



CYCLING EUROPE

FOR CYCLISTS & PARTNERS

For keen road cyclists the dream holiday might be exploring the famous routes of Europe on an expertly designed bike tour. But what do their non-cycling partners do? So we are very excited to be able to offer our clients a selection of premium bike tours in 2019 which are flexible enough to cater for all tastes and abilities.

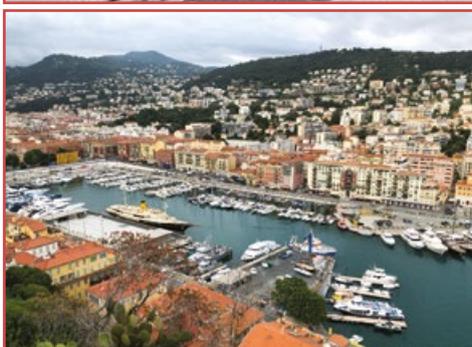
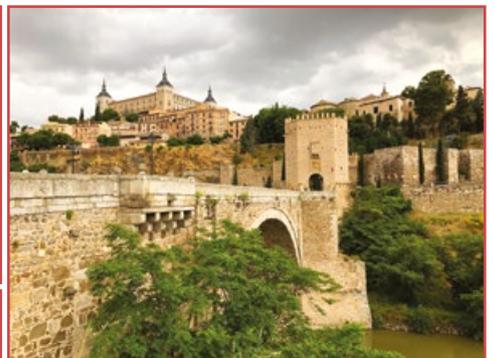
Our CEO Steve Cameron has been a cyclist for over 40 years and over the past 10 years has taken part in a number of individual and group bike tours across Europe, as well as World Masters racing.

These expertly designed bike tours cater both for the cycling enthusiast and the avid cyclist who wants to experience a pro

style ride. They also offer specialised sightseeing itineraries for non-cycling partners. Each and every tour is fully researched by local pro cyclists to ensure that guests enjoy the best of everything that each region has to offer, from hard-to-find places, events and experiences, to local culture, food and wine.

Tours are flexible with the opportunity for two fully supported rides each day, or the option to join sightseeing guests or just relax by the pool at the hotel. Your hosts on tour are dynamic, highly experienced professionals, sometimes joined by up and coming young riders. Destinations include France, Italy, Spain and Cyprus.

For full details please contact Steve Cameron on 1300 363 302.



SCOTLA

By Sara Cameron

Scotland has no shortage of ravishing wilderness, from the wild fells of the Highlands to the velvet green landscapes of Skye or the mystical Orkneys. You can feel the magic of ancient standing stones, explore royal castles, and follow narrow roads into wild glens where the long-ago voices of Bonnie Prince Charlie and his brave Highlanders still seem to float on the wind.

History is everywhere; in the 5000 year old stones of Neolithic villages like Skara Brae, and the battlements of hill top castles as well as traditional fishing villages and lonely hillside crofts. Myths and legends abound, from the romantic tales of Walter Scott to modern day movies like Harry Potter and Outlander.

And Scotland has plenty of romantic places to stay, including restored castles and manor houses, traditional country houses and picturesque old inns.

On our recent visit Steve and I discovered some of western Scotland's hidden places, such as the beautiful Braes of Balquidder, pretty Arisaig, and the wild mountains of Torridon, whilst bagging a few "munros" (peaks over 3,000 feet) along the way. We also had too short a visit to Edinburgh where we managed just a few of the highlights, and stopped by the ancestral home of the Lochiel Cameron Clan at Achnacarry near Fort William.

We also spent 4 wonderful days on the idyllic Isle of Skye, hiking around the Old Man or Storr and amongst the strange cliffs and pinnacles of the Quirang, with dinner at the acclaimed Three Chimneys restaurant in a remote, white painted cottage with - of course - 3 chimneys.

A definite highlight was our stay in a restored Scottish farmhouse, now a stylish hotel, in the glen of Balquidder on the shores of Loch Voil. The weather was warm and sunny and the loch was a perfect mirror reflecting overhanging trees and steep green "braes". There were few cars and just one narrow road ending at an old farm, once the site of Rob Roy's house. The legendary outlaw is buried further down the glen in an old church nearer Balquidder village.

In the remote mountains around Loch Torridon the mist and rain came in but we were warm and cosy in the laid back splendour of a 19th century former hunting lodge, with towers and turrets, massive fireplaces, grand library, whisky bar and fine dining. The Torridon is where luxury and adventure meet, with countless outdoor activities available, from hiking to kayaking and canoeing, mountain biking and wildlife cruises.

The munros here eluded us due to the weather, which just means we'll have to go back!

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Scotland is ideal for outdoor adventures and we have partnered with a highly experienced tour operator to be able to offer our clients a range of guided, small group active holidays. Two wonderful escorted walking tours are featured below, and in the coming months, we will be including more of these as part of a broader Arctic and northern Europe program, including Greenland, Iceland and Norway. Please note that these trips can also be undertaken on a private basis.

NATURAL FOCUS SAFARIS

Active

ARGYLL & THE ISLES

7 days/6 nights
Prices from £1,695 p.p. twin share.
Comfortable Small Hotels
Departs Oban on selected dates Apr-Sep 2019
Rating: Easy (approx. 5 hrs walking per day)

Traverse the gloriously wild coast of western Scotland, taking in prehistoric sites, scenic nature reserves and whisky distilleries. A boat trip to the rarely visited island of Jura is a highlight, including a detour to view Scotland's largest tidal whirlpool. Expect to walk up to 11km a day, on trails that can be muddy or rough in places. Most meals are included, as is a whisky tasting on this memorable exploration of the Argyll Peninsula.

GLENCOE & THE HIGHLANDS

7 days/6 nights
Prices from £2,650 p.p. twin share.
Luxury Small Hotels
Departs Perth on selected dates Jun-Sep 2019
Rating: Moderate (approx. 8 hrs walking per day)

Hike two of the Scottish Highlands most beautiful regions, climbing peaks that offer sweeping views across glistening lochs. Transfer to Glencoe by Zodiac, scouting for marine life en route. Stay in two premium hotels, with time to sample single malts and to unravel the region's dark history with a charismatic storyteller. Cover around 16km of varied terrain on foot per day, with challenging ascents at times. All meals are included.

For more information on walking holidays please call James Cameron on 1300 363 302.