**West Highland Way and Skye**

Friday, 14th September 2018
Fly overnight Boston to Edinburgh

15th September

Arrive in Edinburgh, you will be collected at the airport and transferred to your hotel – The Rutland Hotel, http://www.therutlandhotel.com/ where you will stay 1 night. The rest of today is leisure time. Please note there is no guarantee your rooms will be ready if arriving before 3pm however the hotel will store your luggage.

16th September

Your guide will collect you this morning and transfer you to the start of the West Highland Way in Milngavie. You will walk 12 miles (6 to 8 hours) on relatively flat, good footpaths to Dryman. Items of interest are Glengoyne Distillery (8 miles in for those who don’t wish to do all 12 miles), Standing Stones and Duntreath Castle. Your accommodation for tonight is the Oak Tree Inn in Balmaha, http://www.theoaktreeinn.co.uk/ which is around 20 miles from the start point.

17th September

Today’s walk is Tyndrum to Bridge of Orchy, 7 miles, (3 to 4 hours). Good paths with moderate ascent and descent — glen walking with outstanding scenery. Possible 2 mile continuation to Inveroran —straightforward walking and an introduction to Rannoch Moor. Stay 1 night at the Bridge of Orchy Hotel, http://www.bridgeoforchy.co.uk/.

18th September

Two options today: 1. Inveroran to Kingshouse — 10 miles, 1,000 feet elevation gain. Highly exposed to weather, spectacular scenery. 2. Kingshouse to Kinlochleven — 9 miles, 1,300 feet elevation gain. Highly exposed to weather, over the Devil’s Staircase, the highest point along the Way.

The final part of the West Highland Way ends in Fort William. Your guide will collect you at your preferred locations and transport you to the Princes House Hotel, http://glenfinnan.co.uk/ a short distance away in Glenfinnan.

19th September

No walking today! You continue north with your guide to the fishing village of Mallaig from where you cross by ferry to the Isle of Skye. Stay 2 nights at Skeabost Hotel, http://www.skeabosthotel.com/.

20th September

A full day to explore Skye with your guide.

21st September
Leave Skye by the bridge and tour east via Loch Ness and then south through the Cairngorms and into Perthshire. Your guide will drop you off in Edinburgh at the end of the day at Kildonan Lodge where you stay a further two nights.

22nd September
Your guide will collect you this morning for a full day tour of the city including the Castle, the Royal Mile and Rosslyn Chapel.

Sunday, 23rd September
Depart. You will be transferred to Edinburgh Airport for your flight.