

CLYDE MARINE SERVICES LTD

6-DAY 'ROYAL ROUTE' HIGHLAND TOUR

THURSDAY 26TH APRIL – TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2012

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR CRUISE

Accommodation

The sailing schedule has been arranged to allow passengers to base themselves at Fort William on the nights of Thursday 26th April, Friday 27th April, Sunday 29th April, Monday 30th April and at Inverness on the night of Saturday 28th April.

Details of various local accommodation providers can be found as follows:

- Visit Scotland brochure for 'The Highlands' (available on-line at www.visitscotland.com)
- Visit Scotland website – www.visitscotland.com
- Tourist information Centre – Fort William 0845 22 55 121
Inverness 01463 252 401
- Visit Fort William website – www.visit-fortwilliam.co.uk
- Visit Highlands website – www.visithighlands.com

Catering

The following shopping options will allow the purchase of sandwiches etc on each day of the tour.

Date	Location	Name	Hours	Address
Friday 27 th April	Fort William	Morrisons Supermarket	0800 – 2100	An Aird Road
		Nevis Bakery	0800 - 1700	49 High Street
Saturday 28 th April	Fort Augustus	MacVeans	0800 – 2000	Canalside
		SPAR (Great Glen Trading Centre)	0800 - 2000	Main Road
Sunday 29 th April	Inverness	Large selection of supermarkets and shops		
Monday 30 th April	Fort Augustus	As above		

Onboard Catering

Light Breakfast

Tea/coffee, 2 slices of wholemeal toast and selection of Scottish conserves £3.00

Light Lunch

Cup-a-Soup and Nevis Bakery packed lunch ^{**}(2 filled rolls or 2 wholemeal sandwiches, carton of fruit juice, fruit and shortbread) £6.00

Afternoon Tea

Tea/coffee, scone and selection of Scottish conserves £3.00

^{**} Packed lunches must be pre-ordered at the time of booking. A full list of sandwich fillings is attached.

Shore Visits

Friday 27th April

- 1515 (approx) Invergarry Pontoon for visit to Invergarry Castle ruins (time and weather permitting).
Built on Creagan an Fhithich, the Rock of the Raven, the ruins of this 17th century Castle are impressive. Built by the MacDonalds of Glengarry in the early 1600s, it was burnt to the ground by Cromwellian forces in 1654. Later re-fortified, this L-plan tower of five or six storeys was visited twice by Bonnie Prince Charlie and subsequently blown up by his enemy, the Duke of Cumberland. Walking distance from the Pontoon to the Castle is about 180m.
- 1545 (approx) Aberchalder Swing Bridge for visit to Bridge of Oich Suspension Bridge.
The Bridge of Oich, an early suspension bridge, was built over the River Oich, close to Loch Oich. It was one part of the road network through the wilderness of north Scotland. Opened in 1854, it was built by James Dredge using a sophisticated design of double cantilevered chain with massive granite arches to either end. It is a wooden decked bridge and has been disused by traffic since 1932. It is a scheduled Ancient Monument.

Saturday 28th April

- 0900-1030 As the vessel progresses down the flight of locks at Fort Augustus, passengers will have the opportunity to disembark and visit the following attractions:
(i) Caledonian Canal Visitor Centre
(ii) The Clansman Centre (entrance fee applies)
- 1035-1045 Fort Augustus Steamer Pier
Opened in 1903, the Pier formed the terminus from the line to Spean Bridge and was used by the various steamers that would have sailed on Loch Ness at that time.
- 1152-1207 Foyers Pier
A brief 15 minute photographic stop will be made at the former steamer pier at Foyers on the east side of Loch Ness.
- 1254-1324 Urquhart Bay Harbour
Located adjacent to the former steam pier at Temple on the west shore of Loch Ness, we will remain alongside for half an hour. During this time there will be a 15 minute talk by the former Temple Piermaster, providing details on the history of the area and the Pier.

Sunday 29th April

- 1221-1251 Urquhart Bay Harbour
Located adjacent to the former steam pier at Temple on the west shore of Loch Ness, we will remain alongside for half an hour. During this time there will be a 15 minute talk by the former Temple Piermaster, providing details on the history of the ? of the Pier.
- 1333-1403 Foyers Pier
A brief 15 minute photographic stop will be made at the former steamer pier at Foyers on the east side of Loch Ness.
- 1510-1525 Fort Augustus Steamer Pier
Opened in 1903, the Pier formed the terminus from the line to Spean Bridge and was used by the various steamers that would have sailed on Loch Ness at that time.
- 1530-1700 As the vessel progresses up the flight of locks at Fort Augustus, passengers will have the opportunity to disembark and visit the following attractions:

- (i) Caledonian Canal Visitor Centre
- (ii) The Clansman Centre (entrance fee applies)

Shore Visits (cont)

Monday 30th April

1035-1050

Aberchalder Swing Bridge for visit to Bridge of Oich Suspension Bridge.

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Local Bus Services on Friday 27th April

A local bus service is operated by Stagecoach between Fort William and Corpach.

For those passengers wishing to join ROVER as she proceeds up the flight of the locks at Neptune's Staircase, the following services operate:

Dep	Fort William (Middle Street Car Park)	0915	0945
Arr	Corpach (Drumfada Crescent)	0940	1010

Passengers should disembark at Banavie and make their way to the vessel. Please note that we will not wait for any late or suspended bus service.

The route number is 46 and any passengers intending to travel by this service should confirm timings with Stagecoach on 01397 702 373 or www.stagecoachbus.com

Conditions

All Sailings adhere to CMS Conditions of Carriage and are subject to weather and circumstances permitting.

Substitute vessel may be used at any time.

Reduced Mobility Passengers

It is recommended that wheelchair users enquire in advance of any intended sailings. As our vessel was built in 1964, there are no special facilities onboard for disabled passengers