



Discover the Great Glen Itinerary Inverness to Banavie

This wonderful journey takes you along the length of the Caledonian Canal waterway through the stunning scenery of the Great Glen. We cruise for part of each day leaving plenty of time to explore ashore. There will be gentle walking or cycling on offer with our crew and guide ready to help. These activities are optional so should you prefer to sit and enjoy a relaxing cruise the choice is up to you.

Saturday



Boarding time is 1400. The barge departs Inverness for a scenic cruise to Dochgarroch. Walking, cycling along the towpath or relaxing aboard are all options.

Sunday



Setting off from Dochgarroch, passing the weir which defines the canal from the river Ness, we emerge into Loch Ness. The barge then makes its way towards Urquhart castle on the northern shore of Loch Ness. It is possible to stop and have a walk around before heading across to Foyers for lunch. We will remain for the rest of the day and overnight at beautiful Foyers. There is a fine walk up to view Foyers falls with a lovely shop and café close by. If you wish to stretch your legs further, there are many suitable forest trail walks or a walk beside Loch Ness.

Monday



From Foyers we make our way towards Fort Augustus, the largest village on our cruise. Guests can choose to do a road cycle or relax on board and watch the wildlife on this remote coast line and a final chance to spy the elusive Loch Ness Monster. In the afternoon the barge will ascend the staircase of 5 locks and then stay there overnight. The village has a thriving community, located around the canal and with many shops it is an ideal place to explore.

Tuesday



From Fort Augustus the barge's journey heads south west through Kytra lock, Cullochly lock and then out onto Loch Oich, where we will spend the night at anchor. During the morning a walk or cycle to Cullochly, either on towpath or to a viewpoint offering fine views of Loch Ness is on offer followed by lunch on board at Cullochly. In the afternoon you can walk, cycle or even relax on board to our anchorage in Loch Oich.

Wednesday



The barge will stay at anchor, until lunchtime, allowing more time to take in the surrounding area and participate in further activities on the water or ashore including a walk around the Invergarry area. In the afternoon we will make our way along the picturesque Laggan Avenue by foot, bike or barge. Another magical part of the journey. The barge will tie up alongside a pontoon overnight at Laggan Locks.

Thursday



From Laggan locks we cruise to the south west corner of Loch Lochy and Bunarkaig Bay. Guests can relax on board or choose to walk or cycle to the bay. On arrival at Bunarkaig we will drop the anchor, where there may be an opportunity explore the area of the Clan Cameron Estate by foot or bike. After lunch the barge will weigh anchor and motor the rest of Loch Lochy towards Gairloch. Again guests can choose to walk, cycle or relax on board. The barge will lie alongside a jetty at Gairloch overnight.

Friday



This morning cruise is from Gairloch to Banavie near Fort William. Guests can choose to cycle along the towpath or relax on board. The barge will tie up at a pontoon just before Neptune's Staircase.

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

