

Scotland's Highlands and Islands Aboard Lord of the Glens

Experience mystical landscapes dotted with medieval castles and ancient churches on a voyage through Scotland's Highlands and Inner Hebrides islands. Sail the Caledonian Canal through the heart of the Highlands aboard *Lord of the Glens*, an intimate ship purpose-built for this journey, and navigate the country's coastal waters, calling on villages seldom seen by outside travelers. Trace the region's compelling history on visits to battlefields, fortresses and ancient tombs. Cruise Loch Ness, descend through the intricate lock system of Neptune's Staircase, and explore serene hills and harbors.

From
A$ 18,214 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES
May, Jun, Jul and Aug

DURATION
8 Days

SHIPS
Lord of the Glens

STARTS AT
Inverness, Scotland

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ENDS AT
Kyle of Lochalsh, Scotland

Highlights

- Sail through the heart of Scotland via the Caledonian Canal, and explore remote and unspoiled islands of the Inner Hebrides.
- Stroll across the battlefield at Culloden—where Bonnie Prince Charlie was dramatically defeated in 1746—and discover Clava Cairns, a Bronze Age circular chamber tomb
- Hike through stunning scenery in Glenfinnan or kayak on picturesque Loch Linnhe beside the towering grandeur of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain
- Visit Armadale Castle, Eilean Donan Castle, and explore the medieval ruins and burial ground of Iona Abbey—where Macbeth is buried








Inverness
Loch Ness
Kyle of Lochalsh
Fort Augustus
Armadale
Inverie
Glenfinnan
Coprach
Tobermory
Loch Linnhe
Isle of Mull
Oban
Iona
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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Inverness, Scotland / Embark Ship

Arrive in Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands, and embark *Lord of the Glens* this afternoon. Enjoy a reception and welcome dinner onboard, followed by traditional Scottish music by local musicians.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 4:00 p.m. local time.
Arrival City: Inverness, Scotland

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

Culloden / Clava Cairns / Loch Ness / Fort Augustus

Visit Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces met defeat in an infamous 1746 battle that had decisive consequences for life in the Highlands. See the Bronze Age standing stones and tombs of Clava Cairns before setting sail on the Caledonian Canal, built in the early 1800s to connect disparate lochs that thread across the Great Glen. Traverse Loch Ness, steeped in monstrous legend, then ascend impressive locks to moor at Fort Augustus village, where an evening hike or bike ride awaits.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

Laggan Locks / Corpach / Glenfinnan

Continue along the Caledonian Canal, crossing the second loch of your voyage and gliding along a tree-lined canal known as Laggan Avenue, then onward across picturesque Lochs Oich and Lochy before descending Neptune's Staircase—eight interconnected locks that drop 64 feet to the sea loch at Corpach. Opt for a drive to spectacularly scenic Glenfinnan, where the Jacobite rising began in 1745. Spend some time on the shores of Loch Shiel, where you'll see the Glenfinnan Monument, erected to commemorate the historic 18th century event, and the famous 21-arch viaduct constructed in 1898. Alternatively, kayak along peaceful Loch Linnhe with Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, as your backdrop.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

◇ DAY 4

Loch Linnhe / Oban

Sail through Loch Linnhe to reach Oban, a lively town whose name is revered in whisky circles. Scope out the panoramic Oban Bay views from McCaig's Folly, a hilltop monument with inner gardens whose circular design and arches mimic the Colosseum. Aboard the ship this evening, enjoy a special, private whisky tasting of Oban Distillery's renowned scotch whisky.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Isle of Mull / Iona / Duart Castle / Craignure

Having reached Atlantic waters and the Hebrides, disembark for a drive across the Isle of Mull and ferry-crossing to Iona, a picturesque island long revered as a Christian pilgrimage site. Stroll through St. Oran's Chapel and the royal cemetery where Scottish kings—including the actual Macbeth—are buried.

Back on Mull, tour Duart Castle, home and stronghold of Clan MacLean for the past eight centuries with the dungeons to prove it. Members of the local Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT), a partner of National Geographic-Lindblad

Expeditions, will join you on board for the evening. The HWDT team is always thrilled to share their efforts to protect marine life in these waters, shedding light on citizen science opportunities during your voyage, and recounting why whales and dolphins have been so culturally significant in this region since the Iron Age.

Meals included: breakfast, dinner, lunch

◇ DAY 6

Tobermory / Inverie

Explore Tobermory and its surroundings this morning before departing for the off-grid village of Inverie, home to fewer than 100 souls and incredible views. As you travel north along the coast, you'll enjoy the scenic views and stunning geology of the Isle of Eigg. Among the possible sightings at sea: Atlantic seals, minke and humpback whales, dolphins, harbor porpoises and Manx shearwaters. Once in Inverie, you'll embrace nature through a photographic lens and pay a visit to the community-owned and operated Old Forge, the most remote pub in the British Isles. Chat with Inverie's residents over a pint of local ale, or head out on a coastal or inland bog walk.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

Armadale / Kyle of Lochalsh

Before departing Inverie this morning, opt for a morning plunge to start off your day rejuvenated. Set sail for Armadale, where you'll visit the Museum of the Isles and trace the legacy of the 1,300-year-old Clan MacDonald—the Lords of the Isles who once ruled the west coast of Scotland. Survey the ruins of Armadale Castle, the MacDonald's ancestral home, and ramble through its beautiful woodlands and gardens. Sail onward to Kyle of Lochalsh for spectacular coastal and mountain views on a guided walk. Or explore Eilean Donan Castle, a one-of-a-kind landmark stacked on a tidal island at the confluence of three lochs. Celebrate your adventures at a farewell dinner this evening.

Meals included: breakfast, dinner, lunch

■ DAY 8

Kyle of Lochalsh / Disembark Ship / Inverness

Following breakfast on board, disembark in Kyle of Lochalsh for a scenic Highlands drive to Inverness airport for your return flight home.

Departure Time: Depart after 12:00 p.m. local time.
Departure City: Inverness, Scotland

Meals included: breakfast

Westbound

Inverness, Scotland → Kyle of Lochalsh, Scotland

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Lord of the Glens*

07 Jun				



Lord of the Glens

GUESTS	CABINS
48	25

Life aboard *Lord of the Glens* feels like a cross between relaxing in a stately country manor and taking a voyage aboard a private yacht.

Lord of the Glens is a spectacularly unique ship. She was built for one purpose—to fit through the network of locks and canals that cut through the heart of the Scottish Highlands. So, she is the only ship of her kind that is able to offer a voyage through the Caledonian Canal, which connects the North Sea to the Atlantic and goes through the very heart of the Scottish Highlands. Add to that her ability to navigate the coastline and venture to the islands of the Inner Hebrides and you have the basis for a singularly unique and striking expedition.

Life aboard *Lord of the Glens* feels like a cross between relaxing in a stately country manor and taking a voyage aboard a private yacht with friends. It is the perfect way to explore the Scottish countryside. She is paneled in polished wood, with teak decks, offering gourmet cuisine, and exceptional personal service. *Lord of the Glens* is small enough to come alongside daily in charming locations and to moor overnight in small welcoming communities such as the fishing village of Inverie which, although on the Scottish mainland, has no access by road with any other community in Scotland.

The ship is outfitted with bicycles and even kayaks on National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions voyages, allowing guests to pedal into these small towns and explore the countryside at a leisurely pace, or have a unique opportunity to kayak in Loch Ness.







Cabin Categories

Category 1

ROBERTS DECK **#209, 211, 212**

Cabins feature two single beds (#209) or a double bed (#211, 212), and each has a picture window. Each cabin offers air conditioning and heating controls, a writing table and stool and a satellite TV.

WATT DECK **#106**

Cabins feature two portholes and a double bed or two single beds. Each cabin offers air conditioning and heating controls, a writing table and stool and a satellite TV.



Category 2

BELL DECK **#301-306**

Cabins feature a picture window and two single beds. Each cabin offers air conditioning and heating controls, a writing table and stool, and a satellite TV.

ROBERTS DECK **#201-208, 210, 214, 216-217**

Cabins feature a picture window and two twin beds. Each cabin offers air Deck conditioning and heating controls, a writing table and stool and a satellite TV.



Category 2 Solo

ROBERTS DECK **#218-219**

Solo cabins feature a double bed and picture window. Each cabin offers air conditioning and Deck heating controls, a writing table and stool and a satellite TV.

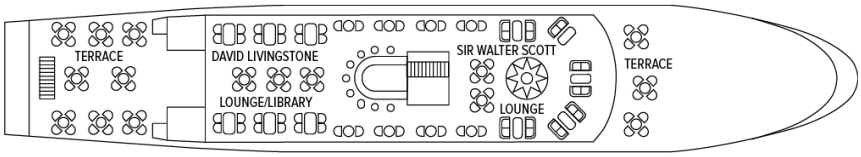


Shared Accommodations:

Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rates in Categories 1 and 2.

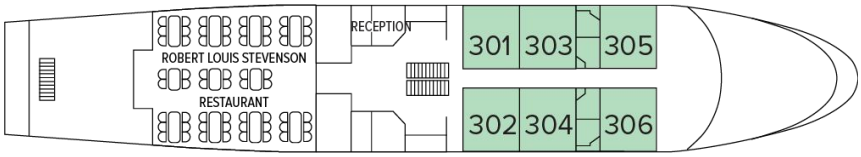
Deck Plans

Telford Deck



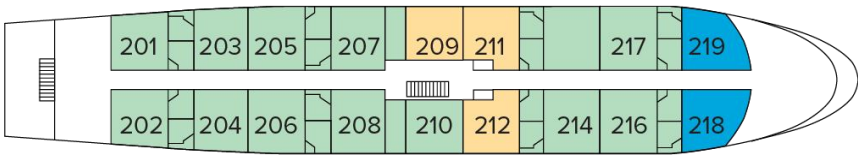
Bell Deck

- Category 2



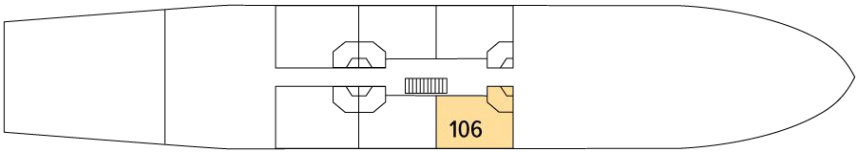
Roberts Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 2 Solo



Watt Deck

- Category 1



Ship Amenities

Public Areas

With exterior teak decks, hardwood finished interiors, and fine fabrics, Lord of the Glens offers a stylish and relaxing ambience. The two lounges and two open-air viewing areas are social hubs aboard ship. There is a bar, and space to read books from the library.



Meals

Meals are served in the dining room or sometimes outdoors, in a single, unassigned seating with a sociable, informal atmosphere. Meals focus on healthy cuisine including fresh Scottish poultry, trout, and other options.



Cabins

26 outside cabins. All cabins face outside with either a window or portholes. Each cabin is equipped with a bathrobe, hairdryer, radio system, mini-safe, telephone, Trouser Press and television.

Expedition Equipment

Explore the country roads and small towns by bicycle, and use kayaks for a personal foray into Loch Ness.



Special Features

There is complimentary Wi-Fi on board and a computer in the reception area. *Lord of the Glens* is the only ship of its kind able to both navigate the locks of the Caledonian Canal and sail among the islands of the Inner Hebrides. She offers us the unique ability to explore both the Highlands and the fabled Scottish isles.

Special Offers

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

All accommodations aboard ship per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as kayaks and bicycles; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; Wi-Fi; complimentary reusable water bottle; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); services of an onboard physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; private transfers; laundry and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non- refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

CANCELLATION POLICY

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