

Steam & Sail in Fort William

15th to 21st September

Discover the beauty of the Scottish west coast on this fabulous holiday, which includes visits to Oban, a circular cruise on Loch Lomond and a ride on Britain's only mountain gondola. However, the highlight of this tour is a return journey on the magnificent Jacobite Steam Train as it puffs away through magnificent scenery.



£757 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £99

What's Included

- ✓ A total of 6 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer & hospitality tray.
- ✓ 1 hour circular cruise on Loch Lomond
- ✓ Return trip on Ben Nevis Gondola
- ✓ Return trip on Jacobite Steam Train
- ✓ Time to explore Fort William & Oban



★★★ GRETNA HALL HOTEL

Gretna Green

Originally built in 1710 as a manor house, the hotel, set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens offers all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a leading contemporary hotel. Free WiFi in rooms.

★★★ ALEXANDRA HOTEL

Fort William

Part of the very fabric of Fort William since 1876, the Alexandra Hotel provides traditional Scottish Hospitality at its best. Free WiFi in public areas.

★★★ HOLIDAY INN

Lancaster

This modern hotel has an indoor swimming pool. Free WiFi in rooms.



Sunday 15 September

Departing Oxted early morning, we drive to Gretna Green and our overnight hotel.

Monday 16 September

Departing after breakfast, we make our way to Balloch where we board a boat for a one hour circular cruise on Loch Lomond, known as the Queen of Scottish Lochs and the largest expanses of fresh water in Great Britain. Following our cruise, we continue northwards to our hotel in Fort William.

Tuesday 17 September

This morning we make the short journey to Nevis Range for a ride on Britain's only mountain gondola, which will transport us from 300ft up to 2150ft on the north face of Aonach Mor, the eighth highest mountain in Britain. Taking 12 - 15 minutes each way, the journey gives us time to absorb the stunning views of the Scottish Highlands, including the Great Glen, Ben Nevis and surrounding areas. On a clear day this spectacular view can extend as far as the Inner Hebrides. Once at the Gondola top station, we shall have time to take in the panoramic views, find out about the wildlife and mountain habitat in the Mountain Discovery Centre or relax with a drink in the bar. Returning to ground level fully refreshed from the clear mountain air, we return to our hotel where we will have the remainder of the day at leisure to explore Fort William.

Wednesday 18 September

After breakfast, we walk approx. 400 yards from the hotel to board the Jacobite Steam Train for a return

journey from Fort William to Mallaig. Described as the greatest railway journey in the world, this 84 mile round trip takes us past a list of impressive extremes. Starting near the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, it visits Britain's most westerly mainland railway station, Arisaig; passes close by the deepest freshwater loch in Britain, Loch Morar and the shortest river in Britain, River Morar, finally arriving next to the deepest seawater loch in Europe, Loch Nevis! We will encounter spectacular and stunning scenery as we travel along the bank of Loch Eil before experiencing the iconic curve of the Glenfinnan Viaduct's magnificent 21 arches, featured in the Harry Potter movies. After enjoying the stark beauty of Lochs Eilt, Ailort and Nan Uamh, we will have spectacular views of the Isle of Skye. We arrive in the fishing village of Mallaig at lunchtime and will have over an hour and a half to walk around the village, take in the atmosphere and explore the shops, bars and restaurants before boarding the train for our return journey.

Thursday 19 September

This morning we take a scenic drive along Loch Linnhe to Oban, the unofficial capital of the West Highlands and 'Gateway to the Isles', where we shall be at leisure to spend the day exploring. The town is compact, with plenty of small galleries and independent stores as well as the centrally-located local distillery, chocolate shop, and museum. High above the town is McCaig's Tower – a granite folly reminiscent of Rome's Coliseum in its circular shape: it's well worth taking a walk up to the tower site to enjoy superb views of the town and bay as well as the gardens inside the tower.

Friday 20 September

After breakfast we depart our hotel and begin our journey home, making stops en route to our overnight hotel at Lancaster.

Saturday 21 September

We continue our journey homewards today, arriving back in Oxted early evening.