

Scotland

A guided adventure for active women

11 nights – August 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Tattoo | Scottish Highlands barge cruise | Jacobite Steam Train



Tue 13 Aug 2024

EDINBURGH

Arrive in Edinburgh today – you will be met and transferred to hotel. Scotland's capital is brimming with historical sites and medieval stone buildings tucked away down cobbled streets. The summer festival is on, and the party has started with entertainment galore! Spend the rest of the day getting your bearings by doing a little exploring using your included Hop-On Hop-Off bus pass. We'll meet as a group early this evening and go out for dinner.

Accommodation: Edinburgh hotel 2 nights

Wed 14 Aug 2024

EDINBURGH

B

This morning, enjoy an insightful walking tour of the Old Town. We'll discover Edinburgh's hidden gems and cultural highlights, learn about myths and legends, and eat & drink local-style. You're then free to explore on your own or return to hotel to relax. There are plenty of free



shows to watch including magicians, comedy, dance, and also buskers lining the Royal Mile. The Edinburgh Fringe Festival really is quite amazing so enjoy the afternoon doing what you like.

After dinner, we'll join the crowds heading towards the venue for this evening's event – **The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**. Held in an 18th century parade ground on the castle esplanade with the dramatic backdrop of the Edinburgh Castle. Hundreds of performers from Scotland and around the world combine pipes, drums, and dancing with traditional military precision into one spectacular, breathtaking show. There's no show quite like it!

Thu 15 Aug 2024 **FORT WILLIAM** **B**

After breakfast, we'll travel by train up to **Fort William** arriving late afternoon. This town is surrounded by lochs and mountains and is a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. After the 5-hour train journey, you'll enjoy stretching your legs along the shores of Loch Linnhe before a celebratory dram in a local pub and then dinner. We're in the thick of the **Scottish Highlands** now – enjoy!

Accommodation: Fort William hotel 2 nights

Fri 16 Aug 2024 **JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN** **B, MT**

We'll walk to the train station after breakfast to board the **Jacobite** (aka Hogwarts Express steam train). Sit back and enjoy one of the greatest railway journeys in the world. The 135 km return trip takes us past stunning vistas full of lochs, mountains, glens and across the 21-arched Glenfinnan viaduct (made famous in the Harry Potter films). Our destination is the busy fishing port of **Mallaig** where there's time for a roam around the town and perhaps a fish lunch, before hopping back onboard and returning to Fort William.

Sat 17 Aug 2024 **GREAT GLEN WAY CRUISE** **B, D**

Leisurely morning before checking out and heading to **Ben Nevis Distillery** for a tasting. It's a short drive on to **Banavie** where we board the barge. After meeting the crew, we begin our **Great Glen Barge adventure** with a cruise along the Great Glen Way to **Gairloch** where the barge will berth overnight. Scotland's Great Glen Way stretches 120 kms from Fort William to Inverness



and offers impressive views of the highlands and its famous lochs. Based onboard a comfortable barge at night, this multi activity holiday incorporates walking, cycling and canoeing in one of Scotland's most picturesque regions. The choice of how much activity to incorporate into the trip is entirely up to you.

Accommodation: Ros Crana Barge 6 nights (see barge info below)

Sun 18 Aug 2024

GREAT GLEN WAY CRUISE

B, L, D

Today we cruise across **Loch Lochy to Bunarkaig Bay**. You have the choice of walking or cycling this section or staying onboard and cruising there. After anchoring in the bay, the morning activities may include an opportunity to sail or canoe, or explore **Clan Cameron** estate by foot or bike. After lunch the barge will motor up Loch Lochy towards **Laggan** locks at the northeastern end of the loch. Again, you will have the opportunity to walk, cycle or relax on board. The barge will tie up alongside a pontoon at Laggan overnight.

Mon 19 Aug 2024

GREAT GLEN WAY CRUISE

B, L, D

We make our way along the picturesque Laggan Avenue by foot, bike, canoe or barge today. The barge will then anchor in the picturesque **Castle Bay** on **Loch Oich**. This afternoon's activities may include water sports or walks ashore with cream teas. The barge will remain at anchor overnight.

Tue 20 Aug 2024

GREAT GLEN WAY CRUISE

B, L, D

There is another chance to participate in a range of activities on Loch Oich before departing for **Cullochy** and **Kytra** locks for lunch. The afternoon route takes us towards **Fort Augustus**. This section can be walked, biked or you can stay onboard the barge. 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.



Wed 21 Aug 2024

GREAT GLEN WAY CRUISE

B, L, D

In the morning we descend a **staircase of five locks** at Fort Augustus and then tie up at the bottom of the locks for lunch. Here you can relax on board, take in some shopping, or explore the local area by bike or on foot. Around midday we depart for a scenic cruise to **Foyers** pier for the night. From here you can choose to take a quiet-road cycle or relax on board and try and spy the elusive **Loch Ness Monster**. Foyers is a lovely tranquil spot, home to the lower falls of Foyers, made famous in one of Robert Burns' poems.

Thu 22 Aug 2024

GREAT GLEN WAY CRUISE

B, L, D

Discover the falls at **Foyers** or take a canoe trip before cycling or cruising **Loch Ness**. 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 (keep an eye out for the elusive Red Squirrel). 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 we overnight. Cycling along the South shore of Loch Ness is the alternative to cruising on the barge.

Fri 23 Aug 2024

INVERNESS - EDINBURGH

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Our last morning is spent cruising from **Dochgarroch** to Muirtown Basin near **Inverness**. You have the choice to either cycle the route or relax on board. At **Muirtown**, we descend a **staircase of four locks** before tying up at Muirtown basin. Bidding farewell to our wonderful crew, we then transfer to the station at Inverness and train down to Edinburgh.

Accommodation: Edinburgh hotel 1 night

Sat 24 Aug 2024

END

Tour ends after breakfast today in Edinburgh.

Price

NZD9270 per person twin share

Single supplement available on application & subject to availability

Includes

- Airport/station transfers on arrival & departure day
- 11 nights accommodation in boutique hotels & barge
- Transportation by vehicle, train, bus
- Meals as indicated (B-breakfast, MT-morning tea, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Daily Sightseeing as indicated
- Category B seating at Edinburgh Tattoo
- 1st class ticket & Cream Tea on Jacobite train
- Roam Travel tour escort with minimum 6 guests

Excludes

- Flights to/from Scotland
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Some meals
- Refreshments
- Optional activities

Accommodation

- **Edinburgh, Fort William** accommodation will be in centrally located boutique hotels.
- **Ros Crana barge** has a capacity to carry just 12 guests in 6 ensuite cabins, and up to 6 crew. The cabins are very small and designed just for sleeping in upper & lower single bunk beds. Sometimes a support RIB boat is used to access shore so guests must be able to climb up & down a ladder.

Group size

Minimum 6, maximum 10

Book early!

Due to the size of the barge, it is imperative that you book early to secure your spot. Priced in NZD and is subject to change until paid in full. A non-refundable deposit of \$2000 is required on confirmation. Balance due 1/5/24. Terms & Conditions apply. Roam Travel reserves the right to amend itinerary to fit around special event dates etc.



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