



SCOTTISH HIGHLANDER - CALEDONIAN CANAL (TOUR CODE: 11842)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Inverness

TRAVEL PERIODS

30 Mar 25 - 19 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

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Highlights

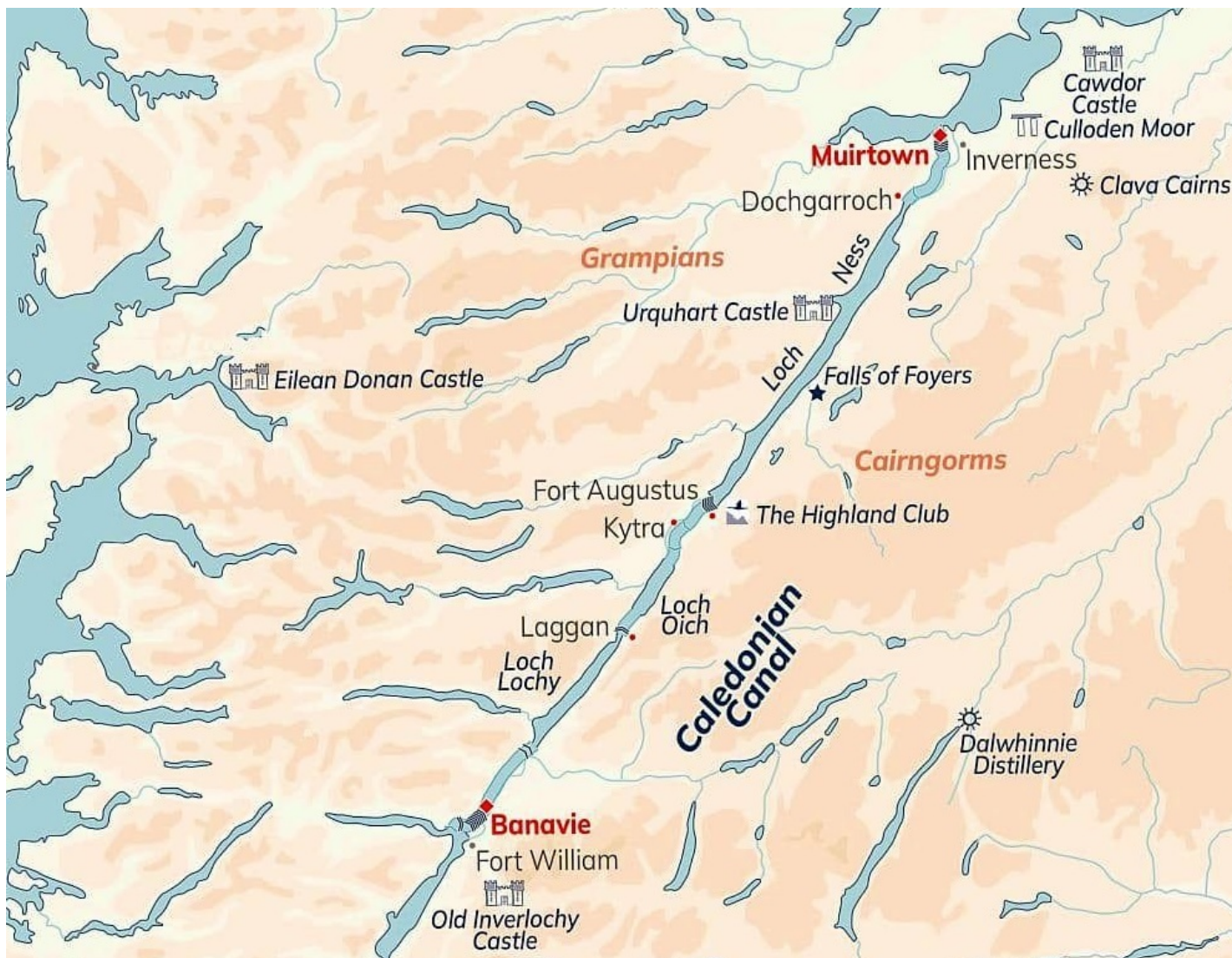
- Tour **Cawdor Castle** and gardens, home of Shakespeare's Macbeth
- Tour of the renowned **Ben Nevis Distillery** with a private whisky tasting
- Visit **Eilean Donan castle**, featured in The World is Not Enough and Highlander
- Extraordinary river, canal and loch cruising

A cruise on mystical waterways aboard Scottish Highlander as you marvel at some of Scotland's finest scenery will be one that stays in the memory for a long time.

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At 117 feet long, she is spacious and has every comfort needed for enjoying the magnificence of the Scottish Highlands during spring, summer and autumn.

The warm and welcoming saloon features rich-coloured wooden panelling, large picture windows and comfortable leather Chesterfield sofas to relax in, perhaps with a mellow single malt whisky from the very well-stocked bar.



INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Scottish Highlander in a Stateroom
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

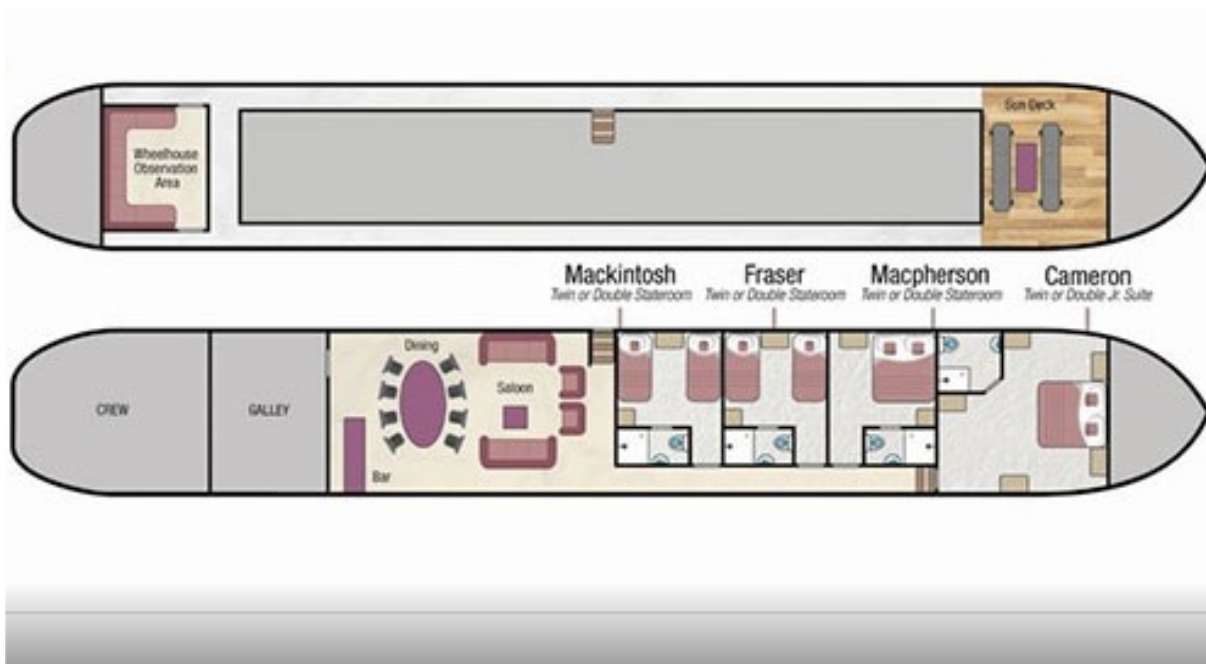
ITINERARY

Deck Hotel Barge Scottish Highlander

First Class | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 117 Feet Long
- 1 Twin/Double Junior Suite (148sq ft incl. en suite)
- 3 Twin/Double Staterooms (115sq ft incl. en suite)
- Centrally Heated

- Wheelhouse Observation Area



Day 1 Inverness Muirtown

Guests are met at Kingsmills Hotel in Inverness and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Scottish Highlander. Champagne Welcome and if you wish, an early evening stroll to the sea lock with wonderful views over the Moray and Beauty Firths. Then perhaps savour one of the hotel barge's many single malts before your first dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard Hotel Barge **Scottish Highlander** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner

Day 2 Muirtown Dochgarroch

Your first cruise will take us up the Muirtown lock flight and through the Tomnahurich swing bridge, with an option to walk alongside River Ness to the hamlet of **Dochgarroch**. After lunch on board, enjoy a visit to **Cawdor Castle**, forever immortalised in Shakespeare's "Scottish Play", Macbeth. The picturesque gardens have been listed amongst the top 100 in the UK. The castle contains a superb collection of tapestries, pictures and furnishings and the Dowager Countess of Cawdor still lives there for part of the year. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



SCOTTISH HIGHLANDER OBSERVATION DECK

Day 3 Dochgarroch Fort Augustus

This morning enjoy a visit to **Culloden Moor**, scene of the last major battle on British soil in 1746 where English Government troops faced the Highlanders of "Bonnie Prince Charlie". If time allows, then take a tour of Clava Cairns, a pre-historic clan chieftain burial site dating back to 2,000 B.C and setting for the Outlander TV series. After lunch onboard, cruise through **Loch Dochfour** and across Loch Ness, where en-route you will pass Urquhart Castle, navigating closely beneath its spectacular 13th century ruins, before continuing your cruise to **Fort Augustus**. Dinner on board.

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Day 4 Augustus Kytra

After breakfast, visit the private **Highland Club**, a spectacular exclusive set of residences and a former 19th century

Benedictine Monastery. Here you are treated to a falconry and birds of prey demonstration** on the banks of Loch Ness, and the majesty of the swooping birds against the backdrop of the sweeping Scottish Highlands is not easily forgotten. There is time to explore the pretty village of **Fort Augustus** before lunch on board, after which your cruise takes you up the “flight”, as the locals call it, at Fort Augustus and then on to your pretty mooring at **Cullochy**. This evening you are given a tutored **private whisky tasting** at charming The Glenmoriston Arms Hotel, followed by dinner in the hotel restaurant.

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Day **5**

Kytra Laggan

This morning's cruise can be partially walked as we cross the very scenic Loch Oich, perhaps stopping en route for a spot of fishing, and onto the pretty Laggan Avenue. As we approach Laggan, our Highland Piper may greet us with a stirring rendition of traditional Scottish music. After lunch on board we take in some of the finest scenery Scotland has to offer as we drive to one of its best known and most photographed castles, Eilean Donan, which has featured in movies such as “Highlander” and James Bond's “The World Is Not Enough” and overlooks three sea lochs. Dinner on board.

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Day **6**

Laggan Banavie

Today, your final cruise will see you pass through Moy Bridge, the last fully hand-operated bridge on the canal, before mooring at Banavie beneath Ben Nevis and a stroll from Neptune's Staircase leading down to **Loch Eil**. After lunch on board, your tour today takes you to the **Ben Nevis Distillery** for a tour and private tasting of several single malts. **Captain's Farewell Dinner** and of course, the opportunity to enjoy another wee dram or two.

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Day **7**

Banavie Inverness

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Inverness.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Departure Dates and Pricing:

2025 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Stateroom	€5,250	€6,090
Suite	€6,190	€7,190
Single Supplement	€1,900	€2,200
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€38,400	€44,000
Charter 7 passengers	€39,700	€45,500
Charter 8 passengers	€41,000	€47,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Mar 30; Apr 6, 13, 20, 27	Value	Scotland - The Caledonian Canal
May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jul 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5	Regular	Scotland - The Caledonian Canal
Oct 12 & 19	Value	Scotland - The Caledonian Canal

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction. Some cruises may be on the River Po, depending on the water level.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - Best Western Hotel Bologna in Mestre

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - Best Western Hotel Bologna in Mestre

Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as “Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only”. Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the ‘Responsibility’ section of our Booking Conditions.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes

- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package