

Scotland

HANTE ADVENTURES

Trip Description:

Pedal into some of the wild landscapes of Scotland's Cairngorms National Park and keep an eye out for Nessie as you circumnavigate Loch Ness. Along the way, cultivate your own tales for young people of adventure and magic in the natural world. Linger for a couple of days in Inverness, the gateway to the Highlands, known for its academic and cultural opportunities. Embrace the intersection of immersion in a place with your own unique brand of expression through stories shared and told along with multiple visual art forms. Bikepacking is a challenging discipline that combines cycling with backpacking and allows for longer distances. This Hante will invite you to dig deep and discover what you're capable of creatively and physically while being immersed in a culture known for its stories and dramatic landscapes.

Trip Highlights:

- The first bike packing Hante Adventure since Hante Utah in 2022.
- Camping in the Cairngorms, the United Kingdom's largest national park, exploring and traveling through Inverness and the northern coast.
- Immersion into Scottish culture and long tradition of storytelling.
- Exploration of the intersection between hyperrealism and magic in children's stories.
- Use the connectedness of a unique form of travel and a shared experience to create your own story from the trip.
- Develop competence in bike packing, camping, navigation, and extended, long distance travel.

Community:

The most important aspect of the Hante Adventures program is the well-being of your group, and your unique contribution to it. To cultivate a sincerely positive experience, we ask you to commit to living and working together with your other expedition members. Everyone will have different strengths, and your instructors will help create and nurture a community in which you will feel the support necessary to succeed. As a member of the community, you will be responsible to the group in which you will be living, working, learning, playing, sharing, and laughing for three weeks. This takes commitment from everyone to be group-oriented. At times, you may have to put individual needs behind the needs of the group - this can be difficult to understand in the moment, but be assured that your and others' selflessness will be the reason for the joy you all collectively experience both during and after the trip.

Planning, Preparation, and the Why:

Spending three weeks living simply is both liberating and challenging. This kind of travel is incredibly rewarding, and being 100% prepared is essential. Carefully read all trip materials, as well as any information sent over the following months. In order to have a successful trip, everyone must be prepared to travel, practice patience, and bring energy. Beyond the basic camping skills that you know or will learn, there will also be diverse environmental factors that will require you to work and communicate effectively as a group. Your instructors will empower you and your group to embrace the beautiful unknown of moving through these spaces, all the while cherishing every moment. As a result of your careful preparation and prolonged commitment to this adventure, you will walk away with a confidence for new experiences, an appreciation for different perspectives, a greater understanding of how to function within a group, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

There are noble people who challenge themselves and others for the purpose of betterment and unity - you are one of them.