

## NC 500 CAR RALLY PROGRAMME: LINKS HOUSE 5D/6N SAMPLE PROGRAMME

Day	Time	Programme	Distance/Travel Time	Attractions	Remarks
	1400 – 1800  1830 2000-2230	Guests Arrive  <b>Welcome Drinks</b> <b>Welcome Dinner</b>			1. Allocation of Bedrooms and familiarization with Dornoch  2. Links House Restaurant
<b>Day 1</b>	0730-0830 0900 – 1830          2030	Breakfast <b>Phase 1 of NC 500 (Wester Ross):</b>  A. <b>Dornoch to Ullapool</b> – coffee at The Ceilidh Place B. <b>Ullapool to Corrieshalloch Gorge</b> – 20 minutes viewing at Gorge C. <b>Corrieshalloch Gorge to Aultbea</b> – take lunch at The Fat Whippet D. <b>Aultbea to Inverewe Gardens</b> – 1 mile to north of Poolewe E. <b>Inverewe Gardens to Rogie Falls</b> – via Gairloch and Loch Maree F. <b>Rogie Falls to Dornoch</b> – final leg   Dinner at Links House	214 Miles 6 Hours Driving	<b>Ullapool</b> – largest settlement in north west of Scotland and gateway to the Outer Hebrides. <b>Corrieshalloch Gorge</b> – the deepest and most impressive gorge in the UK just 12 miles south of Ullapool <b>Loch Ewe</b> – famous WW2 base of the Arctic Convoys <b>Inverewe Gardens</b> – inspiring heritage gardens and forest comprising exotic plants and trees from around the world <b>Rogie Falls</b> – convenient toilet stop and short walk to an impressive waterfall	1. Links House Restaurant  2. Lunch at The Fat Whippet
<b>Day 2</b>	0730-0830 0900-1730	Breakfast <b>Phase 2 of NC 500 (Sutherland):</b>  A. <b>Dornoch to Smoo Cave Durness (via Tongue)</b> – visit sea cave from car park B. <b>Smoo Cave to Balnakeil Bay</b> – just west of Durness C. <b>Durness to Kylesku Hotel</b> – late lunch at this award-winning Hotel and Restaurant D. <b>Kylesku to Shin Falls</b> - a brief stop at the	169 Miles 5 Hours Driving	<b>Smoo Cave</b> – one of the largest entrances to any sea cave in the UK and floodlit inside the cave (30 mins stop) <b>Balnakeil Bay and Faraid Head</b> – one mile west of Durness. Beautiful beach beside Durness Golf Course (30 mins stop) <b>Kylesku Hotel</b> – award-winning Hotel	1. Links House Restaurant  2. Coffee and biscuits – taken from Links House  3. Late lunch at Kylesku Hotel

	2000	Shin Falls which also has a good café and toilets <b>F. Shin Falls to Dornoch</b> – final leg  Dinner at Links House or at an alternative location		with fresh Highland produce and outstanding seafood menu <b>Shin Falls</b> – impressive waterfall where salmon can be seen in summer months	(2 to 3.20pm)
<b>Day 3</b>	0800-0900  0900-1830  2000	Breakfast  <b>Rest Day</b> – various activities and excursions available: A. <b>Golf</b> – various courses including the World’s Number 6 rated course – Royal Dornoch B. <b>Salmon or Trout Fishing</b> – also for Beginners C. <b>Deer Stalking</b> D. <b>Clay Pigeon Shooting</b> E. <b>Hiking or Biking</b> – local walks, mountain walks or ‘off road’ bikes in wilderness areas close to Links House F. <b>Relaxing in Dornoch</b> – shopping, spa treatment  Dinner at Links House or at an alternative location			1. Links House Restaurant
<b>Day 4</b>	0730-0830  0830-1730  2000	Breakfast  <b>Phase 3 of NC 500 (Applecross):</b>  A. <b>Dornoch to Beinn Eighe Visitor Centre</b> B. <b>Beinn Eighe Visitor Centre to Applecross Inn</b> – via Bealach Na Ba C. <b>Applecross Inn to Strathpeffer</b> D. <b>Strathpeffer to Dornoch</b>  Dinner at Links House or alternative location		<b>Beinn Eighe Visitor Centre</b> – UK’s oldest National Nature Reserve. Woodland walk with great views over Loch Maree, Ben Slioch and to Beinn Eighe <b>Applecross Inn</b> – award-winning Hotel and restaurant with superb views across the sea to Raasay and Isle of Skye <b>Strathpeffer</b> - former Victorian Spa town with unique alpine European architecture. Visit the Museum Café in the old Victorian Railway Station	1. Links House Restaurant  2. Lunch at Applecross Inn

<b>Day 5</b>	0730-0830 0930-1700	Breakfast <b>Phase 4 of NC 500 (Caithness):</b>  A. <b>Dornoch to John O Groats</b> – direct to the northern tip of the UK mainland B. <b>Lunch at Stacks Bistro</b> C. <b>Stacks Bistro to either Castle of Mey or Dunnet Bay Distillers</b> D. <b>Dunnet Bay to Helmsdale</b> – via the A897 Forsinard and Kinbrace route E. <b>Helmsdale to Dornoch</b> – final leg	178 Miles 5 Hours Driving	<b>John O Groats</b> – short walks on the coastline beside JOG. Great views towards the Orkney Isles. Stacks Bistro also located at JOG <b>Castle of Mey</b> – former Queen Mother’s residence. Castle and Gardens open to visitors in summer months <b>Dunnet Bay Distillers</b> – producers of award-winning Rock Rose Gin <b>Timespan Museum</b> - fascinating museum/cafe in the coastal town of Helmsdale en route back to Dornoch	1. Links House Restaurant
	1930-2030	<b>Final Reception</b> – with photo and video presentation of the Rally			2. Lunch at Stacks Bistro in John O Groats
	2030-2300	<b>Final Dinner</b>			
<b>Day 6</b>	0800-0900 1000-1100	Breakfast Checkout and Depart			