
Scotland's Great Glen Hotel Barge Cruise ~ Fort William to Inverness on Scottish Highlander

6 Nights | 3 Rounds | Parties of 8 or Less

PerryGolf is delighted to offer clients an opportunity of cruising the length of Scotland's magnificent Great Glen onboard the beautiful hotel barge **Scottish Highlander**, while playing some of Scotland's finest golf courses. The 8 passenger Scottish Highlander has the atmosphere of a Scottish Country House with subtle use of tartan furnishings and landscape paintings. At 117 feet she is spacious and has every comfort needed for comfortable cruising. On board you will find four en-suite cabins each with a choice of twin or double beds. The experienced crew of four, led by your captain, ensures attention to your every need. Cuisine is traditional Scottish fare, salmon, game, venison and seafood, prepared by your own Master Chef. The open bar is of course well provisioned and in addition to excellent wines is naturally well stocked with a variety of fine Scottish malt whiskies.

The itinerary will take you through the Great Glen on the Caledonian Canal which combines three fresh water lochs, Loch Lochy, Loch Oich, and famous Loch Ness, with sections of delightful man made canals to provide marine navigation for craft cutting right across Scotland amidst some spectacular scenery.

Golf is included at legendary Royal Dornoch and the dramatic and highly regarded Castle Stuart, which was voted best new golf course worldwide in 2009. In addition you will play Traigh Golf Club (meaning 'beach' in Gaelic) set in one of the most beautiful parts of the West Highlands of Scotland with its stunning views to the Hebridean islands of Eigg and Rum, and the Cuillins of Skye. An option also exists to play the delightful Fort Augustus Golf Club right alongside the Caledonian Canal. This really is a unique trip and one that will be long remembered!

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1 (SUNDAY): BANAVIE (FORT WILLIAM)

Guests are met at an agreed point in Inverness and transferred to Scottish Highlander moored at **Banavie** at the southern end of the **Caledonian Canal** in the shadow of Ben Nevis. A Champagne reception awaits and a chance to settle in to your new home. Perhaps time for a walk or cycle along the towpath before your first dinner on board.

Overnight: Scottish Highlander at **Banavie (Fort William)**.

DAY 2 (MONDAY): BANAVIE – LAGGAN LOCKS

This morning, we enjoy a scenic drive to Arisaig to play golf at the 9-hole golf course at **Traigh Golf Club**, a little golfing gem with spectacular views across to the isles of Skye, Rum and Eigg.

NON-GOLFERS: This morning there is the option to join the golfers on the drive to Traigh Golf Club at Arisaig and, whilst they are playing golf, visit the nearby picturesque fishing port of Mallaig. Alternatively, there is a visit to

the **Ben Nevis** visitor center and a mountain gondola trip up the slopes of Britain's eighth highest mountain, **Aonach Mor** to admire the panoramic scenery.

We return for lunch on board and a gentle afternoon cruise northwards along the canal, taking in Moy Bridge, the last hand-operated bridge of its type on the Caledonian Canal and on to Loch Lochy. As we approach, our Highland Piper may be there to greet us with a stirring rendition of traditional Scottish music.

Dinner on board.

Overnight: Scottish Highlander at **Laggan Locks**.

DAY 3 (TUESDAY): LAGGAN LOCKS - FORT AUGUSTUS

Today, our cruise takes us through Loch Oich and to the top of the 'flight', as locals call it, at Fort Augustus. After lunch on board, we again encounter some of Scotland's bloody past as we visit the ruins of **Urquhart Castle** on the shores of the world famous **Loch Ness**. A short film gives the history from St Columba's day up to the present day with a spectacular finish. A gentle drive back will take us to Invermoriston Falls and a chance to see the 'old bridge' designed by Thomas Telford. You may even see a salmon leaping.

Dinner on board.

Overnight: Scottish Highlander at **Fort Augustus**.

DAY 4 (WEDNESDAY): FORT AUGUSTUS

After breakfast, our cruise will take us down the 'flight', as the locals call it, at Fort Augustus and moor opposite the **Benedictine Abbey** at the entrance to Loch Ness. Then, we encounter some of the finest scenery Scotland has to offer as we take a drive to one of Scotland's 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.

Should anyone wish it, in the late afternoon there is the option to play the delightful nine hole **Fort Augustus** golf course, situated right by the banks of the **Caledonian Canal**.

This evening we have dinner ashore at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Scottish Highlander at **Fort Augustus**.

DAY 5 (THURSDAY): FORT AUGUSTUS - DOCHGARROCH

This morning we enjoy a cruise across the famous **Loch Ness** with perhaps a chance of spotting 'Nessie' before passing through Loch Dochfour to moor at the hamlet of Dochgarroch.

Following lunch on board we play **Castle Stuart Golf Club** just outside Inverness. Castle Stuart was voted best new international course worldwide in 2009 and has served as home to the Scottish Open on the European Tour in 2011 and 2012. A truly stunning venue.

NON-GOLFERS: This afternoon we visit **Cawdor Castle**, forever immortalized in Shakespeare's 'Scottish Play', Macbeth. The picturesque gardens have been listed as being 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. Then we visit **Culloden Moor**, scene of the last major battle on British soil in 1746. If there is time, we end our tour at the Clava Cairns, a pre-historic clan chieftain burial site dating back to 2,000 B.C.

Dinner on board.

Overnight: Scottish Highlander at **Dochgarroch**

DAY 6 (FRIDAY): DOCHGARROCH - MUIRTOWN

After breakfast, we take a scenic drive north to play the spectacular **Royal Dornoch Golf Club**, renowned as the world's most northerly championship course. We return to Scottish Highlander for the Captain's farewell dinner on board.

NON-GOLFERS: This morning, our final cruise takes us through the Tomnahurich swing bridge and on through locks to our final mooring at Muirtown, where there will be the opportunity to take a bicycle ride or walk to the sea lock with wonderful views over the Moray and Beaulie Firths.

After lunch we drive through stunning hill scenery to take a closer look at one of Scotland's best known exports, whisky, at the **Glen Ord Distillery**, founded in 1838 on the Black Isle by the Mackenzie's of Ord. A fascinating description of the maturing and ageing process of single and blended malts is followed by our special tasting. Captain's farewell dinner on board.

Overnight: Scottish Highlander at **Muirtown (Inverness)**.

DAY 7 (SATURDAY): MUIRTOWN (INVERNESS)

After breakfast we return you to the meeting point in **Inverness**.

On alternate weeks the cruise sails in the reverse direction. This is a Sample Itinerary and is subject to change.

Golf Schedule

Traigh Golf Club: Arisaig, Scotland



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Castle Stuart Golf Club: Inverness, Scotland

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Royal Dornoch Golf Club: Dochgarroch, Scotland



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