

Highland cows by the peat fire

Excursion Details

Outline

Crofting is a hugely important way of life in the Outer Hebrides, a form of small-scale, sustainable agriculture. Join local crofter (someone who lives and works on a small piece of agricultural land, unique to the Highlands & Islands of Scotland), Donald 'Sweeny' MacSween, as he introduces you to his nearest and dearest four-legged friends by a peat-smoked fire. This is your clients' chance to get up close and personal with our majestic hairy Highland Cows, try your hand at feeding the livestock and purchase some crafts made from local wool. Donald is a local TV star, hosting his own show, 'An Lot' - The Croft, on our Gaelic language channel BBC Alba. He will teach your client some Scottish Gaelic, help them learn more about day-to-day life on a modern-day croft and relay some local stories. For a preview, [watch this video](#).

Timing

1 hour

Capacity

Max 25

Price

Groups up to 10 - £240 per group
11+ people - £24 per person

Availability

1 excursion per day (Mon-Sat)

Facilities

Outdoor experience, no toilets but there is a museum next door with accessible toilets available Mon - Fri, 9am - 4.30pm.

Shopping

Gift shop available with products from the croft.

Accessibility

Wheelchair & pram accessible (contact in advance)



Organisation Details

Air an Lot

Air an Lot (on the croft) is a diversified croft business run by Donald Macsween, a young crofter born and raised in the district of Ness, in the north end of Lewis. Donald comes from a crofting family, who have been on this land for almost 200 years, and has spent his life tending to livestock and working the land.

