



NC500



The North Coast 500 has quickly become the way to experience this wild and empty part of Scotland. The route starts and ends in Inverness following roads that have always been there. You can head west towards the Applecross peninsula following the winding coastal roads north to Durness. Or you can go north-east through the Black Isle.

What will I see?

There is so much to experience in this part of Scotland it's hard to mention it all and it's best to discover your own amazing places. There are the wild and ancient mountains of Torridon and Assynt: Beinn Eighe, Stac Pollaidh, Suilven, Quinag are just a few. You can follow The Rock Route to discover the story. Eat local seafood and taste local gin and whisky. Discover some of the many beaches: Mellon Udrigle, Gruinard, Achiltibuie, Achmelvich, Balnakeil Bay are just a few. There are ruined castles, sea stacs, lochs and mountains and if you want to head off the NC500 there are deserted roads through the interior of Sutherland to discover. You might see puffins and eagles, deer and dolphins and hear cuckoos whenever you stop in early summer.

How long will it take?

Most guides suggest no less than 5 days but in a campervan you can amble around the route and take up to 2 weeks and still not see it all.

Where will I stay?

There are so many places to 'wild camp' on this route....this is a privilege we are still allowed in Scotland so please make sure you follow the Wild Camping guidance we give and everyone can be happy to share this wilderness. There are also many lovely campsites if you would love a hot shower etc, it's a good idea to book, especially in summer.

Driving the NC500

The roads can be challenging in certain sections, but you will soon get used to driving single-track winding roads if you follow what the locals do. Drive respectfully and responsibly remembering that you are sharing the roads with the people who live and work up there. It is definitely not a racetrack.

A few places we love...

- Handa Island
- the Seafood Shack in Ullapool
- Achiltibuie
- Achmelvich
- the road to Clachtoll & Clashnessie
- the shop at Drumbeg for supplies
- Quinag
- Balnakeil Bay
- Ben More
- Loch Loyal
- the hill road from Loch Loyal to Helmsdale

