

Travel Information

Please check that your passport is current!

Welcome Friends! The journey to Iona is a true pilgrimage. Leaving Glasgow, you will travel by train, ferry, bus, another ferry and finally by foot.

This is the route:

1. Fly to Glasgow, Scotland
2. Take a train from Glasgow to the seaside town of Oban (about 3 hrs)
3. Take a ferry from Oban to Craignure on the Isle of Mull (about 40 mins)
4. Take a bus across Mull to the village of Fionnphort (about an hour)
5. Take a ferry from Fionnphort to Iona.

In more detail:

When you reach Glasgow, take an airport bus, located outside the terminal, to the Queen St. Station to catch the train to Oban. You can also take a taxi to the train station.



Depending on when you arrive in Oban, you may want to spend the night there.

Plan to take the noon ferry from Oban to Craignure. The ferry is located next to the train station. At Craignure a bus will be waiting for you at the end of the wharf to take you across the Isle of Mull through stunning landscape to the village of Fionnphort where you take the ferry to Iona. The walk from the pier will have you arrive at Bishop's House by 2:30pm or so. If you miss the noon ferry from Oban, the next one that connects with a bus in Craignure leaves Oban at 4pm. You will arrive on Iona about 6:30pm.

If you want to avoid an extra overnight in Oban on your way to Iona, plan to arrive at the Glasgow airport in the morning by 11am in time to catch the 12:21pm train to Oban to catch the 4pm ferry from Oban - Craignure.

At the end of the program you can leave in plenty of time to arrive in Glasgow by late afternoon or evening. You can spend the night in Glasgow and have no trouble catching a flight the next morning.

Train and ferry schedules can change, so be sure to check the latest schedules when you arrive in Glasgow. You can check the train schedule at the Tourist information booth at the

airport, and the ferry schedule at the Caladonia MacBrayne ferry office in Oban next to the train station.

Transportation services in Scotland

West Coast Motors bus service from Craignure to Fionnphort

<http://www.westcoastmotors.co.uk/>

Scotrail Train from Glasgow to Oban

<http://www.scotrail.co.uk/>

Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry from Oban to Craignure and Fionnphort to Iona

<http://www.calmac.co.uk/timetables/>

Carbon offsets

If you wish to purchase carbon offsets for your travel, we have purchased them from:

Native Energy

<http://www.nativeenergy.com/>

And we have informally offset carbon with donations to these programs:

Interfaith Power & Light's Carbon Covenant program:

<http://www.co2covenant.org/>

American Forests

<http://www.americanforests.org/>

You can calculate your flight miles here:

http://www.webflyer.com/travel/mileage_calculator/