



SCOTTISH HIGHLANDER - CALEDONIAN CANAL (TOUR CODE: 11842)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Inverness

TRAVEL PERIODS

29 Mar 26 - 18 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

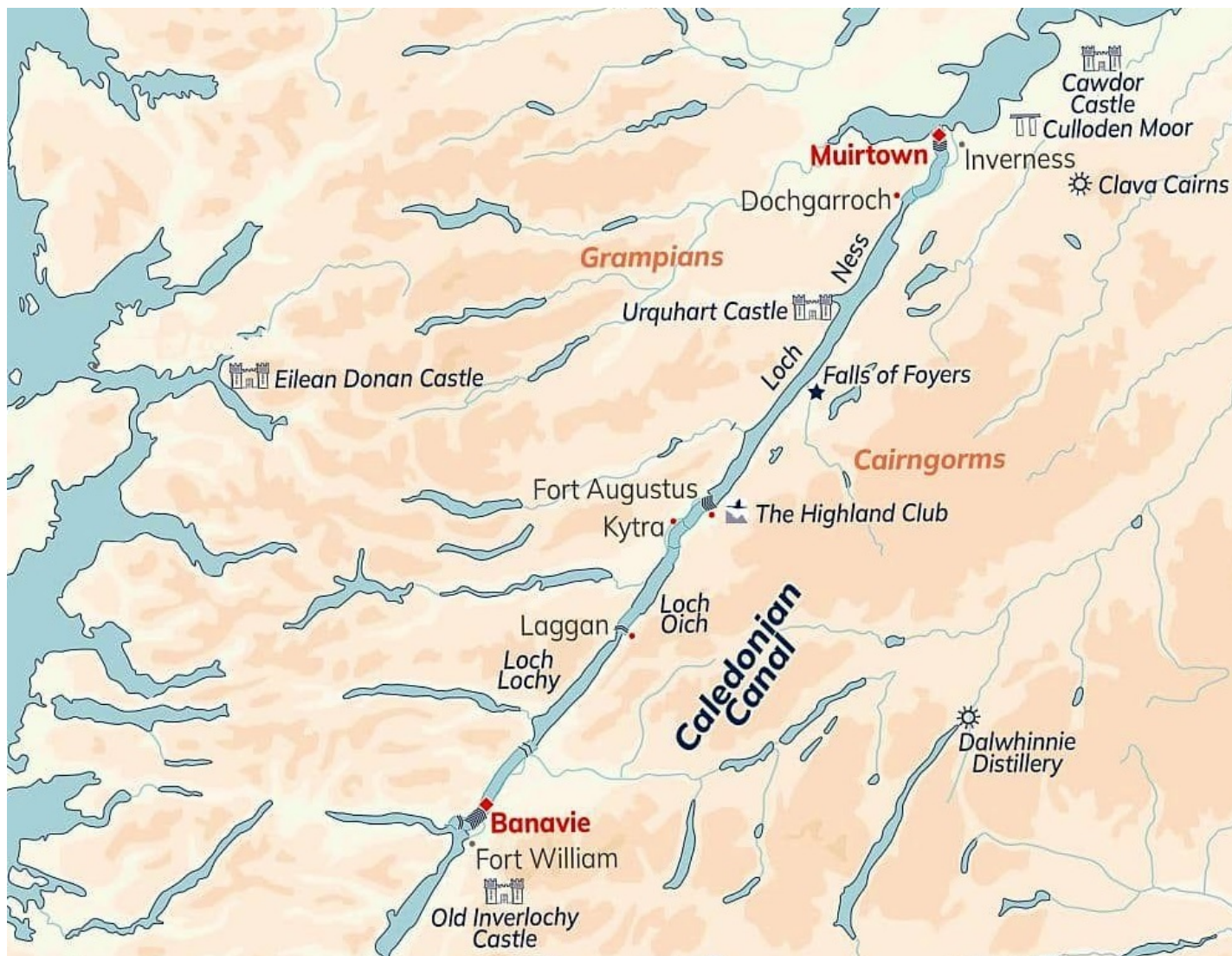
Barge Cruising

Scottish Highlander has the atmosphere of a comfortable Country House with subtle use of tartan furnishings and landscape paintings, a reminder of the spectacular surroundings to be seen on your voyage through the Great Glen.

Highlights

- Tour of the renowned Dalwhinnie Distillery with a private whisky tasting
- Visit **Eilean Donan castle**, featured in The World is Not Enough and Highlander
- Tour Cawdor Castle and gardens, home of Shakespeare's Macbeth
- Extraordinary river, canal and loch cruising
- Visit Culloden Moor, scene of the last major battle on British soil in 1746

Scottish Highlander offers the charm of a country house with tartan furnishings and landscape paintings, reflecting the beauty of the Great Glen. At 117 feet long, this spacious barge provides a relaxing cruise through the Scottish Highlands. The elegant saloon features rich wood paneling, large windows, and leather sofas, ideal for enjoying a single malt whisky. Accommodating eight guests in en suite cabins, Scottish Highlander also boasts observation and deck areas for panoramic views. Enjoy traditional Scottish cuisine and explore iconic sites like Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness, and Dalwhinnie Distillery.



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 Beaulie 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.

Dinner

Day 2 Muirtown Dochgarroch

The day begins with a cruise up the Muirtown lock flight and through the Tomnahurich swing bridge, with the option to walk along the River Ness to the hamlet of **Dochgarroch**. After lunch on board, there is a visit to **Cawdor Castle**, famously featured in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Its gardens are ranked among the top 100 in the UK, and the castle houses an impressive collection of tapestries, artwork, and furnishings. The Dowager Countess of Cawdor resides there for part of the year. Dinner is served 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 enroute 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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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Augustus Kytra

After breakfast, visit the private Highland Club, a striking collection of residences set in a former 19th-century Benedictine Monastery. Here, guests enjoy a falconry and birds of prey demonstration (weather dependent) on the banks of Loch Ness,

with the swooping birds against the Highland backdrop providing a truly memorable spectacle. There is time to explore the charming village of Fort Augustus before returning to the barge for lunch on board. The afternoon cruise takes you up the Fort Augustus “flight” and onward to a picturesque mooring at Cullochy. In the evening, a private tutored whisky tasting is held at The Glenmoriston Arms Hotel, followed by dinner in the hotel restaurant.

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Day **5**

Kytra Laggan

This morning's cruise offers the opportunity for a walk along the scenic Loch Oich, with a possible stop for fishing, before continuing along the picturesque Laggan Avenue. As the vessel approaches Laggan, a Highland Piper may provide a stirring performance of traditional Scottish music. After lunch on board, the journey continues through some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery to one of the country's most photographed and well-known castles, Eilean Donan, which has appeared in films such as *Highlander* and James Bond's *The World Is Not Enough*, overlooking three sea lochs. Dinner is served on board.

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EILEAN

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, the tour today takes you to the Dalwhinnie 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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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



EILEAN DONAN

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:

| 2026 Cruise Rates | | |
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| 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 | €5,490 | €6,350 |
| Suite | €6,450 | €7,490 |
| Single Supplement | €2,000 | €2,300 |
| Charter (Whole Barge) | | |
| Charter 6 passengers | €39,700 | €45,800 |
| Charter 7 passengers | €41,100 | €47,400 |
| Charter 8 passengers | €42,500 | €49,000 |
| Departure Dates (Sunday) | Rates | Cruise Region |
| Mar 29; Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 | Value | Scotland - The Caledonian Canal |
| May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jun 7, 14, 21, 28; Jul 5, 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11 | Regular | Scotland - The Caledonian Canal |
| Oct 18th | 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.

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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