



Mini Cruise Sample Itinerary

Inverness to Banavie (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. The barge departs from the top flight of Muirtown locks in Inverness and then cruises to a jetty at Dochgarroch. There is the option to walk or cycle along the canal side on the towpath or you can sit on deck and enjoy the cruise.

Day 2



The barge will 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 down the loch to Fort Augustus ascending the 5 locks of the canal to berth for the night. Guests are welcome to relax and enjoy the cruise.

If time permits, there is the option to take a short walk at Foyers to the lower falls, made famous in one of Robert Burns' poems. Later in the afternoon there will be the option to explore Fort Augustus. This could involve walking, biking or wandering around the bustling little village.

There will also be the option to leave the barge in the morning and cycle the 13 mile journey to Foyers on the south side of Loch Ness before carrying on to Fort Augustus. Alternatively, from Foyers, you could cycle the final 14 miles of this journey offering some fantastic views from above Loch Ness. After dinner there is the option of a walk around Fort Augustus.

Day 3



The barge will be cruising from Fort Augustus to Gairloch, initially this will be along a pretty section of the canal before entering the small and very picturesque Loch Oich. Then on through Laggan Avenue to the majestic Loch Lochy with great mountain views. At the western end Ben Nevis will be seen towering above the surrounding countryside. The barge will arrive in Gairloch where it will berth for the night. Again guests are welcome to relax and enjoy the cruise.

As the barge cruises through Loch Lochy at the south westerly end of the loch, there is the opportunity to stretch your legs with a walk from Bunarkaig to Gairloch taking in Achnacarry and all it has to offer.

As with the previous day there is again the option to cycle sections of the journey or to complete the whole 23 miles by bike. After dinner at Gairloch there would be the option to take a short walk along to the lighthouse which offers great views of Loch Lochy and of Ben Nevis.

Day 4



A towpath walk or cycle from Gairloch to Banavie near Fort William makes up the last morning. Alternatively you can cruise with the barge and take in the scenery in a more relaxed manner.

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.

