



2016 is the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design – Charles Rennie Mackintosh’s Hill House and Scotland’s Largest Loch - Loch Lomond

This Great Day Out takes you on a scenic tour of the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond and a visit to Hill House. Loch Lomond is Scotland’s largest loch and there is a lot of driving on this Great Day Out.

Hillhouse is open daily 11.30-17.00

Follow the A81 Glasgow signs from Callander and enjoy a lovely drive from passing little Loch Ruskie then Scotland’s only “Lake” the Lake of Menteith. Turn left at the roundabout (The Rob Roy Inn should be straight ahead) and follow this road for approximately 6 miles, then turn right on to the A811.

Follow the A811 for a few miles then turn right into the pretty little village of Drymen (if you miss the first turn, don’t worry, there is a second turn on the right) then follow the B837 (beside the Winnock Hotel) to the village of Balmaha on the eastern shores of Loch Lomond. Balamha offers beautiful views of the islands on Loch Lomond and there is a short ferry trip to the island of Inchailloch. The road follows the loch shore and continues on to Rowardennan where it ends at a beach. (Keen walkers may like to climb Ben Lomond Scotland’s most southerly Munro (3196 ft/ 974m – approx 4.5 -5.5 hours)



Return to the Drymen and turn right on to the A811 and onto Balloch at the the southern end of Loch Lomond. There is a large visitor centre “Loch Lomond Shores” or visit “Maid of the Loch” the last paddle steamer built in Britain, she no longer sails on Loch Lomond but it is free to enter and open from 11.00 at weekends and everyday during the school holidays.

Join the A82 at Balloch and head north (following signs for Crianlarich) enjoy the stunning views over Loch Lomond, with the magnificent Ben Lomond as a backdrop. Turn left on to the A818 and follow signs for Helensburgh. Hill House sits high on a hill in Helensburgh overlooking the River Clyde. It is regarded as, Scottish Artist and Architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh’s finest domestic creation with it’s interesting mix of Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau, Scottish Baronial and Japonisme architecture and design.



Return to the A82 and head north enjoying the views across Loch Lomond from the western shores. Visit the pretty village of Luss – scene of the TV series “Take the High Road”. Continue north Stirling stop at 300 year old “ Drovers Inn” at Inverarnan at the north west end of Loch Lomond is a truly unique experience!! Continue on to Crianlarich and join the A85/A84 following signs for Callander/Stirling. Return to Callander enjoying views of Loch Earn and Loch Lubnaig along the way.

We hope you enjoyed your trip around Scotland’s largest loch and are ready for a relaxing evening in Callander.

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