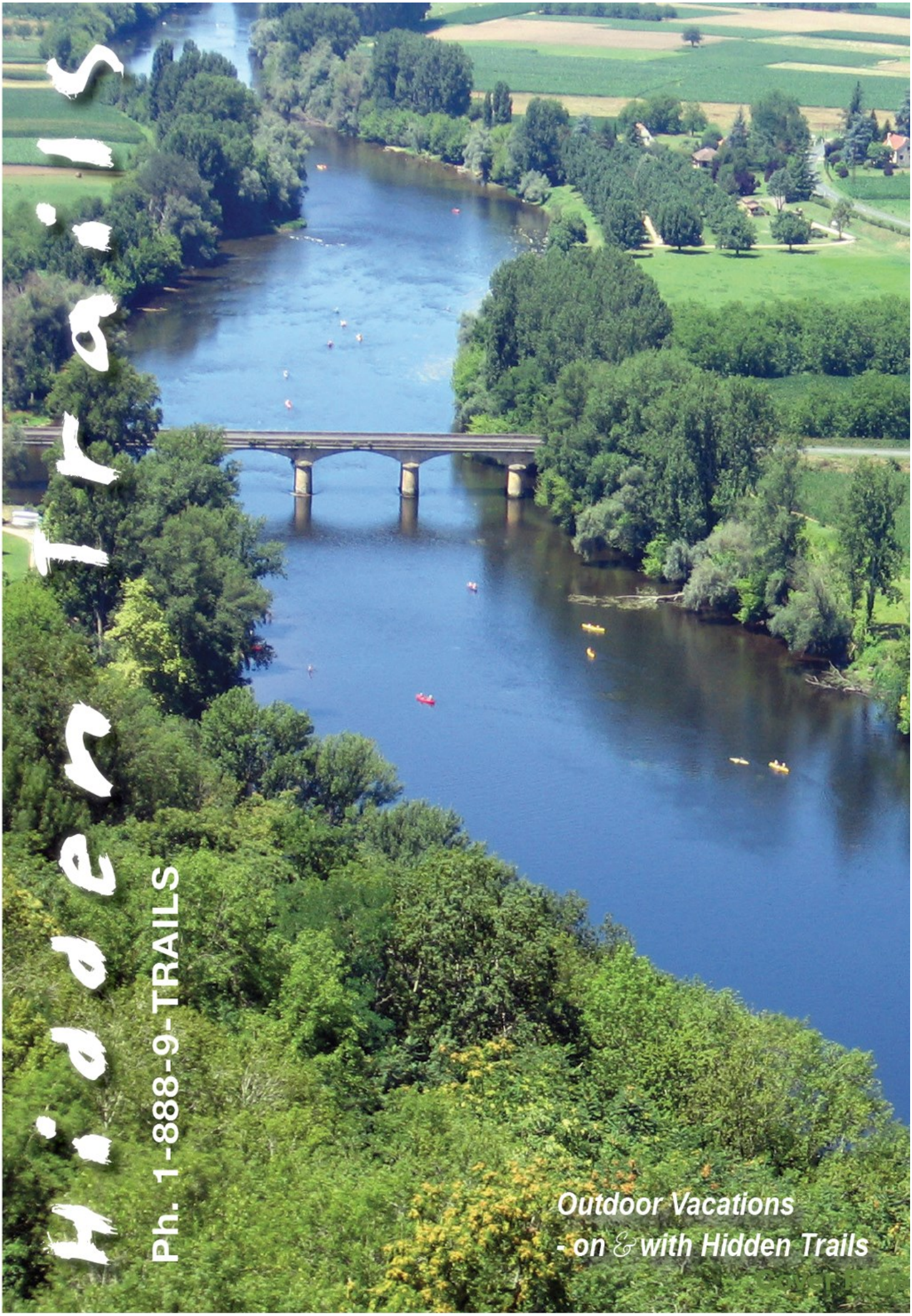
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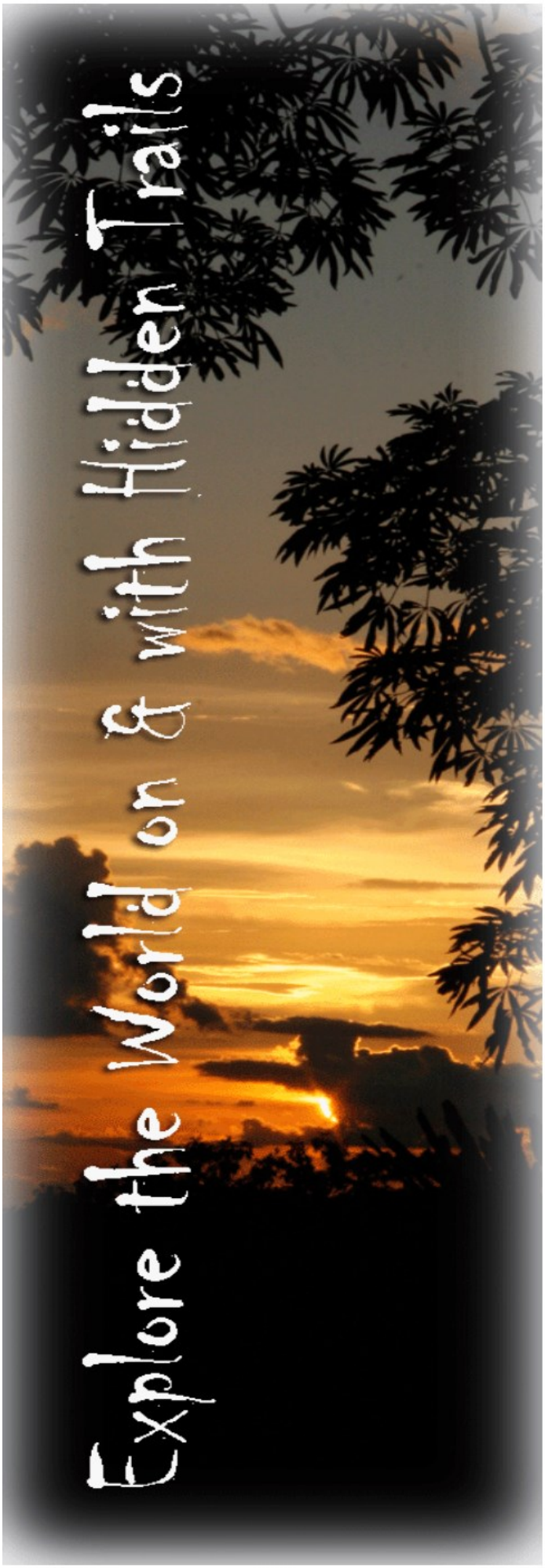

Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love the outdoors and adventure activities. We have been involved with outdoor vacations for over 20 years. We have collected the best outdoor vacation destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These vacations are about forging rivers, biking along canals and through forests, hiking along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for the outdoors has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand.
You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends.

These trips have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special outdoor vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.
We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.
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Argyll & The Isles Walk - Scotland, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-HK-WS03
7 days / 6 nights ~$2,730.00
Dates: Apr to Oct

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

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Horses:
Pace: Suitable for active travelers who ae r...

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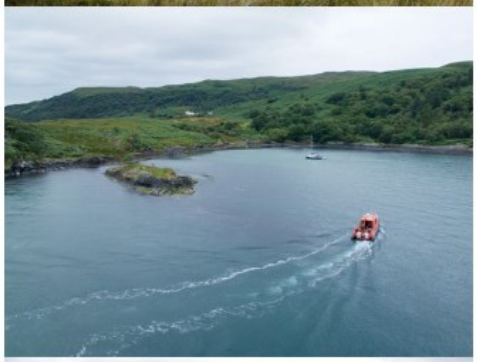

Introduction

Argyle, Scotland
Argyll and the Isles is a glorious coastal region of western Scotland. Known for its glittering sea lochs, wild islands, hills and glens, it is perfect for exploring on foot. While the scenery is outstanding, the ancient heritage, abundant wildlife and whisky distilleries are equally appealing. This fascinating itinerary takes you on a journey through the Argyll peninsula and several of its islands, including hard-to-reach Jura.
Our hikes link prehistoric sites, nature reserves and whisky distilleries, all set against the backdrop of green hills and the rolling Atlantic. We finish the trip with two nights on the Isle of Islay - a wild and beautiful island on the very western fringe of Scotland - known for its eight whisky distilleries, prolific birdlife and stunning coastal landscapes.

Highlights
• Explore the beautiful Argyll Peninsula, visiting four islands which hug its western coastline, spending the final two nights at a lovely hotel on the whisky island of Islay
• Take a privately chartered boat to the wild island of Jura, detouring to view the turbulent waters of the famous Correyvreckan Whirlpool
• Stay in two welcoming small hotels, each with a tranquil setting, with wonderful meals providing the perfect end to each day

Accomodation

Accommodations
We spend our nights in welcoming and friendly country house hotels: the first 3 nights at Loch Melfort, south of Oban, and the final 3 nights at The Machrie on the Isle of Islay.
Accommodation is in twin or double rooms with en-suite bathroom facilities. Both accommodations are owner-managed and a warm welcome is assured. You can relax and enjoy their tranquil coastal locations, indulging in wonderful meals and perhaps tasting a local whisky or two.

Loch Melfort, Arduaine
In the Main House, the original family house of the Campbells who built the estate and gardens, the accommodation comprises of 8 cozy main house bedrooms and 20 Sea View rooms all of which offer a tranquil setting. Wi-Fi is available in all bedrooms and public rooms.
Our water comes from a natural source on the hill above the hotel. After heavy rain, the water becomes somewhat colored from the peat. It is perfectly safe to drink, having been filtered and passed through an UltraViolet system and is very good for your skin and the environment, as there is no chlorine added. Laundry can be done at this location for an extra fee.

The Machrie, Isle of Islay
Recently renovated (2018), this beautiful hotel offers 47 bedrooms, each equipped with free Wi-Fi, a flatscreen TV, tea & coffee station and ensuite facilities. The hotel also benefits from the close proximity to a 7-mile long pristine beach.

Single & Triple occupancy
Triple occupancy is not possible in any of the accommodations.
A maximum of 2 single rooms are available on this trip, the single supplement is subject to availability.
Due to the nature of the accommodations we use, single supplements are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Meals
All meals are included from Lunch on Day 1 to Lunch on Day 7 (except for dinners on day 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Lunches are usually eaten on the trail and dinners and breakfast are provided at the accommodations. Food is of paramount importance and our meals are prepared from the best local produce. We'll enjoy wonderful home-cooked meals each evening, with good, healthy portions.
On this trip we generally eat dinner as a group, however if you would like to make alternative arrangements you

On this trip we generally eat dinner as a group however if you would like to make alternative arrangements you are free to do so. Your guide will have an evening off during this trip where they do not eat with the group. They will recommend options for dinner that evening and will help you make any necessary reservations.

Special diets and dietary restrictions
Naturally, vegetarians and other dietary requirements are willingly catered for - simply let us know at the time of booking.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1: The Green Isle of Kerrera
We meet in Oban late morning, coinciding with the arrival of the train from Glasgow. After introductions, we head straight to our first island - Kerrera. Just south of Oban, we take a small boat across the strait to this small island, which has about 100 residents. We enjoy a superb hike which takes a circular route covering the southern half of the island. On the way, we pass the ruined outpost of Gylen Castle, once a stronghold for the MacDougall clan. The views are wonderful and will whet the appetite for the week ahead! After hopping back across to the mainland, we transfer 30 minutes south to our hotel. Set in a fantastic coastal location, all rooms benefit from sea views. We enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.
Ascent: approx. 300 m difference of altitude / descent: approx. 0 m / approx. 4-5 hours (10 km / 6 miles)
Meals included: Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Loch Melfort

Day 2: Kilmartin Glen & Argyll's Beavers
Picturesque Kilmartin Glen is one of the richest sites in Europe for prehistoric remains. Our morning walk takes us on a circular route through some of the most interesting sites, including Celtic crosses, medieval grave slabs, Bronze Age chambered cairns and standing stones. In the afternoon we visit the home Scotland's only wild Beaver population, which were reintroduced to the wild after being extinct here for over 400 years. We take a fascinating tour with the knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff and perhaps take a short wander along the nearby Crinan Canal before returning to our hotel.
Ascent: approx. 50 m difference of altitude / descent: approx. 0 m / approx. 3-4 hours (up to 8 km / 5 miles)
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight at Hotel in Loch Melfort

Day 3: The Wild Island of Jura
With a privately chartered boat at our disposal, this day is sure to be a highlight of the trip. We'll venture, with a flexible approach, to the rarely-visited Isle of Jura to enjoy some wild hiking. We may land in West Loch Tarbert and hike coast to coast, being collected by our boat on the eastern shores. Or we may hike point to point along the east coast, passing George Orwell's cottage and enjoying fantastic views back to Argyll. Whatever hike we undertake, our boat will detour to the Corryvreckan Whirlpool, so we can appreciate the power of Scotland's largest tidal whirlpool - from a safe distance!
Ascent: approx. 350 m difference of altitude / descent: approx. 0 m / approx. 4-5 hours (11 km / 7 miles)
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight in Hotel in Loch Melfort

Day 4: Sail to Islay & Hike to Killinallan Point
After an early breakfast, we transfer 1 hour south to Kennacraig, where we catch the 9.45am ferry across to Islay. On arrival, we drive to Loch Gruinart Nature Reserve where we enjoy lunch as we look for birds such as cuckoos, corncrakes and hen harriers. Afterwards, we enjoy a hike which explores the shoreline of Loch Gruinart and Killinallan Point, visiting beautiful beaches and offering views north to the islands of Colonsay and Mull.
Ascent: approx. 50 m difference of altitude / descent: approx. 0 m / approx. 4-5 hours (10 km / 6 miles)
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight in The Machrie

Day 5: Coastal Wander & Distillery
This morning, we'll enjoy a coastal walk with views over to Nave Island and further afield to Colonsay. We'll then take a tour to the only single farm single malt distillery on Islay, producing whisky from barley to bottle. Once we've sampled a smokey dram, we may head out for another short hike along one of Islay's most beautiful beaches.
Ascent: approx. 23 m difference of altitude / descent: approx. 0 m / approx. 2 hours (7 km / 4.25 miles)
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight in The Machrie

Day 6: Mull of Oa and the American Monument
Our walk today explores the Oa Peninsula in the far south of Islay. We hike up to the American Monument, which commemorates the loss of two troops ships in 1918. We then follow a dramatic cliff-top trail past an Iron Age fort to reach the summit of Beinn Mhor. Although just 200m high, this is a superb viewpoint – on a clear day, the coast of Northern Ireland can be seen! After the hike we recover by visiting one of Islay's whisky distilleries before returning to our farewell dinner at our hotel.
Ascent: approx. 250 m difference of altitude / descent: approx. 0 m / approx. 4-5 hours (9 km / 6 miles)
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in The Machrie

Day 7: Journey Back to Oban

After breakfast, we take the morning ferry back onto the Argyll mainland, keeping a lookout for wildlife and admiring the views as we sail. Once back in Kennacraig, it's a 90-minute transfer back to Oban. We should arrive by 2pm. Trains south to Glasgow depart at approx 2.30pm.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

PLEASE NOTE - The itinerary may be subject to change due to weather conditions and other factors.

This holiday is suitable for active travelers who are reasonably fit and enjoy moderate hikes. We walk at a comfortable pace and you can expect to be out for 5-6 hours a day. The terrain will be mostly good paths and hill trails but these can still be muddy and rough in places. Some hikes may involve an ascent up to a max of approx. 1,500 feet / 450m. Distances will be typically 8-10km but there may be the odd slightly longer day.

Other Info

Meeting : You will be met by your guide in the waiting room at the Oban Train Station at 11:30 am on Day 1.
Departure: At the end of the holiday, you will be returned to Inverness Railway Station, arriving there by 2 PM

Tack:

Horses:

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Level: (3 to 3 out of 5) Intermediate

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 8 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-HK-WS03

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, All transfers including private boat and ferry transfers as described in itinerary, Tour of a whisky distillery with tastings & Knowledgeable walking guide / driver.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US$
A 2024	7 day trip	£2185	$2730

The US Dollar Rate is based on a GBP Exchange Rate of 1.25 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfer from Oban train station at 11:30 am on day one		
2024	Single supplement (if requested, pending availability)	£715	$895

Tour Dates

Season		Tour Dates		
A	2024	04/06/2024 - 04/12/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	04/27/2024 - 05/03/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	06/01/2024 - 06/07/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	06/29/2024 - 07/05/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	07/20/2024 - 07/26/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	08/10/2024 - 08/16/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	09/07/2024 - 09/13/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	09/28/2024 - 10/04/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	10/19/2024 - 10/25/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 2/8

Rates do not include:Medical and personal accident (mandatory) & Gratuities

Hidden Trails Outdoor Reservation Form

Tour : _____ ***Code #:*** _____ ***from:*** _____ ***to :*** _____

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room/ or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight*	Special diets**	Allergies	Medical Con.	Fitness Level: Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	need to rent equipm.
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* If more than 200 lbs we need to reconfirm with our partners first ** Details on dietary needs on separate sheet, please.

Special Diets: _____

How often do you exercise? _____ Describe your experience: _____

Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? _____ Trip: _____

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES ☐ NO ☐

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: _____

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails *Booking Conditions* and the Hidden Trails *Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement* in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.
I (we) will sign and forward the *Recreational Activity Release and* Indemnity Agreement at least 8 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ ***e-mail*** _____

City _____ ***State*** _____ ***Postal/Zip Code*** _____

Phone (wk) _____ ***(hm)*** _____ ***Fax*** _____

Date _____ ***Signature (mandatory)*** 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum $ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before starting date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA ☐ ***or Mastercard*** ☐ (no debit cards)

Cardholder: ----------

Card # ----------3 digit Security # ----------

Exp.Date: ---------- Signature: ----------

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than maling address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ☐

Additional Signatures:

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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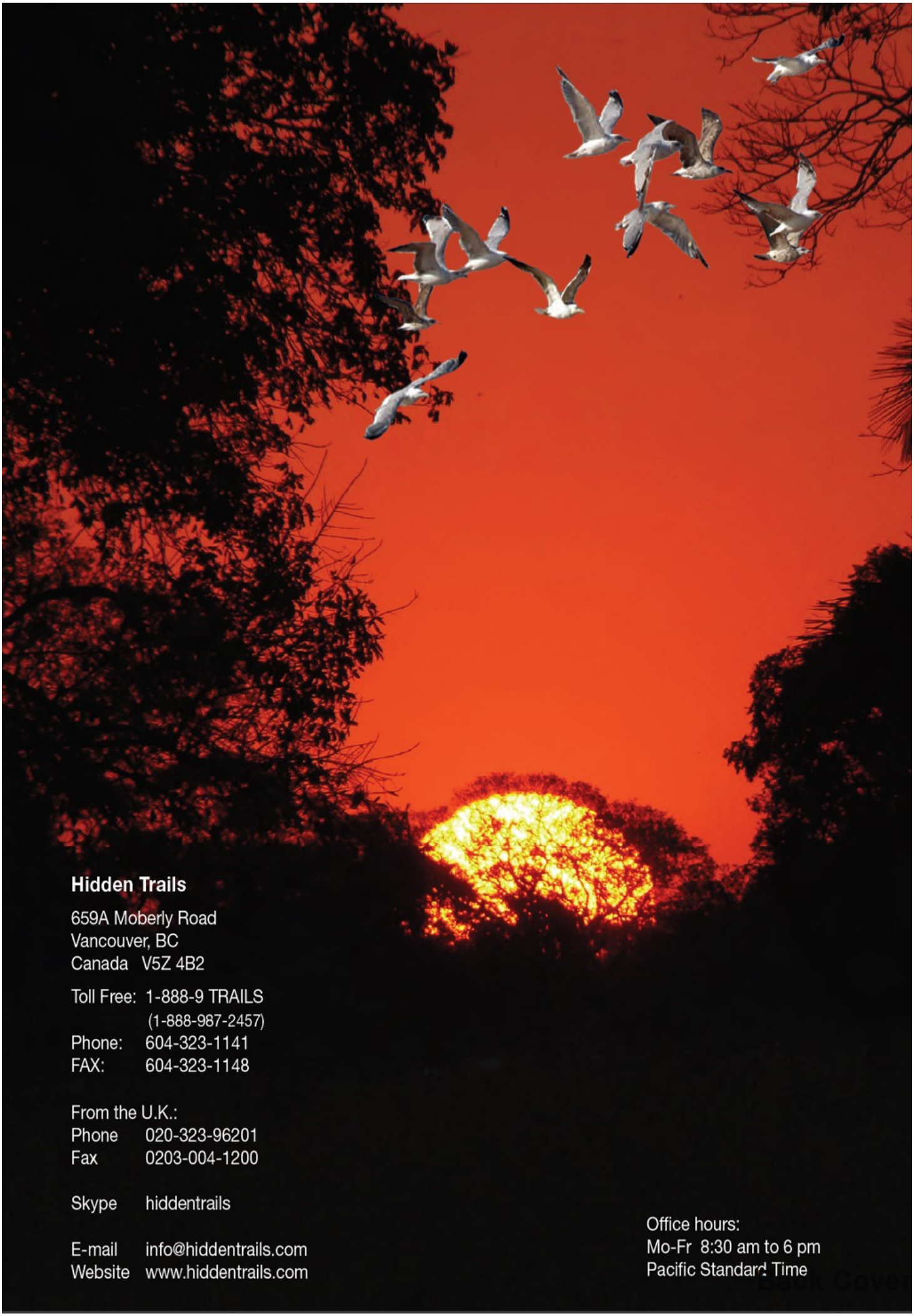

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