

# Scotland - Loch Ness and the Caledonia Canal

11 days / 10 nights

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**Travel on your own boat !**

**River Cruise – No permit  
or experience needed**

Boating on the Caledonian Canal is a unique way  
to see Scotland's wilderness.

The Highlands provide a backdrop of incredible  
beauty for your boating holidays in Scotland. During  
your Caledonian canal cruise, much of your time  
will be spent on lakes (lochs) nestled in the rugged  
valleys along the Great Glen, a geologic fault line  
that shaped the landscape of the region. Hilltop  
castles, quiet waterside towns, lake resorts, cozy  
pubs and rich, melodic bagpipes.

The perfect boating region for...



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### Nature Lovers

Nature trails around the lochs reveal an abundance of wildlife. Amidst the pines you might observe crossbill, redstart, tree pipit, golden eagles, peregrines and songbirds. Keep an eye out for red deer and fox which also live along the Caledonian Canal. Saddle up for some horseback riding at Drumnadrochit.



### Fishing

Picture yourself gliding along Loch Ness surrounded by majestic mountains as you fish for the elusive salmon, or perhaps the fighting Ferrox trout. Pike, charr and other fish lurk beneath the waters of the Caledonian Canal. Break out the rod on angling holidays in Scotland.

### History & Heritage

Perched atop craggy cliffs, Urquhart Castle in Drumnadrochit is a must-see! In Fort Augustus, spend some time in the Caledonian Canal Visitor Centre museum learning about the history and heritage of the canal, then why not pop over to the Clansman Centre for Scottish lore!

### Golf

Golf lovers will be interested to know that the sport originated in Scotland during the Middle Ages, so it's not surprising that Caledonian Canal golf breaks are extremely popular! The Castle Stuart Golf Links, Loch Ness Golf Course and the Inverness Golf Club are in Inverness, and the Fort Augustus Golf Club is on the canal.

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### Day 1 : Edinburgh

After arriving at the Edinburgh Airport and collecting your luggage, meet your driver in the arrivals area for your transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight: 3\* Holiday Inn Express Edinburgh City Centre or similar**



### Day 2 : Edinburgh

After breakfast this morning, take advantage of your Hop-on/Hop-off Edinburgh Bus Pass to explore the city. What better way to start your bus tour journey than at St Andrew Square and enjoy the ride as you drive to some of the finest, culture-rich destinations in Edinburgh. Experience the great historic marketplace; Grassmarket, located right in the middle of Edinburgh's Old Town. Hop off to learn all about the history of Edinburgh in the National Museum of Scotland on famous Chambers Street.

Next on the agenda is John Knox House, a magnificent medieval building dating back all the way to the 15th century. Fancy a stroll while you're visiting? We recommend you hop off and take a walk along Canongate, where you'll see some glorious buildings, or at Holyrood, where you can roam around the royal park and visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse. If you love all about science, then you don't want to miss Our Dynamic Earth!



Keep your camera ready for great pictures as you drive by the most iconic corners on the city and hop off as soon as you spot something you would like to explore further. You can hop back on at any time!

**Overnight: 3\* Holiday Inn Express Edinburgh City Centre or similar**

### Day 3 : Edinburgh

This morning your adventure starts with a train ride from Edinburgh to Fort William and Le Boat Base to pick-up your boat at 4pm.

Once all relevant paperwork has been completed, you will be taken to your boat where you will be shown how everything on the boat works from the heating, hot water to the gas oven and kitchen appliances. You will also be given a boat handling demonstration so that you and the other guests are able to take the boat out on the water and practice steering and manoeuvring under the guidance and supervision of one of Le Boat team.

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### Day 3 to day 10: Cruising the Caledonian Canal

So long as you return your boat to your end base by the date you have booked – you are free to enjoy your cruise however you like. For a comfortable pace, allowing you time to regularly stop and explore, we would recommend an average of 2 - 4 hours cruising each day.

### Day 10 : Laggan - Edinburgh

Your time on the Caledonian Canal has come to a close as the boat must be returned to the base by 9am today. After completing the paperwork at Le Boat office, you will be transferred back to London.

**Overnight: 3\* Holiday Inn Express Edinburgh City Centre or similar**

### Day 11 : Edinburgh

You bid Scotland farewell as you are transferred to Edinburgh Airport for your flight home.

### The package includes:

- Private transfers from Edinburgh Airport
- 3 night's in a 3\* hotel in Edinburgh with breakfast
- 48-hour Hop-on/Hop-off Edinburgh Bus Pass
- One-way train from Edinburgh hotel to Fort William Le Boat Base
- 7-night boat rental as chosen
- Mooring fees
- Silver Bundle Package (30 hours boat fuel/wear and tear time, CDW Insurance reduction amount)
- End of Boat Cleaning
- Bike Rental – maximum 2 adults
- Private transfer for Fort William Le Boat Base to Edinburgh Hotel
- Private transfer from hotel to Edinburgh Airport



### The package does not include:

- Tips
- Meals unless mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Fuel deposit of GBP 225 required by Le Boat
- CDW Excess of GBP 250 held against your credit card (but refundable if Le Boat conditions are met)

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