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REVIEWS FOR SCOTLAND BY RAILWAY HOLIDAY

CHRIS SAUNDERS REVIEW 22 JUN 2021

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

Tour of Isle of Skye with it's wonderful scenery- quite spectacular.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Travel light. If you're going in the Summer, keep covered - the midges are out to get you. If Inverness is on your itinerary do eat at the Tiger on the Wall restaurant - fantastic Indian curry house, not at all like the run of the mill kind. Also look around the Botanical Gardens - beautifully laid out and with a great selection of plants, also has a good cafe with a terrace overlooking the gardens.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

We used public transport wherever possible and ate locally sourced vegan or vegetarian food.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

For us this has been a unique experience. We travelled up on the Caledonian sleeper and had some relaxing train journeys through beautiful countryside. Our first holiday in the UK for many years and very rewarding.

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DAVID LOMITA REVIEW 28 SEP 2021

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

Isle of Skye. Part of that was luck as we did a tour with an amazing guide with a good group. And we had a fascinating cab driver for a long ride. Other good parts but that was the most fun.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Don't do it without changing the itinerary. We spent 2 full days in Pitlochry, a town that maybe merited a 4 hour stopover. At another stop the hosts' hospitality was extolled but we arrived during dinner service and were out 16 hours later so we hardly experienced it.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Have no idea

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Good, maybe even very good but the issues mentioned above in question 2, and a colossal, incomprehensibly inept screw-up by British Airways, prevents me from saying great. I'm going to give it 4 stars but 3 1/2 stars would more accurately express our opinion

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ANNE ROBERTS REVIEW 21 SEP 2021

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

All of it was really lovely and the scenery was breathtaking

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MARY KEATING REVIEW 16 SEP 2021

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

The spectacular rail journeys. The two wonderful hotels on Skye and at Spean Bridge. The Skye tour.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

We felt that the time in Inverness was too long and the time on Skye was disappointingly short. One day less in Inverness and one more in Skye would have made all the difference. Can this be fixed back? If you are doing the rail trip the public transport provisions in Pitlochry are few and far between. There are also only limited taxi companies which made doing anything outside of the town difficult.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Yes, All the hotels and the tours were provided by local people. We were very happy with this aspect of the trip.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

It was a good trip and we enjoyed it. It could have been improved as the comments above suggest.

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Thank you very much for your feedback and we will certainly consider your comments in our future holiday planning.

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TRACY ROSS REVIEW 28 JUN 2021

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

The Isle of Skye - so beautiful and everyone was so friendly.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Pack insect repellent and pack for different weather as it can change very quickly.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

I think it benefited tourism.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Very good - a good introduction to the Highlands of Scotland.

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DELLA YAROSHKO REVIEW 29 OCT 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

Isle of skye

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

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3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Yes

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

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MARY O REVIEW 7 OCT 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

It didn't rain all week!

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Bring walking boots

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Train travel is bound to be better than car

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Great. Expensive but worth every penny.

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ELIZABETH ADAMSON REVIEW 3 OCT 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

All the train journeys were memorable but the favorite was the trip from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh - weather was beautiful and scenery stunning. All of the accommodations were very good and interesting in their own way and food provided quite delicious - they certainly know where to send their clients. We go to Scotland for the scenery and for us the west coast around Arisaig was memorable partly because of re-living previous holidays in this area. We had a taxi/guide (Laurie Lowrie) who told us much about the history of the area and also stopped by a remote locally known spot where we were able to take photos of the Jacobite steam train on its way to Mallaig - quite an unexpected pleasure!

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Take as little luggage as possible. Some of the accommodation involved climbing stairs (no lift) - e.g. The Place, Edinburgh was a climb but very well worth it! Otherwise just trust all the arrangements made by the operator and enjoy a relaxing time - all transfers and accommodation were exactly as described in the information sent to us.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

We were pleased to hear that local people were employed in some of the hotels / B&B. Most places provided soap / shampoo / etc in fixed containers so no waste of lots of little plastic bottles. In most cases the meals had been cooked with some local ingredients e.g. fish from Mallaig and vegetables grown on the premises.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

It was every bit as relaxing and interesting as we hoped for. The weather was ideal, which helped enormously, but in most places there were books / games available so even if we had been rained off we would have had something to do! Every one we met was so welcoming and helpful and so the friendliness of the Scots will continue to be remembered.

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RALPH LOBATTO REVIEW 29 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

It was all great but the Isle of Skye was memorable.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Avoid the midges season. September was fine.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Local people benefit commercially and going by train probably helped reduce environmental impact.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Ten out of ten.

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NANCY FELLOWS REVIEW 27 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

We enjoyed scenic Isle of Skye and our ride on the Jacobite train.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Add extra days for Inverness and Isle of Skye!

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Yes, particularly in the more rural areas.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

A very good experience!

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MICHAEL BURT REVIEW 27 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

sunset at Ben Nevis

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

book trip round Skye

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

definitely

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

brilliantly put together

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CATHERINE BURNS REVIEW 25 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

We were well taken care of by everyone involved in the West Highland Line to Skye holiday. Loved the Jacobite Steam Train first trip in first class! We had a private tour guide (Peggy) on Skye who said "Where would you like to go?" The lovely B&B on Skye was in a beautiful, peaceful location on the coast. We took a long walk through the farmland and were gifted with a picture perfect rainbow hovering over the coastal lighthouse. Every detail went smoothly.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

We were not aware that this was not a group tour and that we were on our own to find our way. Given this, the operator understood our surprise and because of construction at the Glasgow train station as well as our appearing a bit nervous about getting the right train, they kindly had one of their staff meet us at our Glasgow accommodation and accompany us to the train station to make sure we knew the ropes! We were so grateful. But there was no need to be concerned since every detail was clearly spelled out, we were met at each stop and were well taken care of.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Hard to know, but surely we stayed in locally owned accommodations and our guide on Skye was a local family owned operation. We had meals in the B&B's and shopped in small local shops, visited a small locally owned distillery shop and visited a gallery supporting a Scottish artist.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

We loved every aspect of this holiday and highly recommend this operator. They are wonderful people!

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PETER AND JANET BENNETT REVIEW 24 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

Our trip around the Ilse of Skye

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Book with this operator

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Travel by train was excellent Best way to see the environment and better for the environment

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Fantastic

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CHRISTIE CRAIG REVIEW 11 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

How stunningly beautiful Scotland is. Every day was filled with incredible scenery.

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Drivers not experienced driving on the left should plan shorter driving days for 3-4 days.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Yes. The bookings and locations were owned and hosted by lovely local people.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Excellent

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ASSAF YOSHA REVIEW 8 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

The hikes we did in the Highlands, food was wonderful at the Bed & Breakfasts

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

As others have said, keep the luggage to a minimum. Makes it easy on the trains. Some trains had reserved seating. Other trains don't (even if your seat number is noted). The operator did a nice job of getting our seats together for a family of four.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

Definitely benefited locals with the use of B+B's instead of chain hotels. Use of the train instead of cars decreased the environmental impact. But we still felt the need to rent a car in a couple locations in order to get to some sites.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Excellent!

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BARB DE WIT REVIEW 6 SEP 2019

1. What was the most memorable or exciting part of your holiday?

The Isle of Skye day tour

2. What tips would you give other travellers booking this holiday?

Book a tour with a professional tour guide. Don't drive through this very busy area yourself in a rented car.

3. Did you feel that your holiday benefited local people, reduced environmental impacts or supported conservation?

We went on the Isle of Skye tour in a small tour bus that carried seven people. If most people did this, it would reduce the number of private sedans on the road being driven by inexperienced drivers. We were so happy to have a tour guide who lives in highlands. Our tour guide's name was Roderick and he was a highly qualified guide from the local area.

4. Finally, how would you rate your holiday overall?

Fantastic! Even better than we imagined!

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