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## **Sip Whiskey, Search for Nessie and Hike through Mist-Covered Moors on Wilderness Travel Trek to Europe's No. 1 Island, Lewis and Harris**

BERKELEY, CALIF. – Island getaways bring to mind images of warm locales like Bali, Malta and Greece's Santorini, but Lewis and Harris, a lesser known island off the coast of Scotland, has proven its appeal as TripAdvisor recently named it the [No. 1 Island in Europe](#) and one of the Top 5 in the World. [Wilderness Travel](#) offers a brand new trek to the European isle, which is technically one island, yet often referred to as two, on their [Highlands and Islands of Scotland](#) journey, which lets travelers step into a Scottish fairytale, the likes of Disney's "Brave".

Lewis and Harris is located just northwest of the British Isles in the Outer Hebrides, a set of 200 islands that feature the natural beauty of white sand beaches, turquoise waters, craggy mountain peaks, picturesque glens, heathered moorlands, rolling hills and lochs. During the summertime, which is the season for both of the Wilderness Travel departures, the hills are ablom with wildflowers.

The 10-day [Highlands and Islands of Scotland](#) trip highlights the best of the Outer Hebrides, including Lewis and Harris and the Isle of Skye, which was named a top 5 best island in the UK by TripAdvisor users. Travelers hike through the striking scenery past the famous Loch Ness, keeping an eye out for "Nessie"; along the legend-filled magical Callanish Standing Stones; visit a local tweed weaver, an ancient Hebrides tradition; sip the sweet, full-bodied single malt whiskey made on the Isle of Skye; view a magnificent castle, which has appeared in movies such as "Highlander" and the James Bond flick "The World is Not Enough"; and hike to one of the highest waterfalls in Scotland.

Accommodations include an 18<sup>th</sup> century estate, two family run hotels and the gorgeous Glencoe House built in 1896 and located on 10 acres. Two departures are available for the trip: May 31 and July 12. Pricing starts at \$6095/person. For more information or to book the trip visit [www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com) or call 800-368-2794.

"The Outer Hebrides are one of Scotland's best-kept secrets for walking and hiking, and this is an exquisitely-designed trip that captures nature at its finest," says Barbara Banks, director of marketing and new trip development for Wilderness Travel. "You don't have to go tropical to have a great island getaway, and that's one of the reasons we added this trip for 2014. We're glad to see those on TripAdvisor agree!"

### **About Wilderness Travel**

Wilderness Travel, founded in 1978 and still run by founder Bill Abbott, a consummate traveler, offers some 200 trips every year to more than 75 destinations around the world. The company is known for its one-of-a-kind detailed itineraries that take travelers deep into an area's culture.

There are four ways to travel with Wilderness Travel: [Small Group Adventures](#); [Private Journeys](#); [WT Expeditions: Rare Journeys and Exploratories](#); and [Small Ship Cruises](#), for which the company doubled its offerings in 2014. Constantly on the look-out for new adventures and ways to improve existing journeys, the company focuses on quality, design and the uniqueness of its trips. Almost 70% of individuals who travel with Wilderness Travel are repeat guests or direct referrals from past travelers. For more information, visit [www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com) or call 800-368-2794.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: Photos and detailed itineraries available upon request.**