

our scottish motorhome holiday

Karen Milne got behind the wheel for a trip of a lifetime



Travelling to Glencoe

Next day we were on the road again, travelling 28 miles along some of Scotland's most breathtaking roads to Glencoe. Here, we were staying at Invercoe Highland Holidays, a resort park, which offers some of the finest camping and caravanning locations in the UK. Make sure to stop for a moment to admire your surroundings – spectacular! We decided to explore and headed off on foot in the direction of Glencoe Lochan, a man-made loch, which is a popular walking destination for people of all abilities. While we walked, simply enjoying the tranquil surrounds, the kids used up more energy by jumping on their scooters and taking off along the paths, having the time of their lives. Sadly it was an all-too brief stay, and soon we were travelling again, heading to

Glencoe offers exploring opportunities

Fort William – more specifically the Glen Nevis Caravan Park, which is situated at the base of the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Although this was to be our base for the next few days, the motorhome was still frequently on the move as we set off on day trips which allowed us to see a lot of this majestic part of the world, journeying in comfort the whole way.

Mallaig

Another highlight was the charming fishing town of Mallaig, where we enjoyed what had to be the best fish and chips we've ever tasted! Theatre impresario Sir Cameron Macintosh, who lives nearby, has invested heavily in this area, and we sampled some amazing bread from his new Bakehouse – a real must if you ever visit the area. On the return journey, we stopped at the white sands of Morar, which looks a lot like a tropical paradise!



Baked heaven

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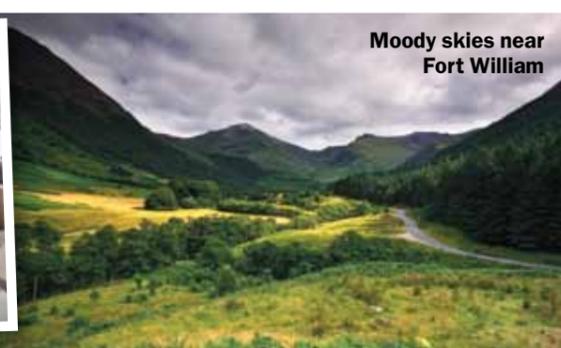
- ◆ Swift Group, based in Hull, is the UK's leading touring caravan, motorhome and holiday home manufacturer – www.swiftgroup.co.uk
- ◆ Dyce Caravans Ltd, Aberdeen offer expert advice for buying motorhomes and caravans. 01224 722227 www.dycecaravans.co.uk
- ◆ Motorhome rental is offered by many hire companies around the UK. For a week's hire of a family-sized motorhome, sleeping four, prices typically start around £500 in low season rising to around £875 in high season. Readers can find a list of hire companies around the UK at this link <http://www.swiftgroup.co.uk/motorhomes/motorhome-hire>

Where We Stayed

- ◆ North Ledaig Caravan Club Site – www.caravanclub.co.uk Tel 01631 710291
- ◆ Invercoe Highland Holidays – www.invercoe.co.uk Tel 01855 811210
- ◆ Glen Nevis Caravan & Camping Park – www.glen-nevis.co.uk Tel 01397 702191
- ◆ Glenmore Camping In The Forest – To join the Camping and Caravanning Club and explore 108 club sites around the UK, visit www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk



Comfortable and spacious interior



Moody skies near Fort William



Spectacular scenery



Cameron and Chloë approve!

TRAVEL NEWS

◆ July 28 marks the 150th birthday of everyone's favourite childhood author, Beatrix Potter, and now you can take the whole family to Cumbria to discover the inspiration behind some of her famous tales and explore some of her favourite spots. Visit her Hill Top Cottage – where, on her actual birthday, a party will be held – or head to the Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead to view some beautiful, original artwork.



On The Road

As fans of the great outdoors, the opportunity to spend a week travelling Scotland in a Swift Bolero motorhome was too good to refuse.

With my partner and two children in tow, I was worried we wouldn't all squeeze in, but it wasn't a problem. The luxurious four-berth model is as good as any hotel suite. It came with comfy furniture and lots of gadgets including climate control and mood lighting – plus a full kitchen. Even better, there was loads of space for family time and

ample storage. If you're concerned about navigating such a huge machine, don't be – driving features including rear-facing cameras and a variety of modes helped us cope with all conditions.

We collected the motorhome from Kenneth at Dyce Caravans, who kindly loaned us the vehicle for the trip, and set off for a week of fun and adventure. My children Cameron and Chloe loved the fact they weren't cooped up in the back seat of a car and with the stunning Scottish scenery providing the

backdrop, we set off for our first destination, the North Ledaig Caravan Club Site, not far from Oban.

Situated on the water's edge of Ardmucknish Bay, this site was idyllic, and a perfect base for

exploring Oban. It was the best of both worlds – the unspoilt beach at the site, and just a few miles away, a bustling harbour town. While in the town, we could easily nip back to the motorhome for a quick rest or bite to eat, and we knew that when it was time to travel back to the campsite after a long day, we would be doing so in comfort.

Arriving back at North Ledaig, we were greeted by the sight of a spectacular sunset – a real highlight of the trip.

