



SCOTLAND

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HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES | LORD OF THE GLENS
OCT 3-15, 2026 | 13 DAYS | 28 MEALS | SMALL GROUP
JOURNEY LEADERS: ALAN AND JENNY INGRAM

Glide past Urquhart Castle on Loch Ness aboard Lord of the Glens. Credit Hebridean Island Cruises.

Embark on a Scottish journey that begins by exploring the heart of the country, stepping into a regal past at the legendary Scone Palace and the 700-year-old Blair Castle. Then, board our intimate vessel for a remarkable cruise along the Caledonian Canal. This passage reveals the wild beauty of the Great Glen, taking you from the mysterious shores of Loch Ness through the scenic locks of Neptune's Staircase to the rugged western coast. The adventure deepens as we visit the sacred Isle of Iona, and ride the famed West Highland Railway over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct. Our journey ends in Scotland's vibrant cultural centres. Discover Glasgow's rich architectural heritage and its world-class Burrell Collection, then walk the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, from the ancient battlements of its magnificent Castle to the opulent halls of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. From tasting fine malt whisky and greeting Highland "coos" to exploring remote islands and historic cities, this itinerary offers an unforgettable, in-depth portrait of Scotland's culture, history, and natural beauty.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO ONLY 25 MEMBERS

Inclusive Features

- 6-night cruise on the Lord of the Glens
- 5 nights first class hotel accommodations as indicated
- 28 meals included as shown in the itinerary (B - 11 breakfasts, L - 7 lunches, D - 10 dinners)
- Services of our journey leaders and local guides
- Guided shore excursions as indicated
- All gratuities and taxes for included services
- Entrances for the following attractions: Scone Palace, Blair Castle, Hairy Coo Safari, Cruise on Loch Lomond, Glengoyne Distillery, Glasgow Cathedral, Burrell Collection, Edinburgh Castle and Palace of Holyroodhouse

Air-Inclusive rates also include:

- Return economy airfare from Canada
- Transfers between airports, hotels and the ship
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

Journey Leaders

We are very pleased to have **Alan** and **Jennifer Ingram** leading this journey to Scotland. Alan has retired from his career as a judge in Ontario and Nunavut, while Jenny continues her part-time medical and advocacy work in senior health care. Through a combination of independent travel, international community service and tour leadership, they have visited more than 90 countries — most recently Antarctica and Europe — and with Craig Travel, destinations such as Portugal, Peru, Iceland, Costa Rica, Norway, Ireland, Indochina and more. They look forward to sharing the stunning scenery, ancient castles, and rich Scottish culture on this adventure with you.



Our Cruise Ship • Lord of the Glens

The Lord of the Glens is a bespoke, small luxury vessel designed specifically for cruising the waterways of Scotland, most notably the Caledonian Canal and the sheltered west coast. Carrying an intimate number of up to 50 guests in 25 cabins, it offers a unique, luxurious atmosphere.

Its design, inspired by the Royal Yacht Britannia, features an elegant, deep blue hull and a classical, warm interior. Guests are greeted by rich mahogany finishes, fine fabrics, and Highland artwork, creating the ambiance of a stately country manor.

Purpose-built for the narrow locks and canals, the Lord of the Glens can traverse routes inaccessible to larger ships. Onboard, facilities include the picture-windowed Robert Louis Stevenson restaurant, two comfortable lounges, a bar, and open Sun Decks perfect for viewing the spectacular Scottish scenery. With gourmet cuisine emphasizing local Scottish produce, and an exceptional crew, the ship provides a highly distinctive and personalized voyage through the heart of the Highlands.



OCT 3, Saturday

DEPART CANADA

Gather in Toronto for our direct flight to Edinburgh.

OCT 4, Sunday

ARRIVE EDINBURGH / PITLOCHRY

Our Scottish adventure begins upon arrival at Edinburgh Airport, where we meet our dedicated guide and coach. From there, we journey into the heart of the country for a welcome lunch at Loch Leven's Larder, a family-run farm shop offering impressive views over the loch. After lunch, step into Scotland's regal past at Scone Palace, the legendary crowning place of Scottish kings such as Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. Explore its opulent halls, view the site that once held the famed Stone of Destiny, and stroll through the beautifully landscaped gardens. If we're lucky, we might even catch a glimpse of the resident albino peacock. As the day winds down, we continue to Pitlochry, a picturesque Victorian town nestled in the Perthshire Highlands, where we'll check into our hotel and gather for dinner. **Westlands of Pitlochry (1 night) LD**

OCT 5, Monday INVERNESS / EMBARKATION

This morning, step into Blair Castle, ancestral home of the Atholl family, for over 700 years. Wander through magnificent rooms, from the weapons-filled Entrance Hall to the historic Tapestry Room, showcasing intricate wall hangings. If time allows, explore the grounds, from the walled Hercules Garden to the towering trees of Diana's Grove. Next, traverse the breathtaking Cairngorms National Park, pausing for lunch at The Rothiemurchus Centre. Here, a ranger introduces us to the region's famous Highland cattle on a Hairy Coo Safari, set against the stunning Spey Valley. End the day by boarding your ship at Invergordon Port, where cabins await and the welcome reception and dinner set the tone for the journey aboard the **Lord of the Glens** (6 nights). BLD



Duart Castle, Scotland

OCT 6, Tuesday INVERNESS / FORT AUGUSTUS

Feel history come alive this morning at Culloden, the infamous battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces met their final defeat in 1746. Nearby, the ancient stones of Clava Cairns whisper secrets from a much earlier time. From there, we trade land for water, setting sail along the famous Caledonian Canal, an engineering marvel carved through the Great Glen in the early 1800s. Our cruise glides into the legendary waters of Loch Ness, where the ruins of Urquhart Castle rise dramatically on its shore. As the day unfolds, we ascend a series of locks into the charming village of Fort Augustus, a place rich in history and Highland spirit, where we will rest for the night. BLD



A perfect photo op—picturesque Tobermory. Credit Hebridean Island Cruises.

OCT 7, Wednesday FORT AUGUSTUS / CORPACH

We sail into Loch Oich, the highest point of the canal, embraced by tranquil Highland scenery, before drifting through the tree-lined splendour of Laggan Avenue — often hailed as one of the most picturesque stretches of the journey. From there, we cross Loch Lochy and continue on to Banavie, where Ben Nevis towers above us in all its glory. Here comes a true highlight as we descend Neptune's Staircase, eight perfectly engineered locks that carry us gracefully down to sea level at Corpach. In the afternoon, the adventure shifts to rail as we board the West Highland Railway Line. The train winds through misty glens and across the magnificent Glenfinnan Viaduct, its curve soaring above Loch Shiel, a scene every Harry Potter fan will recognize in an instant. BLD



Adventure unfolds aboard the Lord of the Glens. Credit Hebridean Island Cruises.

OCT 8, Thursday CORPACH / TOBERMORY

The day unfolds on tranquil waters as we sail into Loch Linnhe, where Castle Stalker stands proudly on its tiny island—a scene straight out of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Our voyage then winds through the Sound of Mull towards Tobermory, the island's postcard-perfect capital. Its rainbow of Georgian facades greets us warmly, each one adding to the town's storybook charm. The afternoon is yours to explore its cheerful streets, cozy shops, and welcoming cafés at your own pace. BLD

OCT 9, Friday CRAIGNURE / ISLE OF IONA

Our journey carries us to Craignure on the Isle of Mull, and from there, across shimmering waters to the sacred Isle of Iona. Known as the cradle of Christianity in Scotland, it was here that St. Columba's mission took root, and generations of kings were laid to rest. Take time to soak in the island's quiet beauty and explore the beautifully restored Benedictine Abbey, a timeless symbol of faith and tranquility. BLD

OCT 10, Saturday DUART CASTLE / OBAN

Today we visit Duart Castle, the historic home of Clan Maclean, loyal supporters of the Jacobite cause. Discover its commanding position on a high crag at the end of the peninsula, a location chosen to control the Sound of Mull



Navigating Scotland's Caledonian Canal. Credit Hebridean Island Cruises.

and the channel to the mainland. Finally, we sail to Oban, the 'gateway of the isles'. Enjoy a walking tour of the town and the impressive McCaig's Folly, which dominates the skyline. Tonight, we gather for our dinner onboard. BLD

OCT 11, Sunday DISEMBARK / LOCH LOMOND

After breakfast, we disembark in Oban and travel toward the beautiful banks of Loch Lomond. There, we'll board a one-hour cruise across the tranquil waters surrounded by awe-inspiring mountains. Admire sweeping views of Ben Lomond and the stately homes that grace the shoreline. Our journey also takes us to the intriguing Inchmurrin Island, the largest on the loch and once a refuge for Robert the Bruce before he became King of Scotland. Afterwards, we continue to our hotel for the night.

Macdonald Forest Hills Hotel & Spa (2 nights) B

OCT 12, Monday HIGHLANDS

Explore the art of whisky making at Glengoyne Distillery. Renowned for its unhurried process, see how this fine single malt Scotch whisky has been crafted since 1833, from slow distillation to careful maturation in hand-selected oak casks. To complete the experience, we enjoy a tasting of their rich, complex whiskies. This afternoon, prepare for an exhilarating 4x4 adventure into the rugged hills above Loch Lomond. Led by passionate, kilted guides, we board powerful Land Rover Defenders to navigate challenging off-road terrain, pausing at scenic stops for stunning views. Back at our hotel we shall enjoy a special Thanksgiving dinner with new friends. BD

OCT 13, Tuesday GLASGOW

Our day in Glasgow begins at the Glasgow Cathedral. Explore its sacred crypt, the pristine Blackadder Aisle, and see its extraordinary stained glass windows. Following our visit, a panoramic tour introduces you to more of the city. Drive by the Victorian Necropolis, a fascinating hillside cemetery, and continue to George Square, the grand civic centre. The tour also highlights the University of Glasgow, founded in the 15th century, where you can see the historic cloisters that once welcomed scholars like Adam Smith. This afternoon we visit the world-renowned Burrell Collection. This gift from shipping magnate Sir William Burrell features over 8,000 works of art.

Macdonald Inchyra Hotel & Spa (2 nights) BD

OCT 14, Wednesday EDINBURGH

Today is dedicated to Scotland's capital, starting at the iconic Edinburgh Castle. Crowning the city atop a volcanic crag, this breathtaking fortress was once home to Mary Queen of Scots and King James VI. A walking tour of the Old Town takes us to The Vennel for the dramatic castle shots, the Royal Mile, the historic charm of White Horse Close and the opulent Palace of Holyroodhouse. This evening, we travel to the historic town of Linlithgow for a special farewell dinner at Mason Belles Kitchen, a charming, family-run restaurant celebrated for its creative, locally inspired Scottish cuisine. BD

OCT 15, Thursday EDINBURGH / CANADA

All too soon, our Scottish journey comes to an end. Transfer to the Edinburgh Airport for your flight home. B

CT Rating 3/5 - Challenging: This journey involves a moderate amount of walking, often over varied terrain such as the cobblestone streets found in Europe's historic cities. On board and during shore excursions, you may need to navigate stairs and occasional steep steps. To fully enjoy all that this tour has to offer, participants should be in good physical condition and comfortable walking for up to a few kilometres, sometimes on uneven surfaces. Some activities will include 4x4 rides over rough country roads.

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise / Tour Only	\$9,215
Toronto	\$10,695
Ottawa / Montreal	\$10,925
Halifax / St. John's / Fredericton	\$11,025
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$11,025
Saskatoon / Regina	\$11,095
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$10,995
Victoria.....	\$11,095
Single Supplement for category one, inquire for others.....	\$3,395

Rates are per person based on sharing a category one cabin (twin portholes) on James Watt Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details.

Supplement to Upgrade to Higher Category

Category/Description/Deck	Sharing Twin
Cat Two (Picture Window, David Roberts Deck).....	\$755
Cat Three (Picture Window, David Roberts Deck)	\$1,515
Cat Three (Picture Window, Alexander G. Bell Deck)...	\$1,515

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking - book early for best choice. See deck plan for more information on available staterooms. Singles are extremely limited and on request. Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective November 2025 and are subject to change. This cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 15 travellers.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window - please contact our staff to receive a quote. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

The first deposit of \$900 per person is due at time of booking

The second \$900 deposit is due on April 1, 2026

Final payment is due on June 25, 2026

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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Important Travel Information: U.K. ETA

Starting in late 2026, Canadian citizens travelling to Scotland will need to complete a U.K. Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). This is not a visa, but a pre-travel security screening required for visa-exempt visitors entering. The cost is about £16 and is each traveller's responsibility. For details and to apply, visit the official ETA website well before departure (www.gov.uk/eta).