

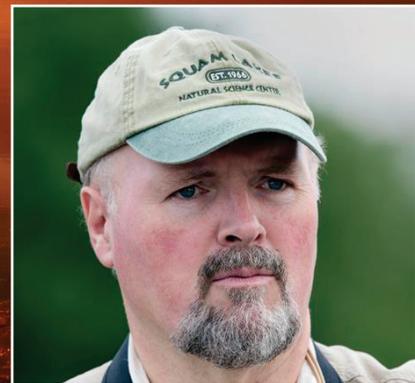
SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER'S

NORTH HIGHLANDS

WESTER ROSS, SUTHERLAND, CAITHNESS AND EASTER ROSS



June 14-27, 2019



Led by Iain MacLeod

2019 ITINERARY

Join native Scot Iain MacLeod for a very personal, small-group tour of Scotland's Northern Highlands. We will focus on the regions known as Wester Ross, Sutherland, Caithness and Easter Ross. The hotels are chosen by Iain for their comfort, ambiance, hospitality, and excellent food. Iain personally arranges every detail—flights, meals, transportation and daily destinations.

Note: This is a brand new itinerary, so we will be exploring this area together.

June 14: Fly from Logan Airport, Boston to Scotland. I hope that we will be able to fly directly into Inverness and begin our trip from there. Whether we fly through London, Glasgow or Dublin will be determined later in 2018.

June 15: Arrive in Inverness. We will load up the van and head west towards the spectacular west coast passing by Lochluichart, Achnasheen and Kinlochewe along the way. We will arrive in the late afternoon at the **Sheildaig Lodge Hotel** (<http://www.shieldaiglodge.com/>) which will be our base for four nights.

June 16-18: We will explore Wester Ross. Highlights will include Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve, Inverewe Gardens, Loch Torridon and the Torridon Countryside Center. We'll also take a boat trip out to the Summer Isles on Shearwater Summer Isle Cruises out of Ullapool. We'll have several opportunities to see White-tailed Eagles, Golden Eagles, Black-throated Divers as well as Otters and Seals.

June 19: We'll head north along the west coast of Wester Ross and Sutherland past Loch Assynt and Ardvreck Castle, all the way up to the north coast. We'll arrive at the **Bettyhill Hotel** (<http://www.bettyhillhotel.com/>) which will be our base for four nights.

June 20-22: We will explore the farthest northern reaches of the Scottish mainland. Highlights will include Duncansby Head, Dunnet Head, John O' Groats, the RSPB reserve at Forsinard, and a long loop through Strath Naver-Altnaharra-Loch Loyal and Tongue. These are some of the most remote locations in all of the UK. We'll see seabirds aplenty on the cliffs including Puffins, Kittiwakes, Razorbills and Guillemots.

June 23: We'll load up and head south through interior Caithness and down to Easter Ross to our final home base at **Coul House Hotel** (<https://coulhousehotel.com/>) in Contin. This will be our base for four nights.

June 24-26: We will explore the east coast of Ross-shire and northern Inverness. Highlights will include the Tollie Kites on Black Isle, Cromarty, Chanonry Point (at the right time of tide for dolphins), Loch Fleet. If time allows we may also visit Findhorn Bay east of Inverness. We'll see Ospreys, Red Kites and lots of woodland songbirds.

June 27: We'll head back to Inverness and fly back to Boston.

All-inclusive cost includes hotel accommodations and all meals round-trip airfare from Boston to Scotland,* van transportation in Scotland, ferry and boat trips and admission fees to nature reserves and other destinations listed on the itinerary.

Cost per person: \$5,950 (assumes double or twin occupancy room. There is an additional \$500 single room supplement).

For details or to book a space, call Iain at 603-968-7194.

** Arrangements can be made for participants to fly from other U.S. airports direct to Scotland—with any incremental cost increase added to the fee.*