Furnishings on board are simple yet functional. The saloon is comfortable and is the heart and soul of the Flying Dutchman.

Outside the decks offer plenty of open space, necessary for setting the sails. In good weather, the crew like to serve mealtimes at the three tables on the main deck. Adventure hungry enthusiast can climb into the bowsprit net and feel the true speed of the ship and the force of the wind. The impressive 480 m² sail surface make sailing the Flying Dutchman a truly exciting experience.

The crew is always happy to have the helping hands of the guests in setting the sails and bringing the ship in motion. Ambitious participants can even take to the helm stand and feel what it is like to steer such a grand tall ship. A truly unforgettable experience!



Dates, Prices & Services

Included services

- 8-day cruise on a tall ship with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 7 x half board
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Bed linen and towels
- English speaking tour guide

Not included in the basic tour price

- Journey to Scotland
- Drinks on board - flat rate for beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks, drinking water, tea, coffee): 100 euro
- Meals ashore
- Entrance fees to museums and sights
- Tips for crew and tour guides
- SGR Insolvency protection (5€ per person)

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[SGR Insolvency protection](#) (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person - will be specified separately on the booking confirmation)

Prices for Additional Optional Services 2025

Surcharge for a double cabin for single use	50% on the tour base price
Rental bike with Ortlieb pannier	E-bike:245 euro/week
Limited liability protection for rental bikes (theft and damage). E-bike:30 euro/week Nnot insured: grossly negligent damages	70 euro/week
Collective transfer between Edinburgh (airport or centre) – Oban Harbour (available on embarkation or disembarkation days only)	80 euro per person Additional fees may apply for the transfer of private bicycles.
Collective transfer between Oban Harbour – Edinburgh (available on embarkation or disembarkation days only)	80 euro per person Additional fees may apply for the transfer of private bicycles.

Discounts 2025

- Children up to the age of 16 receive a discount of 200 euro on the tour base price (double occupancy, not combinable with other discounts). When travelling with children, we recommend our Multi-Adventure Tours in Greece and Croatia which are specifically curated for families and offer family-friendly pricing.
- If this is your second Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Welcome-back-discount of 3% on the basic tour price.
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Loyalty-discount of 5% on the basic tour price.

Dates

Date	Accommodation	Start City	End City	Base Price
31.08.2025 – 07.09.2025	Flying Dutchman	Oban	Oban	1.899,00 €
17.08.2025 – 24.08.2025	Flying Dutchman	Oban	Oban	1.999,00 €
24.08.2025 – 31.08.2025	Flying Dutchman	Oban	Oban	1.999,00 €

Arrival

Embarkation Oban

This trip begins in the port of Oban. You will find the Flying Dutchman in Oban at the North Pier.

You can check in on the ship from 3 pm onwards. The cabins will be ready at 6 pm.

The trip officially begins with dinner at 7 pm, as soon as the guests travelling with the transfer from Edinburgh have arrived.

Arrival by plane

London (Gatwick, Heathrow, and Stansted), Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Paris have the best international flight connections to Edinburgh. There are also regularly scheduled flights directly to Edinburgh from the USA and Canada. Most UK airports have regular connections to Edinburgh, in particular Birmingham and Manchester. Other domestic connections can be found from smaller regional airports such as Cardiff, Bristol, and Belfast.

Your flight can be organized as soon as we have confirmed that your tour is taking place.

Transfers between Edinburgh and the ship

We organize fee-based collective transfers between Edinburgh Airport and the ship (only on embarkation and disembarkation days).

- Collective transfer from Edinburgh to Oban (3.30 pm from Edinburgh city centre/4 pm from Edinburgh Airport): 30 euro/person
- Collective transfer Oban – Edinburgh Airport (07.00 am to reach flights starting from 12.00 pm/noon on): 30 euro/person

For airport pick up, please wait in the arrivals area. The transfer to Oban takes about 3 hours. To allow us to organise an exclusive transfer for you please indicate your exact flight details as well as your requested pick up location: Edinburgh city centre or Edinburgh Airport.

Arrival by car

[Address for Navigation System:](#)

Oban North Pier Terminal, Oban PA34 5QD, GB

Please note both while driving that in Scotland you must drive on the left-hand side of the road. For those driving to Oban from outside of the UK, please note that it is mandatory to use beam deflector stickers or to adjust the headlights of your vehicle if it is a left-hand drive. It is also mandatory to carry the Green Card insurance (International Motor Insurance Certificate). If you do not yet have a new EU license plate, a nationality decal (nationality sticker) must be attached to the car.

Parking in Oban

Oban has plenty of places to park cars, however, there is no FREE long-term parking. However, the council does allow overpayment at Longsdale Rd. and Lochavullin Rd. We strongly recommend dropping off your luggage at the ship first before parking your vehicle at either of these locations. The parking places are about 0.93 mi (1.5 km) away from the ship.

You can also make alternative arrangements such as parking outside of the town centre or using a private parking service such as Stoddarts or MacQueens who both offer secure long-term parking. Please call the services directly to make private arrangements:

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+44-(0)1631 56484 (MacQueens)

www.justpark.com