

You're safe in our hands

Your host for the week is one of our highly experienced and qualified skippers. There is the mate who is your guide and activity leader, and a bosun who helps crew the barge and run the activities. Between them they have a wide range of outdoor activity skills with qualifications relevant to the holiday you have chosen. On our themed cruises we also have a musician or wildlife specialist on board. Our cook completes the team, preparing sumptuous meals and looking after all things domestic.

We will all take the care to look after your individual needs and ensure your holiday will be everything you hoped for. *...it's everything you want it to be.*



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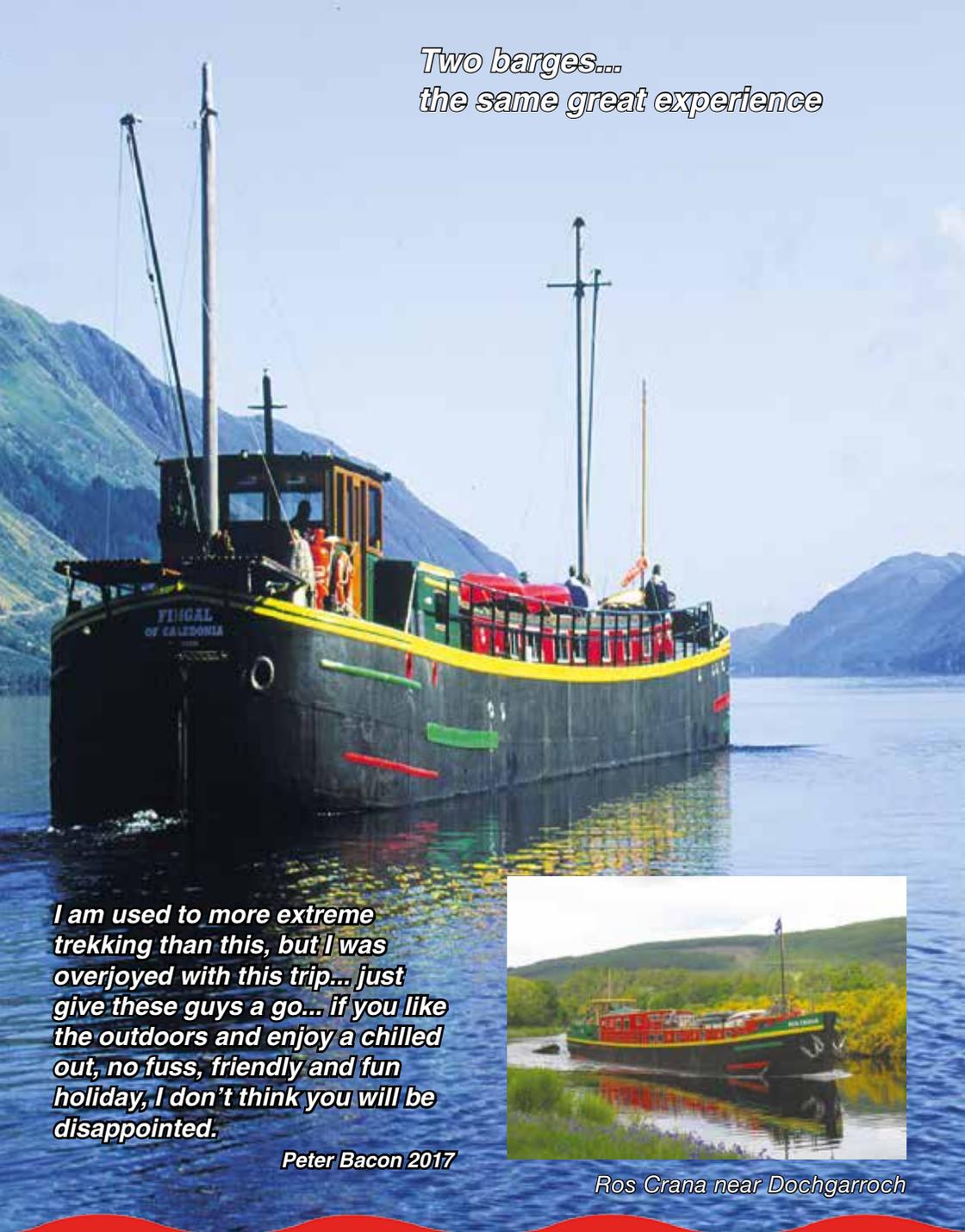
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*Two barges...
the same great experience*



I am used to more extreme trekking than this, but I was overjoyed with this trip... just give these guys a go... if you like the outdoors and enjoy a chilled out, no fuss, friendly and fun holiday, I don't think you will be disappointed.

Peter Bacon 2017



Ros Crana near Dochgarroch



Thought it was extremely well done. The boat was comfortable and ran smoothly. Crew was awesome. Good people, good fun. I'd highly recommend it to friends.

Kelsey Buchanan 2017

Leisurely Cruising

in Scotland's finest scenery

Our journey takes us along the Great Glen, traversing the Highlands of Scotland. Here, amidst a spectacular backdrop, the Caledonian Canal links the waters of Loch Ness, Loch Oich and Loch Lochy, forming a coast-to-coast waterway with beauty and interest unparalleled in Britain.

There is something here for everyone. The unhurried pace allows plenty of time to explore ashore or to relax and watch the wonderful scenery go by.



"Participated much more than planned - no pressure and enjoyable".

Anne, David Shackelton 2017



Activity Options as much or as little as you like

You can often do some of the journey 'under your own steam' by cycling or walking, or you can cruise along with us and choose from a range of activities once we've stopped.

Walking

All our cruises offer wonderful walking from easy ambles to moderate hill walks. The walks will enable you to discover lochs, glens, woodland and crystal clear rivers. For a walking specific cruise, choose from *Walk the Great Glen*, *Country Walking* or *Highland Hill Walks*.

Cycling

Always an option as we have bikes on board for you. Explore towpaths, forest tracks and quiet back roads with a choice of long or short routes to suit everyone. For a cycling specific cruise, choose from *Cycle the Great Glen* or *Trails and Glens Biking*.

Watersports

The Great Glen has sheltered water ideal for beginners and open water for the more adventurous. The clear, clean lochs make this a wonderful area for all our watersports and we provide wetsuits for the activities that need them. Canoeing and sailing sessions are led by our friendly instructor.

Canoeing is available in our 16' open canoes during most of our Ros Crana weeks. For a canoeing specific cruise, you could choose the full coast - to - coast challenge of *Canoe the Great Glen*. For a more leisurely introduction to canoeing and to have plenty of good opportunities to canoe, you would be best to choose our *Classic Cruise*.

Sailing is available on Ros Crana where we carry a 16' cruising dinghy and 2 Toppers. For those with sailing experience and looking for a real challenge, check out the event that we run for 'sail and oar' open boats – www.sailcaledonia.org. Alternatively if you would like the best opportunities to sail with one of our skippers or have some instruction, then choose our *Classic Cruise*.

Wild Swimming is a good option in many of the sheltered bays where we stop.

Other Activities

On many weeks we can organise orienteering, white water rafting, water skiing, pony trekking and golf. Contact us early to ensure we are able to arrange this.

Relaxing

As ever, a very popular holiday activity! There are plenty of people who come with us just for the peace and beauty of our cruising holidays. You can sit on deck and gaze at the stunning scenery or relax in our comfortable saloon with a good book.

Caledonian Discovery Cruising

a unique Highland journey

Imagine your own spacious, comfortable holiday barge complete with attentive crew, excellent cook and friendly skipper, traversing sixty miles of wonderful Highland scenery. Imagine joining the barge for a week of activity, walking, sightseeing or relaxing. Imagine having the crew look after you, spoiling you with delicious food and making sure you get the most from your holiday. You needn't imagine it. It's all here for you as a guest aboard one of our barges.

Step aboard, unwind into 'Highland time' and relax into the gentle world of life afloat. Each day brings new scenery to enjoy and new options to choose from.

Today you could opt for one of those gloriously lazy holiday days just sitting on deck watching the world go by - you might just manage a wee amble before dinner. For the more adventurous there are bikes on board for your exclusive use. On Ros Crana we also have open canoes and sailing boats. Whichever options you choose, the barge moves with you and each night you enjoy the home comforts of life aboard.



Life Aboard comfortable and relaxing

Comfy saloon seating with room for everyone to relax, read or have a drink before dinner.

Twin en-suite cabins for 12 guests with central heating, powerful hot showers, heated towel rail and hanging locker.

For dinner, the crew and guests move to the captain's table to share stories of adventures and make plans for the following day. Meals are informal but excellent food is one of the features of the holiday.



Holiday Choices the choice is yours

Classic Cruise

This is our original itinerary offering the most relaxed cruising and the greatest range of activity options. There is plenty of time for walking and cycling and, of all our cruises, this has the best opportunity to enjoy watersports.

Music on a Classic Cruise

A *Classic Cruise* with the bonus of a resident musician on board. Bring your own instrument or just come along and enjoy the music.

Walk the Great Glen

A guided 78-mile coast-to-coast walk following much of the Great Glen Way. Each day we walk 10 to 15 miles and the barge follows you so there's no daily packing and unpacking. Walk or stay aboard to relax and enjoy the cruise.

Highland Hill Walks

Guided walking over hills and Munros (mountains over 3000ft). A variety of terrain with stunning views and the comfort of the barge to return to at the end of the day.

Country Walking

Leisurely, guided 4 to 11 mile walks exploring the best kept secrets of the Great Glen. We aim to show off the local diverse and interesting scenery, history and wildlife.

Wildlife and Sea Lochs

Through the Great Glen and out into a sheltered sea loch. Cruises, walks, cycles and canoe trips are enriched by our wildlife guide with their knowledge and enthusiasm. Golden eagle, peregrine falcon, osprey, deer, red squirrel, otters and seals may be seen. On the Moray Firth trip, we hope to see dolphins and red kite. On the Loch Linnhe trip, we descend Neptune's Staircase and visit Loch Eil hoping to see porpoise.

Canoe the Great Glen

The perfect way to paddle across Scotland led by a qualified instructor. See the Glen at its best from the water. Our safety boat is on hand to help and we enjoy the comfort of the barge each night with the drying room, hot showers, dinner and bar!

Trails and Glens Biking

Explore the Great Glen with our guide on a scenic mix of interesting tracks, towpaths, trails and quiet roads. Distances vary from 8 to 19 miles with longer and shorter routes usually available.

Great Glen Journey

A unique opportunity to complete the coast-to-coast route under your own steam. Each day we decide how to guide the journey: walking, biking or canoeing to suit the weather and the group.

Discover the Great Glen

Cruise for part of each day leaving time to explore ashore. Our guide leads beautiful short or longer walks along towpaths and woodland trails to picturesque lochs and spectacular waterfalls. Visit museums, castles and visitor centres. At the gateway to Loch Ness is Fort Augustus with its staircase of locks, a focal point for the pubs and shops of this pretty canalside village. If you wish to go farther afield we have bicycles on board for you.

Bike the Great Glen

A half-week, guided, 65-mile, coast-to-coast bike ride. Two longer days of up to 28 miles and two short days, 6 and 8 miles. Enjoy towpaths, forest tracks and quiet scenic roads with no heavy panniers to weigh you down. Of course, you can also choose to stay aboard, relax and enjoy the cruise.

Mini Cruises

A half-week of leisurely cruising covering the same distance as our one week holiday. Enjoy the beauty and peace of the Highlands in spring or autumn.

Private Charters / Whole Boat Bookings

Bring a group of friends or family together for a special anniversary or reunion. Charter the whole boat, with crew & cook, for a unique and memorable holiday. We'll tailor the cruise to best suit your group.