



INNER HEBRIDES & KINTYRE PENINSULA

Autumn Wildfowl Spectacular

"In Comfort & Style" October 22-29



Birding Areas & Highlights

Timed especially for the arrival of thousands of Barnacle & Greenland White-fronted Geese, a truly memorable & spectacular sight & sound as huge skeins take to the sky towards dusk over Loch Indaal & Loch Gruinart RSPB Reserve!

Firstly visiting **Islay**, Queen of the Isles, with beautiful freshwater & sea-lochs, moorland & hills. Apart from 30,000+ geese which over-winter, we shall search for various divers, grebes & sea-duck inc. Great Northern, Red-throated & Black-throated Divers, Eider, Scaup, Common Scoter & Long-tailed Duck, Slavonian & Black-necked Grebes. Resident birds on offer will include Golden Eagle, Raven, Peregrine & Merlin, Red-billed Chough & Twite. Also visiting Finlaggan, ancient seat of "*Lord of the Isles*".

Across the water on **Jura**, Red Deer & Wild Goats roam, together with White-tailed Eagle, Hen Harrier & the elusive Otter. Also an exciting day's ferry crossing over to **Colonsay**, looking out for skuas, Guillemots & Razorbills plus visiting the beautiful Colonsay House Gardens, whilst looking out for cetaceans on the ferry crossing.

Ferry back to the Kintyre Peninsula, with firstly a short crossing over to **Gigha** and visiting the lovely Achamore Gardens with its stunning collections of trees, watching out for Whooper Swans, Goosanders & Red breasted Mergansers. Then a further day's drive around the **Kintyre Peninsula** towards the "Mull of Kintyre", looking out for more wildfowl.

Accommodation & Itinerary

Drive from Glasgow Airport to take the ferry over to Islay, based for 4 nights at the delightful *Port Charlotte Hotel* located on the shores of Loch Indaal. Boasting antique furnished rooms, personal, friendly service and offering the very best in fresh local produce especially sea food & game, beef and lamb, served in elegant but informal surroundings.

Ferry back to the mainland for further 3 nights at the *Stonefield Castle Hotel* situated just outside Tarbert. Built in 1837, the Hotel overlooks Loch Fyne, the AA rosette restaurant offering delicious locally sourced beef & seafood, with time to wander around the extensive gardens and over to the "Island". Return to Glasgow Airport for late afternoon, en route visiting Lochwinnoch RSPB Reserve.



Cost: £2145 (s/s £375)

Deposit: £200

B/L due: Aug. 22

Included in the cost: 4 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Port Charlotte Hotel* & 3 nights. dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Stonefield Castle Hotel*, all transportation, return ferries to Islay & Jura, Colonsay & Gigha, entrance to Achamore Gardens & Colonsay House Gardens and full guidance throughout the Tour.

Not included in the cost: Lunches, drinks, gratuities & personal items.

(NB: Cost based on 8 guests min.)