



# Mini Cruise Sample Itinerary

## Banavie to Inverness (Sat - Tues or Tues - Fri)

Our 4 day cruise takes you right through the Great Glen on the Caledonian Canal including Loch Ness. Our unique journey takes in mountains, lochs and castles all contributing to a great taste of the stunning Highland Scenery. This can be more of a cruising only trip - we will have walking and biking available all as optional activities. This short break option is popular with those whose time is limited and would like a taster of the 7-day trips we do.

### Day 1



Boarding time is 14:00. A scenic towpath walk or cycle from Banavie to Gairloch is an option on the first afternoon. Alternatively, you can cruise with the barge and take in the scenery in a more relaxed manner. Views of Ben Nevis and the Grey carries on your right are to be enjoyed.

### Day 2



The barge will be cruising from Gairloch to Fort Augustus. Initially entering Loch Lochy with stunning views down the length of the loch and mountains all around. We arrive at Laggan Locks, then we will continue along the gorgeous, tree lined section of the canal named Laggan Avenue before entering the small and very picturesque Loch Oich. We leave the loch after the A82 road bridge has swung open, allowing us to enter the next section of the journey along the canal. The barge will travel by Culloch and Kytra locks before arriving in Fort Augustus, where it will berth for the night. Again guests are welcome to relax and enjoy the cruise.

As we pass the picturesque Culloch and Kytra locks there is an opportunity for a mini walk into Fort Augustus over a wee hill offering wonderful views of Loch Ness.

During this day there are options to cycle parts or the whole distance of 23 miles over metalled undulating roads.

### Day 3



The morning will involve the descent of the 5 locks of Fort Augustus. The barge will then be cruising the full length of the mystical Loch Ness taking in some stunning scenery including waterfalls, castles and mountains. We will stop off at Foyers before continuing up the loch past Urquhart Castle to Dochgarroch. Guests are welcome to relax and enjoy the cruise and try a bit of Nessie spotting.

There will be the option to explore Fort Augustus in the morning. This could involve walking, biking or wandering around the bustling little village.

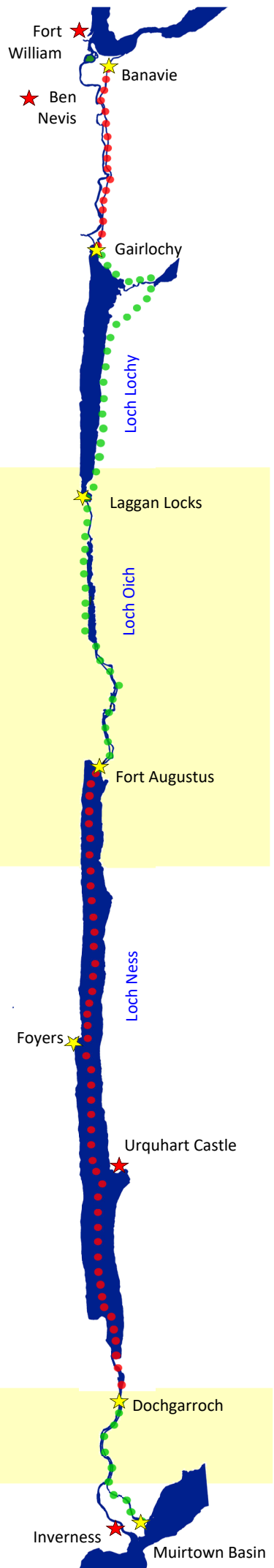
There may be the option to take a short walk at Foyers to the lower falls, made famous in one of Robert Burns' poems.

There will also be the option for cyclists to split the journey. The choice is by either leaving the barge in the morning and cycle the 14 miles, on the south side of Loch Ness, offering fantastic views from above Loch Ness to Foyers. Or in the afternoon cycle the 13 miles from Foyers to Dochgarroch.

### Day 4



A walk or a towpath cycle from Dochgarroch to the top locks at Muirtown basin in Inverness makes up the last morning.



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