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April 2024

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Greenock, United Kingdom - Apr 10, 2024

Embarkation Day

Embarkation Day, Greenock

Apr 16, 2024

Welcome to the MS Spitsbergen, alongside in Greenock, getting ready for the first sailing to the

Scottish Isles of this Season.

📷 Embarkation day



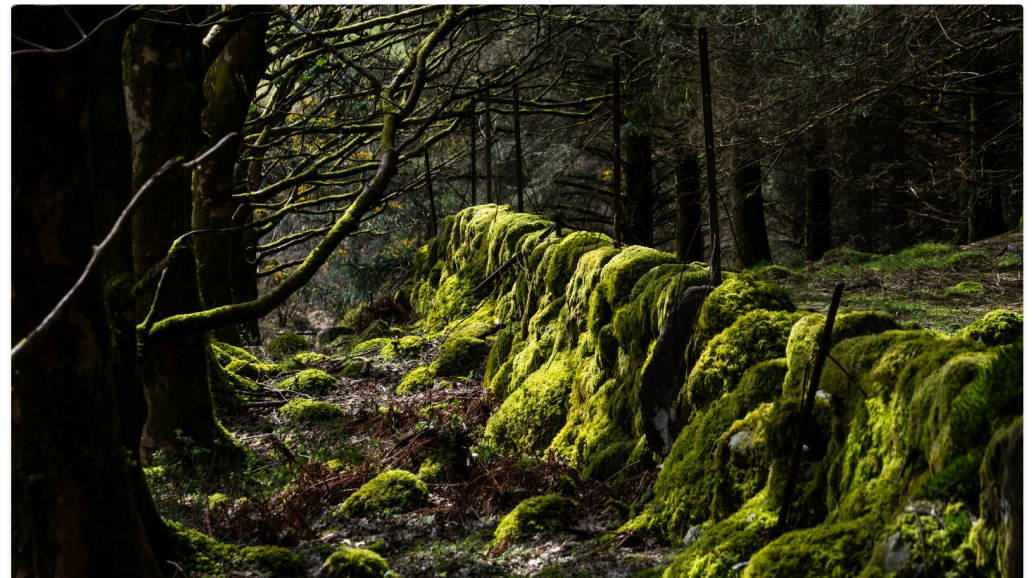
Bodrick, Isle of Arran

Apr 14, 2024

Bodrick, Isle of Arran. Anchored, shuttling with the zodiacs. Today we offered a visit to Brodick Castle, which overlooks the Firth of Clyde and offers marvelous views. Some of you walked with the

expedition team over the Fishermans walk, and some of you walked the Glen Rose walk with a local guide.

📷 Bodrick, Isle of Arran



Port Ellen, Isle of Islay

Apr 14, 2024

Today we visited Port Ellen on the Isle of Islay. We tendered you ashore and it was possible to join the hikes or visit a distillery. A few of you helped cleaning

a beach and others joined the Science team while they used the underwater drone in the harbour.

📷 Port Ellen, Isle of Islay



Ardminish, Isle of Gigha

Apr 14, 2024

Discover a slice of paradise in the Hebrides. Today our Scottish isles cruise takes us to tiny Gigha (pronounced 'Gee-a'). The island is community-owned, bought by its 163 residents in 2002, and has a sustainable local economy. At only seven miles long, the best way to get around Gigha is on foot or by bike. The Achamore Garden is one of the main

attractions and you can also explore white sandy coves and the turquoise waters along the coast, such as the Bàgh Rubha Ruaidh and Bàgh na Dòirinne beaches. The Gigha Hotel is currently closed, but the Boathouse Restaurant is open from 12 noon, here you can enjoy hot & cold drinks or fantastic food.

📍 Ardminish, Isle of Gigha



Tobermory

Apr 18, 2024

Tobermory was built as a fishing port in the late 18th century and is now the main town on Mull. It is a picture-postcard of a place with the brightly painted buildings along the main street to the pier and the high woodland-fringed hills surrounding the bay. The town has a good variety of shops, hotels, and

other accommodation as well as being the administrative centre for the island. The harbour is always busy with fishing boats, yachts and the ferry to and from Kilchoan. In recent years, the island has become very popular for weddings in a romantic atmosphere.

📷 Tobermory



Plockton

Apr 14, 2024

Discover the idyllic village of Plockton. The village is set around the curve of a bay with the old original cottages facing the sea. At high tide the sea comes right up to the sea wall and you can sit on benches, under the palm trees, soaking up the tranquility of this timeless village. Across the bay you look onto wooded crags and Duncraig Castle the light at sunrise can set them aglow. Walk to the far end of

the village and look west towards the Isle of Skye. This is a wonderful village for photographers and artists. It is wonderful to wander down Harbour Street to view the colour filled little gardens next to the sea. There are craft shops to browse through, traditional music in the pubs and lots of wonderful walks for all levels of enthusiasm.

 Ploekton



Stornoway

Apr 16, 2024

Experience the Gaelic culture of the Hebrides. We travel next to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis and Harris in the Outer Hebrides, home of the famous Harris Tweed cloth. We'll have a walk to the Gothic-

style Lews Castle, full of trails and fantastic views. You can also see 'Scotland's Stonehenge' at the Callanish Standing Stones, and visit a crofting village.

📍 Stornoway



Shiant Isles

Apr 17, 2024

This afternoon we'll also explore the wild and beautiful Shiant Isles, a tiny archipelago set in the Minch Strait. One of the most important breeding colonies for seabirds in Europe, keep an eye out for

European Shags, Common Eiders, Northern Fulmars and Great Skuas in the surrounding waters or on volcanic ledges.

📷 Shiant Isles



Loch Scavaig

Apr 18, 2024

Sail to Loch Scavaig on the Isle of Skye, where dramatic scenery surrounds you. "The wildest scene in the Highlands" – that's how the Victorian poet Lord Tennyson described Loch Coruisk and the

surrounding craggy peaks of the Cuillin Mountains. We'll put on our hiking boots to explore the loch with the Activity Team or cruise around the beautiful loch and marvel at the landscape.

📷 Loch Scavaig



Isle of Eigg

Apr 18, 2024

The Isle of Eigg is one of the most beautiful Hebridean Islands. About five miles long by three miles wide, Eigg lies 10 miles off the Scottish West

coast, South of the Isle of Skye. The island has a fascinating history, superb wildlife and a vibrant community.

📷 Isle of Eigg



Iona

Apr 18, 2024

Your adventure continues to Iona, off the coast of Mull in the Inner Hebrides. You will visit the restored 6th century abbey, one of Scotland's oldest and most sacred Christian pilgrimage sites, or enjoy a

hike with the Expedition Team up Dùn I for breathtaking views of St Columba's Bay - and take a sip from the 'Well of Eternal Youth'.

📷 Iona



Staffa

Apr 19, 2024

In the afternoon we sail passed the Treshnish Isles – home to Atlantic Puffins, razorbills and Atlantic grey seals. At nearby Fingal's Cave, you'll marvel at the

hexagonal basalt columns, superb natural acoustics, and mesmerising coloured waters.

Staffa



Scalasaig, Colonsay

Apr 19, 2024

Immerse yourself in unspoilt island beauty. Take a coastal walk on the Isle of Colonsay, and enjoy breathtaking views from Kiloran Bay and Plaide Mhòr. Flora also thrives on Colonsay, with over 400 species blooming. You'll see some of them in the woodland

gardens of Colonsay House. It's a paradise for birdwatchers, with choughs, red-throated divers, eagles, fulmars, guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes and shags among the birds you can spot. Be sure to listen out for the rattle of the elusive corncrake.

Colonsay





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