



Classic Cruise Sample Itinerary

Banavie to Inverness

This is a fantastic journey along the Caledonian Canal. You will be amazed by the wonderful Highland Scenery. Walking, canoeing, cycling and sailing are all on offer with qualified, patient instructors ready to help. These activities are all optional so should you prefer to sit and relax you can. The choice is entirely up to you.

Saturday Boarding time is 14:00. The barge departs Banavie and takes the scenic cruise to Gairloch. Walking, cycling and relaxing aboard are all excellent options.

Sunday Cruise to Bunarkaig Bay on Loch Lochy. Guests can relax on board or choose to walk or cycle this short section. After anchoring in the bay, the morning activities at Bunarkaig may include an opportunity to sail, canoe or explore, by foot or bike, the Clan Cameron estate. After lunch the barge will weigh anchor and motor up Loch Lochy towards Laggan locks at the north eastern end of the loch. Again guests can choose to walk, cycle or relax on board. The barge will tie up alongside a pontoon at Laggan overnight.

Monday We make our way along the picturesque Laggan Avenue by foot, bike, canoe or barge. The barge will then anchor in the picturesque Castle Bay, Loch Oich, from where it can offer an afternoon of activities on or around the loch. These may include canoeing, sailing, walks ashore and cream teas. The barge will remain at anchor overnight.

Tuesday There is another chance to participate in activities on Loch Oich before departing for Culloch and Kytra locks for lunch. The afternoon route takes us towards Fort Augustus. This section can be walked, biked or cruised. An alternative walking option maybe offered that allows for fine views of Loch Ness. The barge will tie up at a pontoon at Fort Augustus overnight.

Wednesday In the morning we descend the staircase of 5 locks at Fort Augustus and then tie up at the bottom of the locks for lunch. This is the last real opportunity for souvenir shopping before Inverness and the only place to pick up any forgotten essentials on route. Alternatives to shopping and relaxing on board include exploring the local area by bike or foot. We leave Fort Augustus around lunchtime making the scenic cruise to Foyers pier for the night. Guests can choose to take a quiet-road cycle or relax on board and try and spy the elusive Loch Ness Monster. Foyers is a tranquil spot, home to the lower falls of Foyers, made famous in one of Robert Burns' poems.

Thursday Foyers bay can be an excellent place to participate in canoeing or sailing. For land lovers there are plenty of walks of varying length and difficulty to suit everyone. A walk up to the Falls, on an established path, through the pine forest is a must. You should also keep a lookout for the also elusive Red Squirrel, which can be spied in the forest. The barge will depart around lunch time and cruise down the loch, firstly towards Urquhart Castle on the north shore and then onwards to Dochgarroch Locks where the barge will lie overnight. Cycling along the South shore of Loch Ness is the alternative to cruising on the barge.

Friday Morning cruise from Dochgarroch to Muirtown basin near Inverness. Guests can choose to cycle or relax on board. At Muirtown we descend a staircase of 4 locks to lie alongside at Muirtown basin.

Guests are fully briefed each day on the cruise plan and activity options. The itinerary above is purely an example with all activities subject to the weather conditions.

