



A Uniquely Scottish Culinary Adventure

In conjunction with Visit Scotland's "Year of Food and Drink" campaign, we are pleased to announce the launch of our new "Scottish Culinary Adventure Tour" for 2015.

This 5 day itinerary is perfect for foodies who want to experience Scotland's natural larder and taste some delicious local food and drink. The tour will take you through stunning Highland scenery and over to Scotland's wild and rugged west coast. It will include 2 nights in a secluded and romantic castle in the heart of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. You will also spend 2 nights on the remote and dramatic Inner Hebrides island of Mull in the beautiful fishing town of Tobermory. Mull, as well as having a great natural larder, is rich in history and heritage as well as wildlife. The island is one of the best places in Scotland to see the magnificent Sea Eagle

Clients will enjoy a "meet the chef experience" and a private meal cooked by a well-known Scottish chef Craig Grozier at the stunning and magical Duchray Castle. The itinerary will also include a seafood experience with an exclusive trip to Mull Oyster Farm to meet the team there and sample some of the freshest oysters, washed down with a delicious glass of dry white wine.

An optional extra includes a day or half days wild foraging tuition course with Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods. Mark is Scotland's only full time wild forager and he is passionate about wild foods of which Scotland has many. The course includes tastings (and drinking!) of everything picked along the way.

Guide price: £1,565 per person (based on 2 people sharing)

Price includes:

- Vehicle: very comfortable Peugeot Tepee (for up to 6 people)
- Archie as your driver and guide
- Pick up and drop off from your preferred location in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling or Perth
- Itinerary planning
- Ferry crossing (return) to Mull x 3 separate journeys
- 4 nights luxury accommodation
- Scottish Breakfast every day
- Dinner on 2 nights including private chef at Duchray Castle (3 course seasonal menu to suit your interests and requirements)
- Meet the chef experience
- Exclusive visit to a working Oyster Farm on Isle of Mull, includes tour and oyster tasting with glass of white wine
- Visit to an award winning Scottish cask ale brewery with tutored tasting
- Single Malt whisky distillery tour with tutored tasting

Highlights include:

- Dinner at a small family award winning restaurant on Mull
- Exclusive visit to Mull Oyster Farm
- Mull Cheddar Cheese Farm
- Tobermory Chocolates
- Duart Castle, Isle of Mull
- Morvern Peninsula
- Glencoe
- A tour of Fyne Ales brewery with tutored tasting
- Private meal cooked by Scottish chef Craig Grozier of Fallachan Dining
- Meet the chef experience
- Single Malt whisky distillery tour including “whisky and chocolate” tutored tasting
- Stirling/Doune Castles
- Excellent local seafood restaurants
- Optional: wild foraging tuition course (half day/day) with Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods
- Optional: pick up a box of fresh seafood including lobster, crab and langoustines which can be cooked up for you on your second evening at your hotel.



Visit a local Scottish cask ale brewery and sample some delicious beers



Oyster Farm, Mull

Day 1 - Edinburgh/Glasgow to the Isle of Mull via Morvern Peninsula

You will meet Archie your personal driver/guide at a location to suit you and we will head north west into the beautiful Highlands through dramatic scenery including Glencoe to Scotland's west coast. We will catch 2 short ferries, the Corran ferry (one of the few remaining mainland ferries in Scotland) and the Lochaline to Fishnish ferry which will take us onto the beautiful Isle of Mull. This will enable us to explore the wild and remote Morvern peninsula before we get the short ferry to Mull. Archie can advise you on lunchtime food locations depending on your interests.

Your Accommodation

Your small privately run award winning hotel is situated in the picturesque town of Tobermory in the north west of the island. The restaurant has 2 AA Rosettes and your package includes a delicious meal utilising locally sourced produce on a night of your choosing. This will be your base for the next two nights.

Day 2 – Explore Mull

Mull and its islands are without doubt one of the most beautiful and varied in the Hebrides. On this day you will get a chance to explore the island including lovely village of Dervaig and the stunning Calgary Bay. You will also get a chance for an exclusive visit to Mull Oyster Farm where Gordon Turnbull, a fisherman and oyster farmer for many years, will give you a chat about how the farm works before letting you sample some very fresh Mull oysters with a glass or two of wine! You will also have the opportunity to visit the world renowned Mull Cheddar Cheese Farm. Tobermory is also home to the delicious Tobermory handmade chocolates.

Day 3 – Mull to near Aberfoyle, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

We will have the morning to explore the central and southern parts of Mull with its dramatic coastal roads and mountainous landscape with the opportunity to visit the impressive Duart Castle, seat of the Clan Maclean. We will then board the 45 minute ferry to the bustling coastal town of Oban in Argyll and Bute.

After a spot of lunch, we will then head to Invereray and you will have the opportunity to visit the original Loch Fyne Oyster bar and one of Scotland's finest breweries, Fyne Ales. Here, you will have an opportunity to tour the brewery to see how the beers are made and then you can do a tutored tasting of this fine beer! We will then drive over the famous "Rest and Be Thankful" mountain pass to the shores of Loch Lomond and to your accommodation for the last two nights.



Your accommodation

Duchray Castle bed and breakfast is located in a secluded and magical spot a few miles from Aberfoyle, this luxurious castle bed and breakfast truly is a fairy tale setting. Duchray is set in MacGregor lands and it is said that Rob Roy MacGregor himself stayed at the castle and managed to escape the clutches of some Redcoats searching for him through one of the bedroom windows and down into a ravine. You will be well looked after by your hosts Frances and Oliver Bigwood.



Day 4 – Explore Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and Stirling area

Today we can explore the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and the Stirling area depending on your interests with the option of seeing attractions such as Stirling Castle, the Wallace Monument and Doune Castle as well as beautiful towns such as Dunblane. Why not try Deanston Distilleries "whisky and chocolate tour". One of the highlights of your stay at Duchray will be a delicious private 3 course meal cooked by Scottish chef Craig Grozier using quality local produce and you will have the opportunity to meet Craig and have a chat with him.

Day 5 – Return to Edinburgh or Glasgow

We will have time to explore this beautiful area further before we head back to Edinburgh or Glasgow.



Archie, Frances and Chef, Craig Grozier outside Duchray Castle

Optional extras

On request, you will have the option to pick up a box of fresh seafood including lobster, crab and langoustines which can be cooked up for you on your second evening at your hotel on Mull.

Subject to availability, we can also organise a half day or day with Scotland's only full time wild forager, Mark Williams of Galloway Wild Foods. Mark will take you on a foraging tuition course tailored to your own interests in the Duchray Castle area which will include taster sessions where you can eat (and drink) what you have found during the course.

For your private dinner, we can order some wine as recommended by Chef Craig Grozier, depending on your menu, to go with your meal.

Delicious lunch at the world famous winning Gleneagles hotel.



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