



The Enchanting Wildlife of Mull

ISLE OF MULL



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Day 1

Catch the Calmac ferry from Oban to Craignure on the Isle of Mull. Keep an eye out for dolphins during the crossing. On arrival at Craignure, head up to Tobermory. Just past the village of Salen, there's a great spot for seals and herons. If you're heading south, then keep your eyes peeled for red deer and otters.

Day 2

Mull is one of the best places to see Scotland's rich marine wildlife. Take a whale-watching trip from Tobermory for your best chances of seeing minke whales, basking sharks and dolphins. Another great boat trip is from Ulva on the west coast to the island reserves of Staffa and the Treshnish Islands, both of which are great places to see puffins and other auks. The uninhabited island of Staffa is described as 'a small island with a giant reputation' because of its large basaltic columns and sea caves. One cave, Fingal's Cave is particularly well-known owing the eponymous piece by Felix Mendelssohn.

Day 3

Spend today ashore. Mull is a deceptively large island so make most of your time by joining one of the wildlife-watching tours on the island. You'll visit the best wildlife spots and get the chance to see otters, white-tailed (sea) eagles, golden eagles, seals, red deer and much more. Or visit the sea-eagle hide at Loch Frisa which is run by the RSPB, Forestry Commission and Mull & Iona Community Trust (book in advance). In the evening, take a walk along the coast. There's always a chance of seeing otters, porpoises or dolphins.

Day 4

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the beach before heading back to Craignure for the ferry back to Oban.

EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Visit the island of Iona, a site of christian significance but also a beautiful, tranquil island rich in wildlife. The island is a corncrake stronghold, whose rasping call can be heard across the island in Spring.

Rather than returning to Oban, take the Tobermory (summer only) or Fishnish ferries and explore Morven and Ardnamurchan. A truly wild part of the country and a good spot for Scottish wildcat, pine martens, red deer and otters.

WILDLIFE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Bottlenose dolphin
- 2 Harbour porpoise
- 3 Grey seal
- 4 Minke whale
- 5 Basking shark
- 6 Puffin
- 7 Red deer
- 8 Razorbill
- 9 Otter
- 10 Sea (white-tailed) eagle

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1 Bottlenose dolphin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 Harbour porpoise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 Grey seal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 Minke whale				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5 Basking shark					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
6 Puffin				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
7 Red deer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8 Razorbill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 Otter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 Sea (white-tailed) eagle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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ROUTE STATISTICS

Length	4 days / 3 nights
Mode of transport	Car
Public transport	Train to Oban, back from Fort William. Local bus on Mull
Start/finish	Oban



1 ABOUT MULL

Guided wildlife tours of Mull.

Tel: 01681 700507
www.aboutmullwildlife.co.uk

2 DISCOVER MULL

Guided wildlife tours of Mull.

Tel: 01688 400415
www.discovermull.co.uk

3 TRESHNISH AND HAUNN COTTAGES

Self-catering accommodation on the beautiful Treshnish peninsula.

Tel: 01688 400249
www.treshnish.co.uk

4 ISLE OF MULL WILDLIFE EXPEDITIONS

Guided wildlife tours of Mull.

Tel: 01688 500121
www.scotlandwildlife.com

5 MULL EAGLE WATCH

White-tailed eagle viewing hide.

Tel: 01680 300387
www.rspb.org.uk/datewithnature

6 MULL WILDLIFE TOURS

Guided wildlife tours of the island.

Tel: 01680 812440
www.mullwildlifetours.co.uk

7 SEA LIFE SURVEYS

Wildlife and whale-watching boat trips from Tobermory.

Tel: 01688 302916
www.sealifesurveys.com

8 TURUS MARA

Wildlife watching boat trips to the Treshnish Islands and Staffa.

Tel: 01688 400297
www.turusmara.com

9 HEBRIDEAN WHALE & DOLPHIN TRUST

Marine conservation charity with visitor centre. Based in Tobermory.

Tel: 01688 302620
www.hwtdt.org

10 ISLANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

Enjoy a day out with a professional nature and landscape photographer. Tuition included.

Tel: 01688 302425
www.islandscap photography.co.uk

11 ARDNAMURCHAN CHARTERS

Wildlife watching boat trips and boat hire from the Ardnamurchan peninsula.

Tel: 01972 500208
www.west-scotland-marine.com

HOLIDAY COMPANIES

Heatherlea
Tel: 01479 821248
www.heatherlea.co.uk

Speyside Wildlife
Tel: 01479 812498
www.speysidewildlife.co.uk

Wildoutdoors
Tel: 01350 727201
www.wildoutdoors.info

The Majestic Line (Cruises)
Tel: 0131 6235012
www.themajesticline.co.uk

Northern Light Charters (Cruises)
Tel: 01631 740595
www.northernlight-uk.com