

CELTIC NATIONS CRUISE ITINERARY
15TH TO 20TH JUNE 2018, 225 NAUTICAL MILES

FRIDAY 15TH- 1100 HOURS, ALL JOIN IN DEGANWY FOR LUNCH AND SAFETY BRIEF

After a comprehensive safety brief and introduction to the yacht and her systems we will set sail from the marina then leave the Conwy River and head for Moelfre on Anglesey. This will make for a good opportunity for all on board to get their “sea legs” and cover some more basic safety procedures such as Man Overboard recovery. We will eat on board then spend the night at anchor.

SATURDAY 16TH JULY: DEGANWY TO PEEL, ISLE OF MAN

Distance approx. 60nm

Breakfast and early start off to Isle of Man aiming for Peel. passage should take approx. 9 hours. To get through the marina gate we'll need to arrive about 1500, so depart by 0600 arrive 3ish. We'll be alongside for the night, pop ashore for a pint of best IOM beer (possibly 2?) then back onto Celtic Star for dinner



Peel

SUNDAY 17TH JULY: ISLE OF MAN TO PORTPATRICK, MULL OF GALLOWAY

Distance 38nm

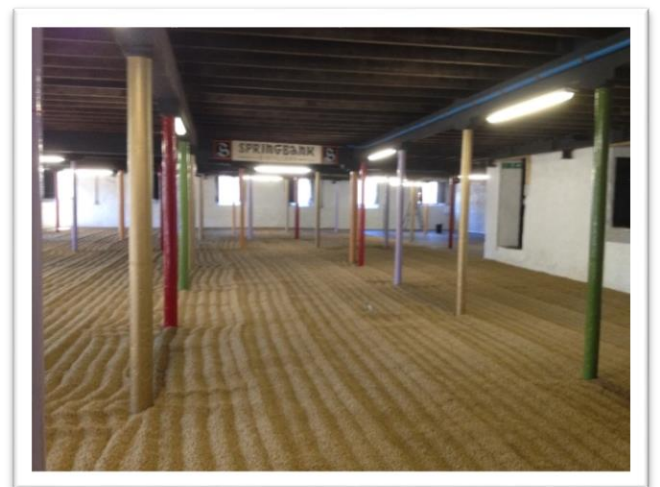
There will be time in the morning to have a look around Peel, perhaps visiting the iconic castle, and particularly Moores smokehouse, famous for its kippers and other traditionally smoked goods. Depart Peel around midday for Portpatrick. This is a lovely traditional Scottish fishing village. Passage should take 9 – 10 hours. Arrive Portpatrick late afternoon in time for pint (possibly 2?), then back to Celtic Star for dinner



MONDAY 18TH JULY: PORTPATRICK TO CAMPBELTOWN, MULL OF KYNTYRE

Distance 41

Reasonable early start from Portpatrick to catch the tide up the Mull of Galloway, aiming to arrive Campbeltown for an early afternoon Distillery visit. Campbeltown's Springbank distillery is the oldest family owned distillery in Scotland and still makes its whisky in the traditional way. From malting their own to bottling every process is on site in Campbeltown. It also very good whisky!! Alternatively, we could look in at the Glen Scotia.



TUESDAY 19TH JULY: CAMPBELTOWN TO TARBERT VIA LOCHRANZA ARRAN

1350 Distance 34nm

A shorter sail up Kilbrannan Sound to the delightful Lochranza on the North of Arran, should be anchored by lunchtime. Go ashore for a walk around the castle and headlands or visit the Arran Distillery, the newest distillery in Scotland and very much a contrast to Springbank, with some of the newest techniques and a Sauterne barrel matured 12 year old that is very palatable!!



Then back on board for a short sail into Loch Fyne and round to Tarbert. You can't go to Loch Fyne without having seafood . So today is a chance to sample some of the delights available. Arriving late afternoon, perhaps a chance to get ashore to see the castle, then dinner at the renowned Starfish Restaurant.



WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY: TARBERT TO GREENOCK VIA KYLES OF BUTE

Distance 35nm

The Byles of Bute are arguable one of the world's most scenic waterways, so we will get away from Tarbert reasonably early and spend the day making our way around the Kyles then up the Clyde to Greenock, getting in mid afternoon, then its pack your bags and wish us fair winds until the next time.



CRUISE SUMMARY

DAY	DEPART	ARRIVE	DISTANCE
FRIDAY	Join at Deganwy	Moelfre	15nm
SATURDAY	Moelfre	Peel, IOM	60nm
SUNDAY	IOM	Portpatrick	38 nm
MONDAY	Portpatrick	Campbeltown	41nm
TUESDAY	Campbeltown	Tarbert via Loch Ranza Arran	34nm
WEDNESDAY	Tarbert	Greenock	37nm
TOTAL			225nm