

# Munro Bagging by Boat



## **Suggested Duration: 10 - 14 days**

Soaring more than 3,000 feet into the sky and set in some of the most incredible landscapes on the planet, sailing in the shadow of one of Scotland's 282 Munros is an awe-inspiring experience – but mooring up, donning your walking boots, and conquering one on foot is a whole new adventure! Set sail for a voyage that'll have you marvelling at some of Scotland's most amazing scenery, sampling fantastic food and drink, and bagging a few of those towering peaks.

## **Ballachulish and Glencoe**

Kick off your drive towards becoming a 'Munroist' with a trip to the glassy waters of Loch Linnhe and the dramatic, unforgettable scenery of Ballachulish and Glencoe. One thing to bear in mind – larger vessels can have some trouble getting under the bridge at Glencoe. Be sure and check your charts before you head out!

A land of crystal clear rivers, monumental snow-capped mountains, and hidden, hauntingly beautiful glens, from the moment you leave it behind this is where your unwaking mind will wander every time you close your eyes. The towering twin peaks of Beinn a'Bheithir are first on your Munro Bagging list. Clamber up the knife-edged cauldron that glowers over Ballachulish and you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of Loch Leven, Loch Linnhe, and – dominating the skyline – Ben Nevis. Take a good look – one day, you'll gaze down the Great Glen as you stand triumphant on its summit.

**Berthing:** Ballachulish (West Harbour) - toilets, showers, fuel and free use of the leisure facilities at the Isles of Glencoe Hotel.



*Glencoe*

## **Oban**

Sail around 30 nautical miles southwest through Loch Linnhe for some well-earned rest in the 'Gateway to the Isles' – beautiful Oban. The largest town in Argyll & the Isle, it's home to some of the finest seafood found anywhere in Scotland. Stretch your sea legs and work up an appetite with a trip to [McCaig's Tower](#) – the coliseum lookalike that crowns the heights overlooking the town – before slaking your thirst with a tour of [Oban Distillery](#) – one of the oldest (and smallest – it only has two stills!) distilleries in Scotland. Sláinte!

**Berthing:** [Oban Marina](#) - pontoons & visitor moorings, toilets, showers, bar and complimentary shuttle service to Oban.



*Oban Bay*

## Mull

Cruise west and skirt the southern coast of the iconic [Isle of Mull](#), where picture postcard villages stand alongside towering medieval castles and soaring sea eagles, majestic basking sharks, and curious puffins can be spotted.

But leave the wonderful wildlife behind for the moment. Berth in the sheltered bay of Loch Beg and ready yourself to tackle mighty [Ben More](#), which towers 966 metres above you, beckoning you forth. The only island Munro outside of Skye, Ben More's grand ridged summit offers unforgettable views of the many islands dotted around the Minches. Breathe it all in – the view from the top of your first Munro is something that stays with you.

**Berthing:** Loch Beg wilderness anchorage - spectacular scenery, no amenities.



*Ben More, Isle of Mull*

## Tobermory

With a couple of Munros bagged, spectacular sights seen, and a few drams drunk, it's time to take a wee break on your journey towards becoming a 'completionist' as you continue around magnificent Mull. Sail around 35 nautical miles north, skirting the western coast, as you make your way to the pastel-coloured port

of [Tobermory](#) – the island's capital and setting for iconic kids' TV show Balamory – and explore everything the iconic town has to offer.

Take to the greens of Tobermory's clifftop, 9-hole golf course for some of the most spectacular views from the tee you'll ever see; explore the culture of the area at art gallery and live music venue An Tobar; or, if Munro bagging hasn't slaked your thirst for adventure, search for the lost fortune of the Spanish galleon that it's said lies sunken in a watery grave in Tobermory's silt - and is said to have been carrying £300,000 worth of gold bullion! Of course, you could always just head for a tour of the titular [Tobermory distillery](#) instead!

**Berthing:** [Tobermory Harbour](#) - pontoons & visitor moorings, laundry, showers, toilets, fuel





*Tobermory*

### **Mallaig**

Sail around 30 nautical miles north along the west coast to [Mallaig](#), where you'll set foot on impossibly white sandy beaches and gaze at unforgettable sea views with magnificent sunsets over the Isles of Rum, Eigg, Muck, Canna, Skye and the remote wilderness of Knoydart. Unsurprisingly, Mallaig is also a haven for wildlife, with the chance to spot everything from sea eagles and otters to basking sharks and dolphins out amongst the area's rugged headlands and sheltered bays.

When you've explored enough to work up an appetite, the [Cornerstone Seafood Restaurant](#), which overlooks Mallaig's busy harbour, offers a range of freshly-caught west coast delights, from home-made Cullen Skink to hand-dived scallops. Sit back and relax after a hard day treading the sands and watch the sun sink beneath the horizon with a hearty meal in your belly and a dram in your hand. Bliss!

**Berthing:** [Mallaig Harbour](#) - pontoons & visitor moorings, showers, laundry, water, electricity



*Mallaig Pier*

## **Skye**

Wave goodbye to Mallaig and cruise around 20 nautical miles north-west to say hello to [Skye](#) - an island alive with magic. The largest of the Inner Hebrides, it's home to some of Scotland's most iconic landscapes. From [the Old Man of Storr](#) to the [Quiraing](#) and the [Cuillin](#) mountain range, Skye offers a plethora of sights to enthrall the senses – and twist the tongue! Berth at Loch Scavaig – a rugged, rural mooring at the base of the range and one of the most spectacular anchorages you'll ever have the pleasure to visit – to see the Black Cuillin in all its jaw-dropping glory.

With no less than five of the Munros that make up the iconic range within walking distance, this is your chance to scale peaks that dreams are made of – raw, rugged, and brutally beautiful. But take care – many Cuillin summits require scrambling or rock-climbing to reach and can challenge even the veteran Munro Bagger. There are several shorter walks that still enable you to experience spectacular views but guides are available for those intent on conquering the toughest climbs the Cuillin can offer.

Once you've bagged your fill of Munros (for now), cruise on to Loch Harport for a well-earned dram (or three) at [Talisker Distillery](#) – home of the only single malt whisky produced on Skye. For much-needed nourishment, the [Three Chimneys](#) is worth the effort to get to. The renowned restaurant offers up an array of fantastic food that reflects the amazing variety of Skye's authentic, natural larder from sky, land and sea. Prepare yourself in for a meal that'll dance on your palette like the moonlight on the [Fairy Pools](#).

**Berthing:** Loch Harport - anchorage with visitor moorings, toilets, showers, fuel, and a distillery within walking distance.



*Cuillin Ridge, Skye (c) Moonshadow Yacht Charter*

## **Dunvegan**

Sail about 11 nautical miles north around the unforgettable coast of Skye and step back into the island's storied past with a stopover in Dunvegan. Home of the oldest continuously-inhabited castle in Scotland – the titular ancestral seat of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod – this idyllic lochside village is full of myths, majesty, and more than a little magic.

Recharge with a visit to [Dunvegan Castle](#) and its five acres of beautifully-maintained gardens complete with woodland glades, waterfalls, and a wonderful array of vibrant blooms, before paying a visit to the aptly-named [Old School Restaurant](#). This much-loved family-run bistro has been serving up classic Scottish fare for over 30 years. Settle in, sample food so good you'd swear your mammy'd made it, and get ready for your next adventure above 3,000 feet.

**Berthing:** Dunvegan - visitor moorings, fuel, water... and a castle.



*Dunvegan Castle*



## Torridon

Leave Skye behind, skirting its northern coast and cruise east back towards the mainland for around 55 nautical miles, where the mighty sea lochs and dramatic, desolate peaks of [Torridon](#) await. Berth in Upper Loch Torridon, in the shadow of the seemingly impenetrable peaks of Beinn Alligin (Jewelled Hill in Gaelic) and Liatach (The Grey One), and steel yourself to tackle the ascents – and prepare your camera for the unforgettable views that await you at their summits.

With two (or maybe more) of the most spectacular Munros in the country in the bag, you'll no doubt be ready for some well-earned rest and relaxation. Cruise to the southern shores of Upper Loch Torridon, where the elegant stone turrets and towers of the imaginatively-titled [The Torridon](#) await. Overlooking the loch and the bubbling Allt Coire Roill burn, the only thing more spectacular than its views is the food served up in its restaurant. With three AA rosettes to boast of and an ever-evolving, best-of-Scottish menu featuring everything from Dornoch lamb to Scrabster hake and Orkney scallops, it's the perfect place for a Munroist in the making to refuel.

**Berthing:** Shieldaig, Loch Torridon - community pontoon, toilets, showers, water and bar.



*Torridon*

## Don't Miss

Don't miss the chance to see the [Silver Sands of Morar](#) – a stunning string of beautiful sandy beaches peppering the coastline from Arisaig to Morar, just south of Mallaig. Featured in films such as Highlander and Local Hero, its spectacularly blue shallows and sparkling sands have long lured photographers and film-makers. You can see why.

## See & Do

Take a detour to the incomparable Isle of Iona off the coast of Mull, where magnificent scenery, myths and majesty await. Be sure and stop by the isle's iconic [abbey](#), as well as [St Oran's Chapel](#) and the ancient cemetery of [Reilig Odhram](#), which is reputed to be the burial place of 48 kings of Scotland, including Macbeth.

## Eat & Drink

When it comes to seafood, the phrase 'straight off the boat' is much more than just a cliché at Tobermory's [Café Fish](#). Set on the corner of the picture postcard town's beautiful bay, the café has been wowing visitors with an array of delectable and supremely fresh seafood delights for over a decade. Don't miss their famous fish pie.



*Silver Sands of Morar*

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