

TRESHNISH WILDLIFE TOUR

Puffins & Fingal's Cave

3 hrs ashore exploring the Islands

On this popular tour we cruise to the Treshnish Isles and Staffa, en route always on the look-out for sightings of **Whales, Dolphins, Basking Sharks, Sea Eagles** which the sail from Tobermory/Kilchoan is famed for. If spotted you will be given ample time to enjoy being in the company of these spectacular species. After this short sail, we land on the wildlife paradise of Lunga, the largest of the Treshnish Isles. The main attraction that can be seen close up is the large **Puffin** colony nesting in burrows in the grassy hillside, these comical birds are incredibly inquisitive and will come within a few metres of you. Lunga is also a popular habitat to an ever increasing number of **Guillemot, Razorbill, Kittiwake, Fulmar, Shag, Great Skua** and a **Seal** colony. After spending up to two hours ashore exploring the Treshnish Isles, we take the short 15 minute crossing to the geological wonder of Staffa, culminating in a visit to the world famous Fingal's Cave, as visited in 1829 by the world famous composer Felix Mendelssohn. Returning home gives you further opportunity to enjoy the magnificent surrounds of Coll, Tiree, Calgary beach, Ben More, Ardnamurchan Lighthouse with the beautiful small isles to the North and another chance to sight our iconic marine Mammals.

**This tour comes
very highly recommended!**

Sails Daily: £62.50 Adult / £30.00 Child / £150.00 2a+2c
Departs Tobermory 0945, Mingary Pier, Kilchoan 1000
Returns Tobermory 1645, Mingary Pier, Kilchoan 1630



On all our tours you will be accompanied by local and knowledgeable crew to guide your experience.

The journey from Tobermory/Kilchoan to the sea life feeding grounds and the Treshnish Isles takes us under one hour thanks to our modern vessels speed and stability, thus giving you the advantage of having more time to sight wildlife or explore the unspoilt Islands.

MV ISLANDER

Purpose built in 2011, uses the renowned catamaran hull utilised globally for Whale watching and wildlife sea tours due to its stability and comfort. The Islander can reach the Treshnish Isles, Whale and Shark feeding grounds in less than one hour, giving you more time to spend ashore or in the company of Scotland's iconic wildlife. The vessel has external seating and heated indoor seating, also boasting an upper 360° viewing platform, meaning you won't miss a thing.



FINGAL'S CAVE

Three features combine to make Fingal's Cave on Staffa perhaps the best known of all. Its structure is unique. Nowhere else is there a sea cave formed completely in hexagonally jointed basalt. Its appeal lies in the size, the sounds, the colours, and the remarkable symmetry of this 227 foot cavern, and by Nature's gift of fractured columns which form a crude walkway just above high water level, allowing exploring visitors to go far inside. Secondly the evergreen popularity of Mendelssohn's "Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave)" provides a continuous stirring reminder of this wonder of the world. And thirdly, the impact of the cave on all those who enter it, and especially on those who do so alone, is likely to be remembered for life.



TRESHNISH ISLES WILDLIFE

The Treshnish Isles are currently designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and are a Special Protection Area under the EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds. The islands provide a breeding habitat for nationally important concentrations of seabirds. At the Harp Rock on the island of Lunga, these are particularly spectacular because dense aggregations of **Guillemots** can be viewed across a narrow but precipitous ravine providing a singular view of a seabird colony. Also among the thousands of birds are **Fulmar, Shag, Kittiwake, Gannets, Manx Shearwaters**, and the ever popular and sociable **Puffins** can be seen very close up. Amongst the fallen rocks on the fossil beaches there are internationally important concentrations of breeding **Storm petrels**. These birds which are the size of swallows, are highly secretive and, to avoid being eaten by gulls, they only come ashore at night from the deep ocean where they feed. During winter, the islands provide valuable grazing for **Barnacle geese** and, in Autumn, the beaches are breeding habitat for nationally important populations of **Atlantic grey seals**, which give birth to their white pups along their shores. In early Summer it is also possible to hear the rasping call of the **Comcrake** on Lunga.

TOURS TO STAFFA!

Fingals Cave Tour Approx 2¾ hours

This tour departs Iona and Fionnphort, Mull and sails the six miles to the island of Staffa. Staffa is a Basalt island formed by lava flows from near by Mull over fifty million years ago. The rapid cooling of the lava resulted in large hexagonal columns. Walk inside Fingals cave and experience the atmosphere that inspired Felix Mendelssohn's Overture to the Hebrides. You can disembark at both Iona or Fionnphort on return.

Sails Daily 22nd March to 30th October

Sails Daily: £30.00 Adult / £15.00 Child
Departs Iona 0930 & 1220 / Fionnphort 0945 & 1225
Returns Iona 1220 & 1500 / Fionnphort 1225 & 1505

Staffa Tours leaves from Tobermory, an easily accessible location with great transport links and commodities making it the heart of Mull, as well as travelling via Kilchoan, mainland Scotland; offering the perfect destination points to enjoy an excursion, suitable for all of the family.

STAFFATOURS.COM is extremely active in supporting local wildlife and is accredited within the WiSe scheme thus we abide by appropriate codes of conduct that seek to promote safe and sustainable wildlife watching, with the intention of safeguarding our sea creatures and their natural environment.

HEBRIDEAN WHALE AND DOLPHIN TRUST AFFILIATED

Our vessels are equipped with software that are able to record species within the environment, a valuable part of research to the HWDT. Staffa Tours offer all HWDT members a discounted tour, our way of saying thank you for being involved in significant cetacean research, education and conservation.



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