Scottish Walking Week 2018
Gairloch The Far North West and Torridon

Date:	**Saturday 15th to Saturday 22nd September 2018**
Place:	**Gairloch Lodge Hotel, Gairloch**
Cost:	**£649.00 per person in a shared twin or double**
	£789.00 per person in a sole occupancy room
Includes:	**7 nights accommodation, 7 evening meals, 7 breakfasts, 5 picnic lunches & 5 days of guided walks with a choice of 2 guided walks each day**
Slots:	**up to 46 to be accommodated in 14single 13twin and 3double rooms**
Not included:	**Transport to walks where taken.**

Overview: They say in Scotland that "West is best" and I think that the North West is the best of the best. After years of searching we have found a great hotel in the lovely village of Gairloch. Here silver sandy beaches run down to the Mediterraneanesque blue waters and behind the hotel lies one of the last great wildernesses of Europe and some of the most amazing mountains in Britain. Add to this awesome variety of walking for every ability from picturesque loch shore wanders, mesmerizing coastal jaunts, cascading waterfall walks and some of the most demanding, wild and beautiful Munros and Corbetts that Britain has to offer, and I think we have a great week of walking ahead. This will be very popular, so book early!

WalkWise Walking Programme: Gairloch lies on one of the most stunning stretches of coastline in the British Isles and inland lies some amazing and unique mountains. It is the combination of the coast and these mountains that creates arguably the finest landscape in the country, and by walking through it you are simply immersed amongst its mesmerizing beauty. For the hard walkers there is a feast of choice with some dramatic mountain scenery. There is of course all of the Torridonian Classic, including Slioch, Beinn Eighe, Laithach, Beinn Alligin, and just a little further north the mighty An Teallach. Of course you don't have climb a munro, the corbetts may be lower in height but many in this area are some of the very best hills in the UK. These huge towering masses simply dominate and overshadow the surrounding Glens. This is one of the greatest walking regions in Scotland, a mecca for hard walkers! Need I say any more?

And for the shorter walks? Well, they'll be only perfect too! Again, we have a veritable smorgasbord of glittery delights… Where the narrow road ends in Gairloch the silver sands continue and the path makes its way along the empty beaches over low lying moorland and rocky torrs to the lonely peninsular beyond. With a back drop of high mountains and views over the water to the summer isles and beyond, some of these coastal walks are almost spiritual in their beauty. By contrast there is also many a walk into the huge area of wilderness that is Wester Ross. Here shepherds' tracks wend their way through to lost lochans and to secret bothies in hidden vales. Then from the top of a crag your reward awaits; a stunning uninterrupted natural panorama, often with no evidence of mankind at all, simply beautiful. There are beautiful waterfall walks, and one of the most adventurous nature trails I have ever followed. Further north there are isolated and remote rocky headlands home to the rare Sea Eagles and many wild orchids. To add to this there's the magical Loch Maree which is featured on many an advertisement for Scottish Tourism! So the only difficulty is deciding which walk to go on

To allow you to choose a walk that suits you best, WalkWise UK will provide a minimum of two walks on each day, led by professional and knowledgeable walking guides. On both days there will be a harder walk of 9-12 miles with 3000+ft of ascent, and a gentler walk of 6-9 miles with less ascent. All walks are weather dependent and own transport may be taken to the walk starts.

Accommodation: Our base for the week will be the Gairloch Highland Lodge which offers relaxing accommodation in the lovely village of Garlock. Built in the 1980s, it is set against a spectacular mountain backdrop whilst overlooking the harbor and over the sea to Skye. The Lodge is extremely peaceful and relaxing with large lounges and a cosy residents bar. Here food plays a very important role and guests return again and again to savour the renowned Scottish west coast seafood

and Highland game. We will take breakfast in the breakfast room which has a panoramic views across the area. In the evening we will then wander down the drive to the sister hotel, The Old Inn. This award winning Inn has a fabulous, tasty and locally sources menu that will delight your palate. There is a lovely lounge and public bar which surprisingly have an extensive range of Highland malt whiskies and a large selection of real ales from The Dundonnell Brewery. All the bedrooms are ensuite, some with sea view, remote-control colour TV, direct-dial telephone, alarm, radio, hairdryer, heated towel rail, trouser press, hospitality tray and even an electric blanket in case you need warming up at night!

Maps

The map(s) for this event are: 1:25000: exp 434 Gairloch exp 433 Torridon exp 430 An Teallach

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