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Top: Arrive on the island in style via seaplane. See lochlomondseaplanes.com for further details.

Middle: The view from the cliffs above the picturesque village of Tobermory.

Bottom: Glengorm Castle offers fantastic views out to sea.

I can remember as a child getting on the ferry at Oban and seeing the island of Mull ahead, always a slight tingle of excitement as they load the last passengers and cars on and with all the smells and noise around the departure from the mainland.

Situated on the northern tip of the Isle of Mull near Tobermory, Glengorm Castle is one of those magical places in the world that allows you to escape and experience a truly memorable area of Scotland.

However, as much as I love boats, the way to travel to Mull now is by sea plane and not boat.

Flying first class in an iconic luxury seaplane with a window seat, enjoying an unparalleled view over one of the most magnificent landscapes in the world. What could be better?

Leaving behind the

historic cityscape of Glasgow en route to romantic destinations, such as Tobermory, stunning panoramas will unfold - mile after mile of lochs, mountains, glens and ancient castles glide past your front row seat as you travel in style along Scotland's dramatic West Coast.

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Arran, the Paps of Jura, and the imposing cliffs on Mull, rising from the Atlantic Ocean, will be etched in your memory forever. It may only be 35 minutes – just make sure you bring your camera!

Glengorm Castle is home to the Nelson family and has a relaxed and informal atmosphere; I love Glengorm Castle! Some people think it looks gloomy, a great Victorian pile built in the mid-18th century, but this castle has a bit of magic about it. Let's be honest, anywhere on a dull day can look gloomy...have you ever been in Aberdeen when the granite is not sparkling?

There is a fantasy about Scotland and sleeping in a castle, and Glengorm does not disappoint this myth; it is a classic example of Baronial style architecture, bristling with turrets in this unforgettable location. Inside, your eyes are drawn to the huge windows with memo-

orable vistas from every side. The five bedrooms are all different; they have plenty of space and are attractively furnished, yet uncluttered. One has a four-poster bed, and all have Victorian bathtubs. Some of the bathrooms are bigger than your average hotel room.

Favourite room – Cran-nach, which is spacious and has a cast iron bed. But make sure at sunset you are in the library with a 'wee dram', watching the sun go down - the perfect way to end a day.

It's all so comfortable you might rue the fact that you'll have to head into Tobermory for dinner, although you can get good lunches during the day in the nearby cafe. The castle also offers self-catering cottages on the estate. www.celticcastles.com/castles/glengorm/

Whale-watching, Mull

The weather can be unpredictable in the summer, but the waters off the west coast of Mull are pretty much as good as whale-watching gets this side of a 14-hour flight to the Pacific. Minke whales, dolphins, porpoises and seals are regularly seen; orcas, basking sharks and even the occasional sperm whale are also possible, while the sea-bird colonies on the Treshnish Islands are an incredible sight. Day trips cost from £75 - Contact Sea Life Surveys. www.sealifesurveys.co.uk

