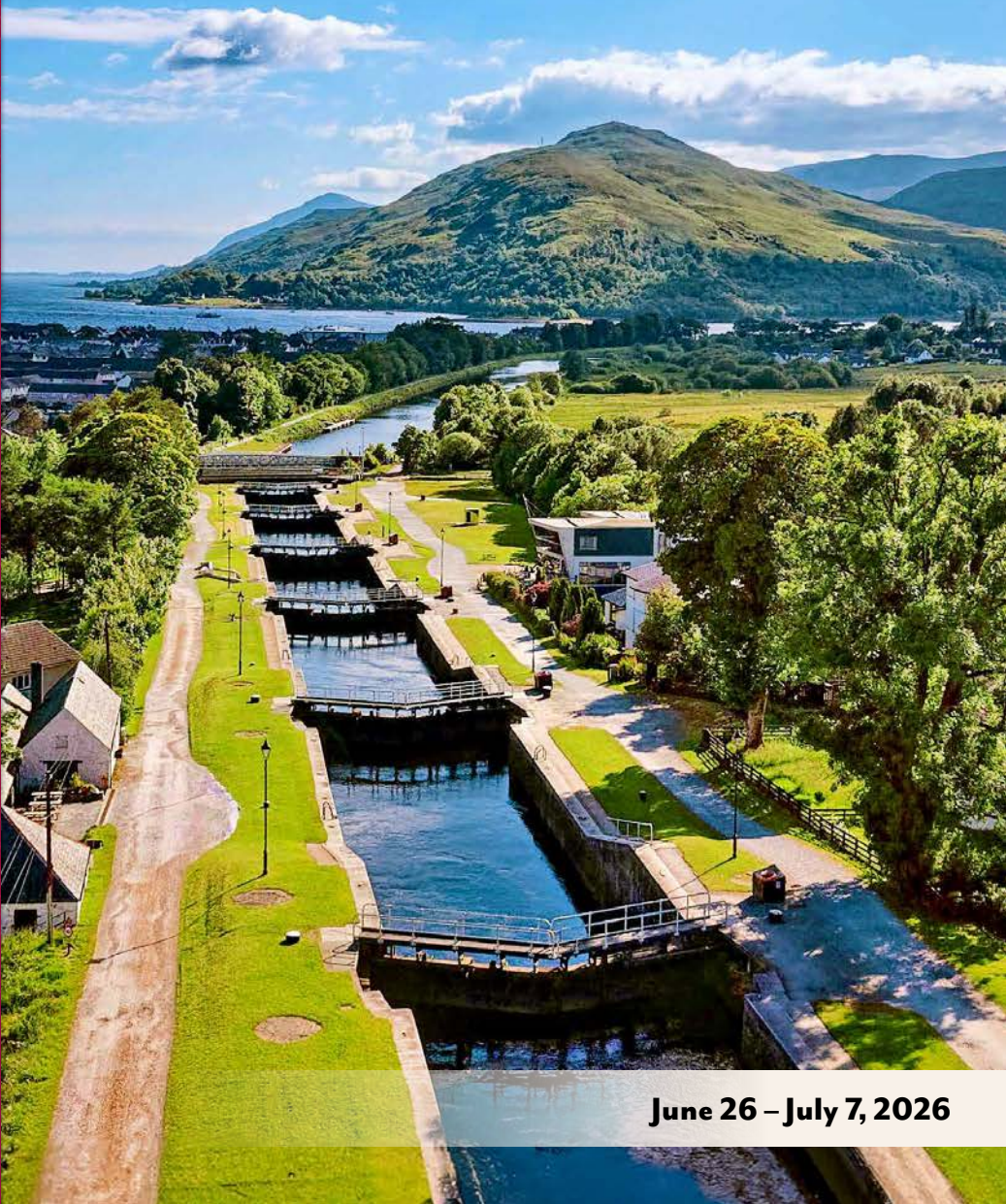




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Scottish Highlands & the Caledonian Canal



June 26 – July 7, 2026

Discover the Scottish Highlands — with their mist-shrouded peaks, verdant glens, and velvet moors — from the perspective of the Caledonian Canal aboard the timeless, cozy *Lord of the Glens*. Immerse yourself in breathtaking scenery as your expedition ship navigates passages inaccessible to larger boats. On this unforgettable voyage, step inside ancient sacred abbeys and legendary castles; experience warm, welcoming cities, and glide alongside an untamable coastline. Stride across the battlefield at Culloden and discover Clava Cairns, a well-preserved Bronze Age cemetery. Take a train over the renowned viaduct to beautiful Glenfinnan. Search for marine animals and bird life at Eigg, one of the Small Isles in the Inner Hebrides. Delight to Scottish dancers and whisky tastings, marvel at impressive nautical engineering, and savor gorgeous views. This exclusive travel program takes you to destinations of wild beauty you'll never forget.

Exclusive Highlights

- Exclusive land and cruise journey on an intimate ship built specifically to fit through the locks and canals of the Scottish Highlands.
- Explore the UNESCO-inscribed Old and New Towns in Edinburgh.
- Transit Neptune's Staircase, a series of eight locks on the Caledonian Canal that raises the water 62 feet over a quarter-mile.
- Onboard cultural programs to immerse you in Scottish life.



*This page: Urquhart Castle
Cover: Neptune's Staircase*



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Dear Council Traveler,

Join us on this 11-night exploration of Scotland, from the warm, welcoming city of Edinburgh to the wild, rugged beauty of the Kyle of Lochalsh. On a 7-night cruise aboard the classic, comfortable *Lord of the Glens*, enjoy days filled with spectacular scenery, fascinating engineering, and distinctively Scottish culture and cuisine.

Experience Scotland in all its great variety. Tour Scone Palace, which contains needlepoint created by Mary Queen of Scots, a desk used by Marie Antoinette, and the bedroom where Queen Victoria slept while visiting. The surrounding grounds include 100 acres of woodland gardens and a star-shaped maze patrolled by peacocks. In tiny Knoydart, savor a pint in a snuggery the Guinness Book of World Records calls the “most remote pub in mainland Britain.”

All the while, take in the serene beauty and exciting engineering of the historic Caledonian Canal — a one-of-a-kind experience. Reserve now while special savings are still available! Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

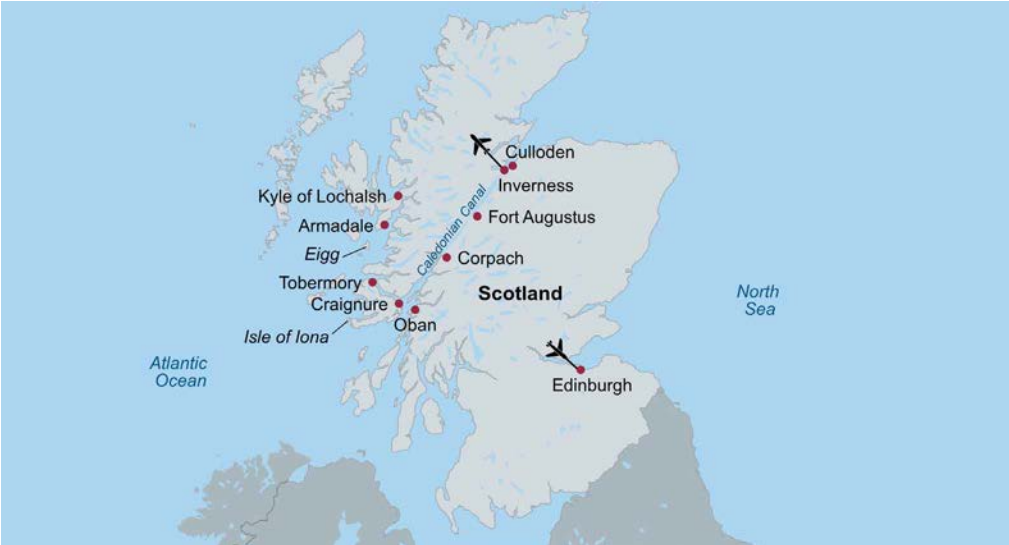
Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel

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**To secure your spot, call Travel Department at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
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Day 1 June 26	
Depart your home city.	
Day 2 June 27	R
Edinburgh, Scotland	
Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer to the deluxe <i>Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa</i> . Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel this evening.	
Day 3 June 28	B
Edinburgh	
On a panoramic tour, explore Old Town, site of the ancient city, which grew up along the route of the Royal Mile. Visit Edinburgh Castle, a majestic landmark and symbol of Scottish strength and power for centuries. Marvel at the glittering Crown Jewels and imposing Mons Meg, a siege cannon of the 1400s. Spend this afternoon exploring Edinburgh on your own.	
Day 4 June 29	B-L-R-D
Edinburgh Inverness Embark	
Storied Scone was an ancient gathering place of the Picts and from the ninth century on,	

the crowning place of Scottish kings. Tour the modern red sandstone palace and stroll the grounds. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant in Pitlochry, then travel to Blair Athol distillery for a tour and whisky tasting. In Inverness, embark *Lord of the Glens* and settle in. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner with entertainment provided by Scottish dancers.

Day 5 June 30	B-L-D
Inverness Culloden & Clava Cairns Ft. Augustus	
Visit the battlefield at Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie was dramatically	

defeated in 1746, and tour the museum. Next, discover Clava Cairns, a fascinating, well-preserved Bronze Age cemetery. The stones and passage graves here date back 4,000 years. This afternoon, cruise the Caledonian Canal. The ship will ascend an impressive flight of locks at Ft. Augustus, a picturesque village where we will moor overnight.

Day 6 July 1	B-L-D
Cruising the Caledonian Canal	
This morning, we will pass through Loch Oich and picturesque Loch Lochy	



Edinburgh Castle and Ross Fountain



Glenfinnan viaduct

before encountering the spectacular Neptune's Staircase. Descending the dramatic series of eight interconnected locks, *Lord of the Glens* will be lowered to sea level — an awesome feat of engineering and a highlight of the cruise. Next, travel by train over the spectacular Glenfinnan viaduct, familiar to Harry Potter film fans as the route of the Hogwarts Express.

Day 7 | July 2 **B-L-D**

Oban

The ship will cruise to the end of the Caledonian Canal, enter the serenely beautiful waters of Loch Linnhe and sail out to Oban. Disembark and take a walking tour of this

charming town, with its waterfront shops, cafes, and cobbled streets. Climb to McCaig's Tower, perched on Battery Hill above the town. Inspired by the Roman Colosseum and made of local granite, the tower affords spectacular views of the Hebrides Islands. After a delicious dinner, indulge in a whisky tasting on board.

Day 8 | July 3 **B-L-D**

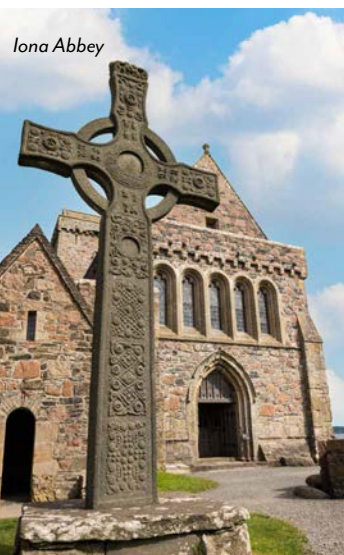
Craignure, Isle of Mull |
Isle of Iona

On the emerald-green, teardrop-shaped Isle of Iona, visit Iona Abbey, founded in the year 563 and considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. The abbey is famed as the resting place of some 50 Scottish kings, including Macbeth.

Day 9 | July 4 **B-L-D**

Tobermory, Isle of Mull | Eigg

The Isle of Mull is well-known for its rugged beauty and marine and bird life. As you disembark in Tobermory, look for eagles diving in the coastal water. Charming, brightly painted houses line the waterfront. Next, visit Eigg, a community-owned island and designated nature preserve. The nutrient-rich waters here support many species of seals, whales, and dolphins, and hundreds of seabirds. On a guided tour, search for wildlife — and don't forget your camera! After dinner this evening, the ship sails to Inverie, home of the "most remote pub in mainland Britain" (so says the Guinness Book of



Iona Abbey



McCaig's Tower



Eilean Donan Castle

World Records), where you can savor a memorable pint.

Day 10 | July 5 **B-L-R-D**

Armadale, Isle of Skye |
Kyle of Lochalsh

Explore the fascinating Museum of the Isles, located near the ruins of Armadale Castle, which is surrounded by 40 acres of woodland gardens. Learn about 1500 years of history and culture in this area — once known as Kingdom of the Isles. Then visit Eilean Donan, one of the world's

most famous castles, located on a tiny island at the confluence of three sea lochs amid some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 11 | July 6 **B**

Kyle of Lochalsh |
Disembark | Inverness

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Inverness on a scenic motorcoach drive. Take in rolling hills, lochs, and glens as you head east to the

shores of Loch Ness, site of ancient Urquhart Castle. Climb the tower, stroll the remains of the great hall and even peer inside a prison cell. Check in to the first-class *Kingsmill Hotel*, and spend the rest of the day exploring and dining on your own.

Day 12 | July 7 **B**

Inverness |
Return to Home City

This morning transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.



Innovative Engineering

During the 1700s, it was quite dangerous and time-consuming for trading ships to circumnavigate Scotland. A vessel leaving Inverness on the country's east coast would sail north through the infamous Pentland Firth with its fearsome currents, then brave the North Atlantic to get to Ft. William on Scotland's west coast. However, there was a natural waterway of sorts — a string of four lochs — cutting through the mountainous Scottish Highlands in the center of the country. In 1801, Thomas Telford conceived of connecting the highland lochs via a human-made canal. It took 20 years for locals to hand-dig (with spades!) the 22 miles of trenches to connect the lochs Dochfour, Ness, Oich and Lochy with each other, and with the sea on either end. The final result featured 29 locks, four aqueducts and 10 bridges along its length. Unveiled in 1822, it was dubbed the Caledonian Canal — an incredible triumph of civil engineering, created in the Victorian age.



Scottish whisky tasting



Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa Edinburgh | Edinburgh

The *Sheraton Grand* is ideally located to discover Edinburgh's outstanding history and architectural beauty. This deluxe luxury spa hotel features comfortable beds and a renowned urban thermal spa experience. Unwind in the iconic rooftop Hydropool or Thermal Suite, with water, salt, and heat experiences designed to help you rebalance and refresh.



Kingsmill Hotel | Inverness

Experience true Scottish hospitality at *Kingsmill Hotel*, a first-class hotel located close to Inverness city center in the magnificent Scottish Highlands. This hotel boasts comfortable rooms, impeccable dining options, and extensive spa and leisure facilities. Enjoy accommodation in a building that has hosted luminaries, such as poet Robert Burns, since the 1700s. The hotel's mix of contemporary design with historic period features creates a relaxing, homey feel.

INCLUDED FEATURES



- 2 nights at the deluxe *Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa Edinburgh* in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 7-night cruise from Inverness, Scotland, to the Kyle of Lochalsh.
- 1 night at the first-class *Kingsmill Hotel* in Inverness.
- Cozy and comfortable guest rooms and cabins.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary nonpremium liquor, house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise; complimentary house wine and beer at lunch and dinner and nonalcoholic beverages at all meals during the land program.
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LORD OF THE GLENS

At less than 150 feet in length, *Lord of the Glens* was designed to transit the network of locks and canals that cut through the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Every cruise on board *Lord of the Glens* journeys along the hauntingly beautiful Caledonian Canal, known as the Royal Route, following its endorsement by Queen Victoria in 1873. The canal transports guests serenely from Inverness to Fort William, and with only 52 guests on board, the emphasis is not on speed, but on style, while the relaxed and cozy atmosphere harks back to tailor-made travel of the old-fashioned variety.



2026 DEPARTURE DATE | June 26 to July 7 | Tour Begins: June 27

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
D	Stateroom with two portholes. 81 sq ft Deck 1, mid.	\$10,195	\$9,195
C	Stateroom with picture window. 140 sq ft Deck 2, fwd/aft.	\$11,195	\$10,195
B	Stateroom with picture window. 140 sq ft Deck 2, fwd/mid/aft.	\$11,695	\$10,695
A	Stateroom with picture window. 99-116 sq ft Deck 3, fwd.	\$12,195	\$11,195

All staterooms are water-view and feature: en-suite bathrooms; individual temperature control; toiletries from Highland Soap Company; water bottles; hair dryer; in-room safe; spacious wardrobe; dressing table; TV with entertainment system; and binoculars to borrow. Some staterooms have twin beds only; please inquire when booking. There is no elevator on board the ship. All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated).

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- Port Charges & Gratuities
- Travel Director(s)

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