

Leave the car behind: See Scotland differently

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Scottish specialists McKinlay Kidd (www.SeeScotlanddifferently.co.uk) may be experts at planning self-drive holidays but they also know a thing or two about where to go if you really want to leave the car behind.

Surprisingly, many of the stunning islands off the west coast of Scotland (<http://www.seescotlanddifferently.co.uk/touring-holidays-scotland/16/itinerary-75>) can be enjoyed without having to drive, leaving visitors free to take full advantage of the breathtaking scenery. McKinlay Kidd's 'Treasured Islands' is an inspired pairing of historical Iona and tiny Colonsay, a true escapists paradise reached by carefully planned train, ferry and local bus. (Treasured Islands: from £349 per person for 5 nights).

No car is needed to appreciate the best that beautiful Mull (<http://www.seescotlanddifferently.co.uk/touring-holidays-scotland/16/itinerary-10>) has to offer, including a full day's wildlife tour and a full day whale watch expedition. Staying in Tobermory, guests can also enjoy the 'craic' at the local bars which are all within stumbling distance! (Mull Wildlife Experience: from £369 per person for 4 nights).

Holidaymakers flying into Glasgow can fly straight back out again to 'Land on the Sand' in Barra (<http://www.seescotlanddifferently.co.uk/scottish-island-holidays/2/itinerary-22>) without a car hire desk in sight. The wide sweeping sands at Cockle Strand provide a unique landing strip which will appeal to even the most jaded of travellers. (Land on the sand in Barra: from £249 per person for 2 nights).

Leaving the car behind means that guests can experience the 'Best Railway journey in the World' (as voted by readers of Wanderlust Magazine) and enjoy the glorious scenery along the West Highland Line. (<http://www.seescotlanddifferently.co.uk/touring-holidays-scotland/16/itinerary-77>) Part of the journey is on the famous Jacobite steam train which meanders from Fort William to Mallaig inspiring that 'Harry Potter' feeling at every turn. (West Highland Line to Skye: from £395 per person for 3 nights).

Grappling with coordinating train and ferry timetables is not easy, however McKinlay Kidd have years of experience and organise holidays so that independent travelers can enjoy the best that Scotland has to offer without the hassle.

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