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DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Oban

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Charter a Yacht in Oban
Region: Europe
Gateways: GLA - INV - OBN
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OBAN

Overview

Oban is a focused Scotland - West Coast charter stop - Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) nights, day-anchors like Puilladobhrain, and shore tables held before you fly. The operational win is sequencing a short, high-quality loop rather than forcing the whole Scotland - West Coast circuit.

Crewed Oban yacht charter - Sound of Mull & Oban cruising, marina nights and yacht charter cost clarity. Live fleet with Blue Ocean Club.

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PAGE	https://blueoceanclub.com/charter/destinations/oban-yacht-charter

WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Oban week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay).
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around Oban, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Oban, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay), walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Sound of Mull & Oban

Tobermory, Loch Aline and mainland hops.

Isle of Skye

Loch Scavaig and Cuillin views.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay)

Gateway marina for the Sound of Mull and Hebrides. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway OBN - Transfer 10-20 min from OBN / longer from GLA - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Puilladobhrain
Classic rocky pool overnight west of Oban.

Tobermory staging
Mull colour harbour day/overnight.

Loch Aline
Quiet mainland loch alternative.

Tobermory Bay
Colourful Mull overnight.

Loch Scavaig
Skye dramatic day-hook - weather critical.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Ee-Usk
Oban
Harbour seafood on the waterfront.

Waterfront Fishouse
Oban
Quay classic for embarkation nights.

Coast
Oban
Town dining near the marina.

Coast Restaurant
Oban
Oban fine casual.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Ganavan Sands
Oban
Local sand day - Hebridean context.

Calgary Beach setups
Mull
Mull sand lounging.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph GLA / INV arrivals into Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay).

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when Oban supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Europe gateway. GLA corridor INV corridor OBN corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) gates - timed to embarkation. To Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) 10-20 min from OBN / longer from GLA

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - OBAN

VAT & APA - Oban short version.

On a Oban charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Scotland follows UK VAT rules on yacht charter post-Brexit; temporary admission and commercial yacht VAT can be complex - confirm with yacht management.

APA

For Scotland - West Coast in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Oban

Oban is a core Scotland - West Coast charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) - Day-anchor: Tobermory Bay - Table: Ee-Usk

Isle of Skye

Isle of Skye is a core Scotland - West Coast charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Portavadie Marina - Day-anchor: Loch Scavaig - Table: Coast Restaurant

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in Oban?

Shoulder months usually balance weather, water and berth availability for Oban. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing at Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay).

Which marina should we embark from in Oban?

Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) is the primary embarkation for Oban, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in Oban?

For peak season around Oban, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Oban charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For Oban we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Oban?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from GLA / INV, timed to the embarkation slot at Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay).

How does a Oban week use Sound of Mull & Oban?

Sound of Mull & Oban is a core Oban pocket - we sequence Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Oban sits inside Scotland - West Coast as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Oban - Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay)

High in peak season around Oban - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Oban can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Oban Marina (Dunstaffnage / Oban Bay) alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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