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SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

Selected as a National Geographic Traveler magazine "Tour of a Lifetime" for its authenticity, immersion, sustainability, and connection, our Highlands and Islands expedition offers the most encompassing way to explore Scotland. The highlights and seldom-seen Scotland The only expedition of its kind, you'll explore Scotland as few people have on an encompassing and enchanting voyage. Purpose-built for these waters, our gracious ship, Lord of the Glens is able to fit through narrow canals and stepped locks in the heart of the country and also navigate among the islands and their small communities along the coast. The result is a panoramic voyage, a rare expedition that offers an immersive, in-depth experience at a comfortable pace. See what it's like. Experience the sweep of history You'll walk among ancient stone monuments, weave your way through ruins of fantastic castles, and stroll through a sacred abbey. Learn the legacy of 1,300-year-old clans and visit the cemetery of Scottish monarchs. Experience the charm of modern Scotland through live music on board and a special visit to the tiny Isle of Eigg, home to about 90 souls. Your cultural experiences. Travel in excellent company Explore under the sure guidance of a veteran expedition leader, a historian, and a naturalist. Their knowledge and passion for Scotland is the key to your once-in-a-lifetime experience.



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DAY 1: Inverness

Arrive in Inverness, and embark Lord of the Glens to the strains of a highland piper. Tonight, enjoy a reception and dinner on board while docked in Inverness. (D)

DAY 2: Culloden/Clava Cairns/Loch Ness

Following an optional morning walk, visit Culloden, the infamous battlefield where "Bonnie" Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces were

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defeated in 1746, and then see the ancient standing stones of Clava Cairns. Set sail this afternoon on the Caledonian Canal, built between 1803 and 1822 to connect Loch Ness with the Great Glen's three other lochs. Enter Loch Ness, cruise past the romantic ruins of Urquhart Castle, and learn about the legendary monster said to inhabit the loch. Moor this evening at Fort Augustus. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Laggan Locks/Banavie/Glenfinnan

Ascend an impressive flight of locks that runs through the heart of Fort Augustus. Glide along the tree-lined canal known as Laggan Avenue, or hike or bike along the towpath and rejoin the ship at the first lock. Depart Laggan Locks and sail into Loch Lochy. Follow the canal to the town of Banavie, nestled in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Great Britain's highest mountain. In the afternoon we travel to beautiful Glenfinnan, surrounded by mountains, where there are fine walking options. From Glenfinnan we'll see the West Highland railway line's renowned viaduct, made famous in Harry Potter movies. Welcome local musicians on board for a lively evening of music and song. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: Loch Linnhe/Oban

Lord of the Glens descends Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks, and continues through Loch Linnhe to the town of Oban, set on a picturesque bay on the Firth of Lorn. We'll have time to explore this lively town on foot, visiting a whisky distillery and McCaig's Tower, a monument on a hill overlooking the town and bay that was inspired by the Roman Colosseum. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Sound of Mull / Duart Castle / Iona / Tobermory

This morning we sail to the Isle of Mull, in the Inner Hebrides. Visit photogenic Duart Castle, an impressive fortress (with a dungeon!). Drive across Mull, then cross to Iona by ferry to explore this picturesque island. Visit the medieval abbey ruins and the rebuilt abbey church, and learn about the ecumenical movement based there. Stroll through St. Oran's Chapel and the royal graveyard where generations of Scottish kings are buried, and enjoy a brief walking tour of Iona. Continue on to the picturesque town of Tobermory, with time in the evening to explore this colorful place if you wish. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: Tobermory/Isle of Eigg or Isle of Rum/Inverie

This morning, explore Tobermory's lively quayside on your own or on a walk led by our staff. Then we sail north to tiny Eigg, catching glimpses of the islands of the Inner Hebrides along the way. At Eigg you can get a sense of what life is like for the roughly 90 people who live on this island community. Look for marine animals and birdlife, including Atlantic seals, minke whales, dolphins, porpoises and a variety of seabirds. Alternatively, we may visit the Isle of Rum, renowned for spectacular Kinloch Castle. Then sail to the tiny village of Inverie, where you can have a drink at the most remote pub in the British Isles. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Isle of Skye

We sail from Inverie this morning, and spend the day on the Isle of Skye. At the Museum of the Isles, trace the legacy of the 1,300-year-old Clan Donald, the Lords of the Isles, who once ruled the west coast of Scotland, and take a walk through the woodlands in Armadale. You'll then take a guided walk in the Cuillin Hills (weather permitting) amid some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery. Those who prefer not to hike can explore Eilean Donan Castle and the charming village of Plockton.



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Celebrate your Scottish voyage at a farewell dinner on board.
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DAY 8: Kyle of Lochalsh/Inverness

Disembark in Kyle of Lochalsh and drive to Inverness for homeward bound flights. (B)

Please Note:

All day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Until recently, size-limiting locks prevented travelers from seeing the Highlands from the remarkable vantage point of the inland waterway that links Scotland's most famous lochs. Now, with the style of a classic luxury yacht, the 48-guest Lord of the Glens journeys through this spectacular countryside in spectacular style. The moment you step aboard the Lord of the Glens you are surrounded by the rich mahogany finishes of the reception area and lobby. The ship is magnificently appointed and brings to mind that one is in a stately country manor rather than a five-star ship. Cabins: Cabins are tasteful, comfortable and spacious with wonderful outside views. Most cabins have large picture windows (four have two large portholes). Facilities include a private bathroom with shower, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, satellite television, music system, hairdryer, telephone, safety deposit box, bathrobes and toiletries. Public Areas: With all round teak decks, hardwood finished interiors and fine fabrics, the Lord of the Glens offers a stylish and relaxing ambience. The two lounges and two open-air viewing areas are social hubs aboard ship, and the small library and cozy bar are a refuge for the more solitary. Meals: Served in the elegant single-seating Dining Room. Chefs create healthy,

delicious cuisine served by an



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