

ROYAL TOUR OF WESTERN ISLES

On the royal yacht Britannia, anchored off Stornaway, Prince Charles and Princess Anne watch from the deck as the Queen, the Duke and Princess Margaret are welcomed ashore by the Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty. This visit to the Isles of Lewis is the last event of the royal tour of the Western Isles. The Duke drives Her Majesty from the jetty to the herring-curing station, where fisher-girls turn out to greet them, and the curing processes are explained by the men on the job.

The herring girls are among the hardiest women in the British Isles - and the friendliest.

Next, a visit to the Carrabost and Tiumpan Head lighthouse - which arouses Prince Charles' curiosity at once. Princess Margaret takes the children up after the Queen and the Duke, to inspect the lamphouse itself.

And in case the Queen should have missed anything, Prince Charles explains the technicalities in detail.

After the royal party have said goodbye to the lighthouse keeper, the Duke drives his family away.

Meanwhile Edinburgh is gaily decorated for a double occasion - the International Festival, and a royal visit. The Britannia docks at Leith for the Queen and the Duke to come ashore.

First greeting is from one of Edinburgh's smaller citizens.

Once again, the royal children watch from the deck as the formal welcome is made.

Prince Charles and his sister lead an active public life already; but the royal programme is an arduous one, and the Queen and her husband take great care to keep their children's share in it within reasonable bounds. The Queen's arrival in Princes Street attracts a big crowd as she and the Duke stand outside the Royal Academy for a march past of 150 pipers and drummers.

After their Edinburgh visit, the royal family start a well-earned holiday - but what more suitable prelude than the brilliance of the Edinburgh International Festival?