



V8 Two Day Highland Tour

Outline

The short two day tour will be based at the Dundonnell Hotel on Little Loch Broom near Ullapool in the northwest Highlands and cover a major part of the routes described in the two Memorable MG Routes recently published in Safety Fast! The purpose of the tour is to provide fellow V8 members and their friends attending the European Event of the Year 2013 at Aviemore, particularly those making a long journey from Mainland Europe and the south of England, with an opportunity to spend a few more days in the Highlands and see two very attractive areas.

The tour routes aim to reveal sights and places many visitors touring the Scottish Highlands might not know are there and see like an unusual geological feature, the parallel roads in Glen Roy, or the ancient structures called brochs near Glenelg, or the rare turntable ferry at Glenelg. The routes also highlight spectacular views to the Rough Bounds of Knoydart, to the isles from Glen Brittle Bay on Skye, to the Summer Isles on Loch Broom, across Loch Maree and long views to many mountains. But the routes also pass popular sights like Eilean Donan Castle on Loch Alsh and the Commando Memorial near Spean Bridge which few will be able to pass. There are two beautiful gardens to visit and many places for refreshment are included too as the tour aims to be a route with time for frequent stops so you have time to see the real Highlands rather than simply a panorama passing the windows of your car! So members joining the tour will be encouraged to make their individual exploration of the Northwest Highlands and not travel either as a snake of classic cars or thrash about as though they were on a competitive motor rally. Indeed great care is needed driving in the Highlands as many of the roads are dangerous, some are single track with passing places and often deer stroll across the road! A visit to the Scottish Highlands deserves more than high speed non-stop touring! I should add a couple of shops are well worth visiting so they are mentioned in the route guides.

Programme

Tuesday 20th August 2013 – route to Dundonnell

The EEOY 2013 tour party members will check-out of their Aviemore hotels on Tuesday morning and then the EEOY programme has a final event, a **Farewell Lunch at Dunblane** just north of Stirling off the A9. So members joining the V8 Two Day Highland Tour will have the choice of either travelling south on the A9 from Aviemore to Dunblane to join the lunch and then returning north again (some 195 miles with a journey time of 4 hrs) or setting off on the route to Dundonnell at Dalwhinnie on the A9 just to the south of Aviemore. Most members will take the route to Dundonnell via Dalwhinnie (a visit to the distillery is well worth enjoying) where members would start what is the Memorable MG Route due to be published in the March issue of Safety Fast! That route passes the Pottery Coffee Shop at Laggan Bridge, Roy Bridge, Spean Bridge and then to Invergarry and on to Loch Alsh. Here the route turns off at Dornie on to what is an earlier MMGR “the Wester Ross Trail” published earlier in Safety Fast! That route goes to Dundonnell for the overnight stay and a V8 Dinner. Totals for the day are 156 miles and 3 hrs 40 mins of driving excluding many stops for views and visits en route.

Wednesday 21st August 2013 – route to the Assynt region

This route is via Ullapool to the north of Dundonnell with a variety of places to visit or see not least the port town of Lochinver and the Kylesku Bridge with a light lunch at either the hotel by the bridge or at the “teddy bear” tea room nearby. The Assynt region is unusual area popular with geologists with areas of limestone which are not common in the Highlands plus some spectacular mountains. The return route would be via Ullapool with a visit to the Highland Stoneware factory, the museum in a former Telford church with an interesting section on the “clearances” and a visit to a tea shop run by a larger than life Australian lady! On the return to the Dundonnell Hotel we will have a farewell dinner and an overnight stay. The tour group leave the following morning for Inverness and the route home via the A9 although a few might extend their visit. Totals for the second day are 250 miles and 5hrs 15 mins excluding stops but the scenery is stunning

The two Memorable MG Routes (MMGR06 & MMGR07) together with eight page illustrated route guides are available on the V8 Website via the links below and a further guide to the Assynt region will be posted there by June 2013.

<http://www.v8register.net/mmgr/mmgr.htm>

Important

No part of the event is timed and it is not a rally or a competitive event.

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