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West Highland Way

The 96 mile (154km) West Highland Way is deservedly one of the most popular long distance walking paths in Britain, linking Milngavie, just outside Glasgow, and Fort William, the Outdoor Capital of Scotland. Passing through some spectacular scenery, the West Highland Way will take you into Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, past tranquil lochs and into the heart of the Highlands.

The Way starts off gently, crossing valley floors, and undulates through woods and farmland along the shores of Loch Lomond. After Tyndrum, the terrain opens up and becomes more challenging as we head across the remote Rannoch Moor, tackle the Devil's Staircase and cross the mountains of Glencoe, to finish in Fort William, at the foot of the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis.

We also make sure we have the opportunity to stop en-route for some whisky tasting!

We always choose a high standard of family-run hotels, guest houses and Bed and Breakfasts, and we include luggage delivery along the whole route.

TRIP SUMMARY

Arrive in Milngavie

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Milngavie to Drymen

Hike from Milngavie to Drymen

Glengoyne Distillery - Glengoyne Distillery

Drymen to Rowardennan

Hike from Drymen to Rowardennan

Rowardennan to Inverarnan

Hike from Rowardennan to Inverarnan

Inverarnan to Tyndrum

Hike from Inverarnan to Tyndrum

Tyndrum to Kingshouse

Hike from Tyndrum to Kingshouse

Transfer from Kingshouse to Kinlochleven or Glencoe

Kingshouse to Kinlochleven

Transfer from Glencoe / Kinlochleven to Kingshouse

Hike from Kingshouse to Kinlochleven

Kinlochleven to Fort William

Hike from Kinlochleven to Fort William

Depart Fort William

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Option: Extend your stay in Fort William

ARRIVE IN MILNGAVIE



Arrive in Milngavie

We usually recommend staying in Milngavie, just outside Glasgow, so that you can begin your day on foot without needing to take any transfers.

We normally hold a briefing in your hotel at 6pm so that you can meet the leader and find out more about the trip.

MILNGAVIE TO DRYMEN



Hike from Milngavie to Drymen

We begin our trip at the official starting point for the West Highland Way, the granite obelisk in Milngavie (pronounced Mull-guy).

It doesn't take long to leave the town centre and enter Mugdock Country Park, through rural farmland on good quality paths.

We definitely recommend a stop at Glengoyne Distillery, our first chance to take a tour and enjoy a wee dram of whisky!

We take a short detour from the route in order to stay in good accommodation in Drymen.

Distance 19km (12 miles)

Approx walking time 6-7 hours



Glengoyne Distillery



Glengoyne Distillery

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DRYMEN TO ROWARDENNAN



Hike from Drymen to Rowardennan

We rejoin the route and begin the steep climb up Conic Hill. It is well worth the effort, as on a clear day the views over Loch Lomond are absolutely stunning. Loch Lomond is the largest body of freshwater in Britain. We then descend to Balmaha, and follow a woodland path along the banks of Loch Lomond - this section is deceptively tough, as it's a fairly long day and the path is most definitely not flat, as one might expect from a loch-side trail!

Distance 24 km (15 miles)
Approx walking time 8 hours



ROWARDENNAN TO INVERARNAN



Hike from Rowardennan to Inverarnan

Our journey along Loch Lomond continues, and the terrain is fairly hard-going at first, but is well-rewarded with great views over the loch and to the distant peaks of the Arrochar Alps.

We enter the Inversnaid Nature Reserve (an RSPB site) and then pass close to Rob Roy's cave.

We'll pay a visit to the world-famous Drovers Inn (with a fantastic selection of beers and whiskies and an interesting collection of stuffed animals and birds).

Distance 22.5 km (14 miles)

Approx walking time 8 hours



INVERARNAN TO TYNDRUM



Hike from Inverarnan to Tyndrum

Much of today is spent on an old military road so the going is slightly easier than we've been used to over the last couple of days. We are now approaching the Highlands, with the mountains of Ben More and Stob Binnean providing a marvellous view before us - and as we climb higher above the loch once more, the views behind us to Loch Lomond just get better and better.

The remainder of the day continues with undulating terrain, but on good quality paths and tracks, until we reach Tyndrum.

Distance 19 km (12 miles)

Approx walking time 7-8 hours



TYNDRUM TO KINGSHOUSE



Hike from Tyndrum to Kingshouse

We have an early start this morning as today is the longest day of the trip. We follow the old military road all the way to Bridge of Orchy, from where a steep climb takes us up to some of the most wonderful scenery in Scotland.

Next we cross Rannoch Moor, one of the wildest and most exposed moors in Britain, before descending to the 17th Century Kings House.

Distance 30 km (19 miles)

Approx walking time 9-10 hours



Departure

Transfer from Kingshouse to Kinlochleven or Glencoe

As the hotel at Kingshouse is being renovated during the 2018 season, we will transfer to either Glencoe or Kinlochleven this evening.

KINGSHOUSE TO KINLOCHLEVEN



Departure

Transfer from Glencoe / Kinlochleven to Kingshouse

We transfer back to Kingshouse to resume our walk.



Hike from Kingshouse to Kinlochleven

Another military road takes us to Altnafeadh, from where we can see the site of the Glencoe Massacre in 1692. Next we tackle the Devil's staircase, the highest point on the West Highland Way with a gorgeous view of Ben Nevis. From here we wind our way down to the idyllic village of Kinlochleven.

Distance 14 km (9 miles)

Approx walking time 5-6 hours



KINLOCHLEVEN TO FORT WILLIAM



Hike from Kinlochleven to Fort William

We still have one more high point left on our final day, so we begin our day with a climb up to the Lairigmor (330m), but the gradient is not steep. Surrounded by high mountains on both sides, the views are stunning.

Our final leg into Fort William descends through the forests of Glen Nevis, with Ben Nevis visible through the breaks in the trees, and our final 2km are on the Glen Nevis road.



DEPART FORT WILLIAM



Depart Fort William

Today is our departure day and our trip services end after breakfast.



Option: Extend your stay in Fort William

A very popular option is to extend your trip in Fort William. It's widely known as the Outdoor Capital of Scotland, and there's a whole host of activities to try.

Why not climb Ben Nevis, at 1344m the highest mountain in Britain? You're fit and used to hiking by now, so it's a great time to give it a go! We can arrange a guide, or you can try a self-guided hike.

Or you might want to rest your legs, and take the Nevis Range cable car (the UK's only gondola) for some amazing views across the slopes of Aonach Mor.



TRIP INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS



West Highland Way Travel Arrangements

Nearest airports

Glasgow International Airport

Located 12km west of Glasgow centre, the nearest airport is Glasgow International.

Regular buses run between the airport and Glasgow train and bus stations (approx 30 mins journey time), and there's also a bus link to Fort William. For more info click [here](#).

Prestwick Airport

This airport is mainly served by Ryanair, and is 40km south of Glasgow. A regular bus service links Prestwick with Glasgow Buchanan Street (50 mins journey time), and a regular train service links the airport with Glasgow Central station (45 mins journey time). For more info click [here](#).

Edinburgh Airport

Edinburgh Airport is around an hour on the bus from Glasgow centre. For more info click [here](#).

Travel to Milngavie at the start

A useful travel planning site is www.rome2rio.com

You should aim to arrive at Milngavie in time for a trip briefing at 6pm. We usually book accommodation very close to the train and bus station.

Train

Most people arrive by train: you can find train times and buy tickets at:

www.thetrainline.com

It is often much cheaper to book your ticket in advance - discount tickets usually go on sale around 3 months before the travel date (in some cases it can be earlier).

Glasgow has two mainline stations: Central and Queen Street. Trains depart every 15-30 minutes to Milngavie from both stations, and the journey takes around 20 mins.

Bus

The central bus station in Glasgow is called Buchanan Street, and you can find bus timetables here: www.traveline.org.uk

The journey takes around 40 mins by bus.



What's Included - West Highland Way

- All accommodation
- All breakfasts
- Daily luggage delivery
- Qualified and expert guide
- Transfer from Kingshouse to Glencoe/Kinlochleven
- Transfer from Glencoe/Kinlochleven to Kingshouse



Not Included - West Highland Way

- Airport transfers
- Packed lunches
- Evening meals
- Snacks & drinks
- Tips
- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Extra accommodation / transfers for anyone unable to complete the itinerary