



Scottish Walking Week 2017, Glen Coe



Date: Saturday 1st –Saturday 8th July 2017, 7 nights
Place: Alltshellach, Onich, PH336SA
Cost: £649.00 to Spice Members for a place in a shared twin or double room
£649.00 to Spice Members for a place in a Premium twin room
£789.00 to Spice Members for a single room
Includes: 7 nights accommodation, 7 evening meals, 7 breakfasts, 5 picnic lunches & 5 days of guided walks with a choice of walks each day
Not included: Transport to walks where taken.
Slots: 40, to be accommodated in 10 singles, 5 Twins, 6 premium twins and double rooms



Overview Ideally located to explore Glencoe, the Mamores and Western Highlands, WalkWise have secured one of Scotland's most famous Highland Hotels: The Alltshellach in the peaceful village of Onich. This historic Country House was formerly the residence of the Bishop of the Argyll and the Isles and commands an enviable position, on the shores of the Loch where it has outstanding views across Loch Leven and up to some of the finest mountains in Britain. It is a dedicated outdoor hotel and the food is excellent, some of the best of any hotel we work out of. There are all the facilities that you could want, 3 lounges, a bar, drying room and a swimming pool and spa pool. However, the main reason for the weekend is the amazing access that this destination gives to the North West Highlands. Needing no introduction to anyone with a love of the outdoors, this area contains some of Britains' finest scenery. Our walks will explore some of the wildest, most rugged, remote and romantic areas in the country! And there is wonderful walking for everyone whether you want to gently wander alongside the beautiful lochsides and through the enchanting glens or wish to climb up into the high mountains and enjoy the endless panoramas!

The WalkWise Walking Programme: This area really is one of the nations favorite walking areas and certainly all the guides fight over this trip as they simply never tire of visiting and exploring it. The harder walkers have a smorgasbord of choice with some of the finest mountains in Britain. To the east lies fantastic Bidean nam Bian, the tremendous Three Sisters of Glencoe and the legendary Lost Valley are breathtaking! However, stunning though it is, there is obviously more to Glencoe than just Bidean! The Ballachulish Horeshoe, Buachaille Etive Mor and Buachaille Etive Beag are also classic mountains days out, with far-reaching views of some of the most amazing terrain Scotland! We can head out up loch leven which gives us great access to the Mamores another superb range of mountains there are also some lovely lower walks in this area which follow some of the tumbling rivers through the meandering glens up cataracts and waterfalls to some beautiful and stunning lochans. We are also on the coast and there are some opportunities to head out along the coast and enjoy the beautiful coastal scenery too. Indeed if the weather dictates we can even head north to the Grey Corries, or East over Rannoch Moor or even down the coast so we make the most of the trip!

However, don't fear if the above sounds overly energetic, because the easier walks are absolutely beautiful! Various routes snake out of Kinlochleven into the wild hinterland of the River Leven, with wonderful waterfalls cascading into the gently lapping waters of Loch Eilde Mor, Dubh Lochan and Blackwater. Ancient forests add further interest to the northern stretch of the famous West Highland Way which passes the head of the valley. There are also some beautiful mini peaks and such as Mam na Gualainn, which offer wonderful viewpoints across Loch Leven with the jagged teeth of the Aonach Eagach in the distance!

So rest assured we are definitely not short of some superb walks on this weekend. The only difficulty will be working out which ones to leave out

To allow you to choose a walk that suits you best, WalkWise UK will provide a minimum of two walks on each day, led by professional and knowledgeable walking guides. On both days there will be a harder walk of 9-12 miles with 3000+ft of ascent, and a gentler walk of 6-9 miles with less ascent.

Accommodation: Days and nights pass easily in the friendly and Alltshellach, meaning stream by the willows. This historic house offers all the facilities you could wish for. The hotel has been beautiful and sympathetically brought into the 21st century and even has a lovely swimming pool and spa pool. As a dedicated outdoor hotel they understand the wants and needs of the walkers from the excellent food, well stocked bar, and even a drying room, just in case! Situated in a breath taking lochside setting at the foot of dramatic Glencoe, The Allshellach pride themselves on their food and their home baking and local produce are always welcome features on the menus. The bedrooms all have their individual layout and character, as befits a historic house, and are all located in the main building. In your room you'll find a TV with digital radio, hair dryer, towels and tea and coffee making facilities. Of course all the bedrooms are en-suite but if you really want to treat yourself you could upgrade your twin room to a premium twin. After dinner, we can relax by the fire with a glass of your favourite tippie whilst the sun sets over the mountains and the colours reflect their fiery hue on the waters of the loch outside.

Around the Hotel: It is only a short drive up to Fort William, where there are bars, restaurants and shops. Close by are Glencoe and Glen Nevis, the Ice Factor at Kinlochleven, the Caledonian Canal, and a host of other options for the non-walker..

Maps: The map(s) for this event are:

1:25 000: exp 392 Ben Nevis and Fort William

1:25 000: exp 384 Glen Coe and Glen Etive

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