

## Tour description

Day 1 Milngavie	
Day 2 to Drymen	19 km
Day 3 To Rowardennan	22 km
Day 4 To Inverarnan	23 km
Day 5 To Crianlarich	14-17 km
Day 6 To Inveroran	17-25 km
Day 7 To Kingshouse	16-20 km
Day 8 To Kinlochleven	14 km
Day 9 To Fort William	24 km
Day 10 End of services	



## West Highland Way

The West Highland Way is the longest and the most famous walking route in Scotland. The hike takes you on a magical journey of discovery, a trail of beautiful scenery, and a challenge to inspire.

The West Highland Way is a classic long distance hike, covering 152 kilometres (95 miles) from Milngavie on the outskirts of Glasgow, to Fort William in the Highlands. The route travels along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, across the atmospheric Rannoch Moor, past dramatic Glencoe and onwards to finish at the foot of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.

The hike is one of the classic treks of the world and is undertaken by many people of all ages from across the world, making it a fun and social trek. Completed in 1980, The Way connects the Central Lowlands with the Scottish Highlands. You will encounter some dense woodland, hilly terrain and moors, and there's every chance that you'll spot some rare wildlife along the way.

On this self-guided walk we arrange your accommodation each evening and baggage transfer, as well as providing you with detailed route notes and maps so that you get the most out of this wonderful trek.

## Fast Facts

### Includes:

- 9 nights accommodation in charming B&Bs and Highland inns
- Daily luggage transfers, route notes & maps, details of restaurants and places to visit along the route

### Highlights:

- Scotland's most famous long distance trail
- Hike from the lowlands to highlands
- Most scenic trail of Scotland
- Lakes, glens and pubs along the way

## Tour Details

Daily March 30 to October 20

Cost: \$1895 per person  
(minimum 2 people)  
Single room upgrade: \$895

Length: 10 days / 9 nights  
Grade: Intermediate

Starts: Milngavie  
Ends: Fort William

### Day 1: Arrival in Milngavie

“Mull’guy” is what this small town, about 60 kilometre north of Glasgow is called. Discover the small pedestrian zone in its centre and buy any last minute items for the coming hiking tour.

### Day 2: Milngavie - Drymen 20 km ↑235 m apx 5 hrs

The tour takes you out of the town through quiet forests and takes you slowly to the Highlands. On the way to Drymen you will pass the Glen-goyne Distillery. Make a stop here to taste a glass of whiskey and learn more about the production of this Scottish speciality. Drymen is the last major town before the highlands.

### Day 3: Drymen - Rowardennan 24 km ↑625m ↓655 6-7 hrs

You climb “Conic Hill” first and enjoy the views of Loch Lomond - Scotland's largest lake. The climb down takes you to Balmaha and then civilization ends for a few kilometres. There are only narrow footpaths on the east bank of Loch Lomond. The walk is like sheer poetry.

### Day 4: Rowardennan – Inverarnan area 19km ↑350 ↓360 6-7 hrs

One of the most beautiful stages on the West Highland Way. You hike on forest roads to the waterfall in Inversnaid. Afterwards the path passes idyllically along the shore. Up, down, left, right... the trail is idyllic and varied, offers views of small islands and leads past the hiding place of the bandit Rob Roy.

### Day 5: Inverarnan – Crianlarich area 14-17km ↑350-460 ↓210-295 3-4 hrs

After climbing uphill and downhill many times in the past few days, the path is much more comfortably today. The West Highland Way rises slowly from Inverarnan till you pass the small village of Crianlarich. From here you can see the peaks of Ben More and Stob Binnean while enjoying the views of Loch Lomond. You continue through solitary forests to Crianlarich, your destination for today.

### Day 6: Crianlarich- Bridge of Orchy / Inveroran 17-25km ↑270-560

↓260-550 5-7 hrs Wonderful views await you today too. A slightly longer climb uphill awaits you directly after the small village of Bridge of Orchy. Afterwards you walk on old military roads, and advance rapidly. The trails take you past small woodlands to the hotel at Inveroran. It is extremely isolated in the middle of the Scottish Highlands.

### Day 7: Bridge of Orchy/Inveroran - Kingshouse 16-20km ↑310-475 ↓240-

420 5-6 hrs Take an old military road past countless, deep black lakes. Today's destination is Kingshouse - a former trading post in the middle of the Scottish Highlands. On the way you will even pass a small ski resort.

### Day 8: Kingshouse - Kinlochleven 14km ↑380 ↓615 4-5 hrs

Passing the most spectacular summit of Scotland, the Buachaille Etive Mòr you will reach the "Devils Staircase". Soldiers who had to cross the numerous curves gave this pass its name. The tour takes you down into a small valley and offers wonderful views of the surrounding peaks. The small town of Kinlochleven offers some civilization again after a few days in the untouched Highlands

### Day 9: Kinlochleven – Fort William 24km ↑575 ↓580 6-7 hrs

The last day on this adventure is a long one on the West Highland Way. You follow an old military road again, which takes you to a plateau. You walk through quiet forests and past the ruins of a small fort until Ben Nevis comes into sight. The hike into the small town of For William concludes the hike along the West Highland Way.

### Day 10: Departure or extension



# What to Expect

## What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 15 to mid-20 degrees C ( 60's to 70's F), with moderate rainfall. It often rains in Scotland, making the countryside lush and green. It is usually misty and not torrential downpours, but rain gear is still necessary, both a jacket and a pair of pants.

## How many hours of hiking a day?

Be prepared to hike 6-8 hours daily. This is not a supported tour, so you must be fit enough to get to the next destination each day - there are no short cuts possible. If you need to take a day off and rest, we can add a rest day in the middle.

## How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, so you will be able to enjoy this active holiday. There are some hills and some level terrain, rolling hills rather than any steep pitches. The uphill climbs are usually not a problem, but the long stages are strenuous. This trip is probably best suited for those who have hiked before and are fit. The route is over well-maintained hiking trails and is perfectly sign-posted.

## What is the food like?

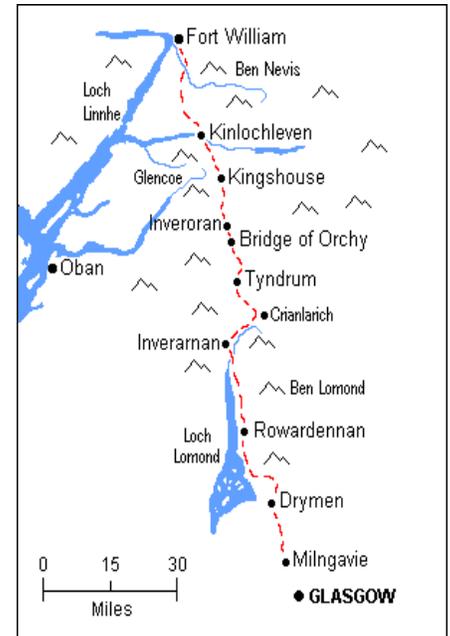
We have included a full breakfast each day. For lunch, you can stop in a pub or local restaurant for a full meal or mid-day snack. For dinner, your notes will include some suggestions.

## What are the hotels like?

They are chosen for their charm and location. Properties are charming B&B's, Highland inns and small hotels well-located in the towns.

# Getting There

- Arrive at Glasgow Airport and take the train or bus Milngavie.
  - Depart Fort William by train or bus back to Glasgow.
- Train: <http://www.scotrail.co.uk/>  
Bus: <http://www.citylink.co.uk>



## Shorter Option 8 days

- Day 1: Arrival in Milngavie
- Day 2: Milngavie - Drymen
- Day 3: Drymen - Rowardennan
- Day 4: Rowardennan – Inverarnan surroundings
- Day 5: Transfer to Bridge of Orchy | Bridge of Orchy– Kingshouse hike
- Day 6: Kingshouse - Kinlochleven
- Day 7: Kinlochleven – Fort William
- Day 8: Departure or extension



## How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in the completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is required 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.