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Scotland - West Coast

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Scotland - West Coast Yacht Charter
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SCOTLAND - WEST COAST

Overview

Scotland - West Coast remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between Sound of Mull & Oban, dense shore life around Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay), and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Tobermory Bay and tables like Ee-Usk so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of Scotland - West Coast for the current season.

Crewed Scotland - West Coast yacht charter - Sound of Mull & Oban cruising, marina nights and yacht charter cost clarity. Live fleet with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Scotland - West Coast week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay), tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay).
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Tobermory Bay, held lunch, short reposition through Sound of Mull & Oban, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Ee-Usk and Calgary Beach setups confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Scotland - West Coast, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay), walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Tobermory Bay - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Sound of Mull & Oban
Tobermory, Loch Aline and mainland hops.

Isle of Skye
Loch Scavaig and Cuillin views.

Small Isles
Rum, Eigg and Muck wildlife.

Outer Hebrides (longer)
Barra to Lewis for settled high-pressure weeks.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay)
Gateway marina for the Sound of Mull and Hebrides. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway OBN - Transfer 10-20 min from OBN / longer from GLA - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Portavadie Marina
Clyde marina with spa - south embark alternative. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway GLA - Transfer 90-120 min from GLA - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Kyleakin / Skye berths
Skye bridge gateway berthing. - Max LOA ~30 m - Draft ~3 m - Gateway INV - Transfer Transfer via Kyle of Lochalsh - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Tobermory Bay
Colourful Mull overnight.

Loch Scavaig
Skye dramatic day-hook - weather critical.

Canna Harbour
Small Isles favourite.

Loch Na Keal
West Mull quiet overnight.

Treshnish Isles roads
Puffin day-stop in season.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Ee-Usk
Oban
Oban seafood pier.

Coast Restaurant
Oban
Oban fine casual.

Café Fish Tobermory
Tobermory
Mull harbour dinner.

The Three Chimneys
Colbost
Skye destination dining.

Loch Bay Restaurant
Stein
Skye waterfront.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Calgary Beach setups
Mull
Mull sand lounging.

Coral Beach Skye
Skye
North Skye shell-sand day.

Portavadie spa & shore
Portavadie
Marina spa shore day.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph GLA / INV arrivals into Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) transfers.

Helicopter / GA
Private hops from GLA / INV when Scotland - West Coast supports coastal helipads or GA strips. GLA corridor INV corridor OBN corridor

Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) gates - timed to embarkation. To Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) (10-20 min from OBN / longer from GLA) To Portavadie Marina (90-120 min from GLA)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - SCOTLAND - WEST COAST

VAT & APA - Scotland - West Coast short version.

On a Scotland - West Coast charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax
Scotland follows UK VAT rules on yacht charter post-Brexit; temporary admission and commercial yacht VAT can be complex - confirm with yacht management.

APA
For Scotland - West Coast in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Oban

Oban is a core Scotland - West Coast charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) - Day-anchor: Tobermory Bay - Table: Ee-Usk

Isle of Skye

Isle of Skye is a core Scotland - West Coast charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Portavadie Marina - Day-anchor: Loch Scavaig - Table: Coast Restaurant

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Oban - Crewed yacht charter in Oban - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Scotland - West Coast.
- Isle of Skye - Crewed yacht charter in Isle of Skye - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Scotland - West Coast.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Scotland - West Coast?

Yacht charter cost in Scotland - West Coast depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in Scotland - West Coast?

Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) is the most common embarkation for Scotland - West Coast, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

Can you charter a superyacht in Scotland - West Coast?

Yes - superyacht charter in Scotland - West Coast is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

How far ahead should we book berths in Scotland - West Coast?

For peak season and event weeks around Scotland - West Coast, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Scotland - West Coast charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Scotland - West Coast: Scotland follows UK VAT rules on yacht charter post-Brexit; temporary admission and commercial yacht VAT can be complex - confirm with yacht management. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Scotland - West Coast?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from GLA / INV, timed to the embarkation slot at Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay).

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay)

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Portavadie Marina

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Kyleakin / Skye berths

High in peak season around Scotland - West Coast - broker relationships matter for larger LOA at Kyleakin / Skye berths. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Scotland - West Coast can multiply rates and eliminate availability at Kyleakin / Skye berths. We hold Kyleakin / Skye berths alternatives and Tobermory Bay fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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