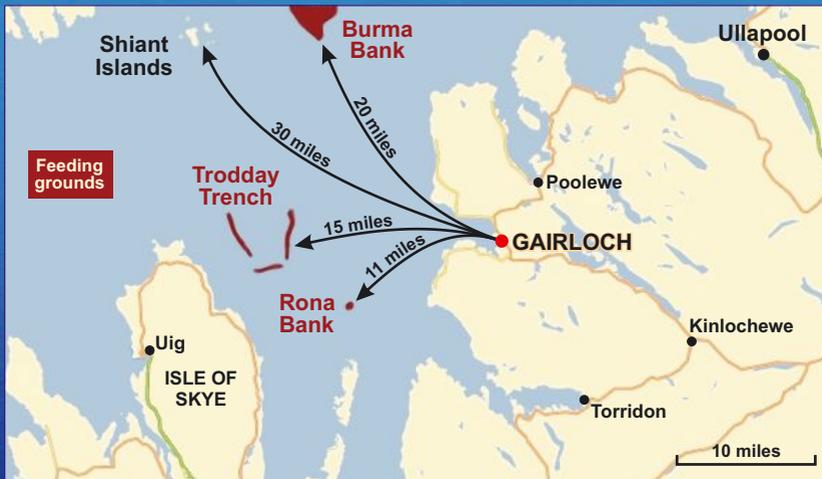




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*Whale sighting data submitted to the National Cetacean Monitoring Unit database for the past 3+ years.

An experience to treasure

R.H.I.B. Orca 1

Our latest offshore class vessel is the largest type of "rib" available in the UK. Specifically purchased for our guests' comfort and all-important safety, with the added security of twin engines.

We also provide extra-safe full-body flotation suits to protect you, but we do recommend wearing a secure hat, gloves and warm clothing underneath your suit!



Cruises

With our 15 years of surveying the North Minch, nobody else has more experience or knowledge of where the wildlife can be found. We don't follow a set route in the hope we'll come across something – we actively search for Scotland's mega-fauna.

We offer 1–4 hour cruises for all ages from 4 upwards (certain sea states can accommodate younger guests so please enquire). It generally takes a 2+ hour cruise to get out to the traditional feeding grounds as the whales and dolphins rarely enter the costal waters.

Of course, it's not all about the whales – most of our offshore cruises encounter thousands of seabirds, including puffins, and seals are pretty well guaranteed.

No other local boat trips see as much wildlife as guests on Orca 1 do! It's the ultimate Gairloch boat trip, with the bonus of an exhilarating ride into the bargain!

Our cruises are planned by demand and according to forecast weather and sea conditions, so should you have a particular cruise in mind we recommend advance booking, which is also essential during school holidays.

The Shiant Islands

These remarkable volcanic islands erupt from the sea bed and tower up over 130 metres. The basalt column cliffs (hexagonal blocks just like the Giants' Causeway) are alive with nesting sea birds from April through to August. They have the highest concentration of Atlantic puffins in the world – conservative estimates are of at least 120,000 birds! The Shiant Islands are rightly described as our "accessible St Kilda". With every chance of encountering whales, dolphins and basking sharks en route, this is a wildlife experience second to none.

Our booking office

Our new Booking Office is conveniently located right at Gairloch Pier from where our trips also depart. The harbour is equipped with a very stable floating pontoon which makes it very easy to embark and disembark our vessels just a few metres from the booking office.

At the office you can check out our current sighting records and maps, which are constantly updated.



Spoilt for choice?

With so many marine operators available nowadays, how can you choose the best trip for you?

Our top tips:

- ✓ decide what you'd like to see
- ✓ carefully check sightings boards
- ✓ and, best of all, ask the locals!

