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# **Shore Excursion - Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle & Inverness**

Enjoy a sample of Highland Highlights. Monster Hunting with Jacobite Cruises, Enjoy the scenery and bloody history of Urquhart Castle (A Historical Highland Theme). A tranquil walk along the River Ness, visit the Cathedral, Inverness Castle and end the day with some retail therapy in the Highland Capital



## **Trip Summary**

### Day 1

Pick up Invergordon

Nessie Hunting

Urquhart Castle Exhibition Centre

Inverness, Ness River, St Andrews Catheral, Inverness Castle...... and more

On the coach again back to Invergordon



#### Pick up Invergordon

Pop onto our coach and start your short adventure to explore the Scottish Highlands.

This leisurely drive to Inverness will take in some of the best of local scenery as you travel through Invergordon, on through the Black Isle and onto Inverness





#### **Nessie Hunting**

Sail up the Loch to the Castle, enjoy the splendid view and the wonderful stories about our mysterious Loch, Look out for Nessie.

As you cruise the Loch and view the castle on this voyage across the deepest, waters of Loch Ness. Enjoy the spectacle, get camera at the ready for the breathtaking sight of the historic Urquhart Castle.

The onboard audio is bursting with lots of facts and legends to tune into as you sail. And don't forget to look out for Nessie, with a little help from the onboard sonar.





#### **Urquhart Castle Exhibition Centre**

Urquhart Castle is one of the most picturesque landmarks in Scotland, and an iconic sight to all those who have travelled between Fort William and Inverness.

Perched on the banks of Loch Ness beside the village of Drumnadrochit, it commands great views up the length of the loch, and is one of the main sites for reported sightings of the legendary Loch Ness Monster.

The castle is in the care of Historic Environment Scotland and is consistently among their top ten most popular attractions. Which is hardly surprising to anyone who has visited: this really is a "must see" castle.

A romantic ruin, Urquhart Castle boasting its intriguing shape reflecting the irregular outcrop of rock on which it was built. And it has for the last millennium or more this site has been the key that unlocks a major route through the Highlands. What really makes Urquhart Castle the definitive romantic ruin is the possibility that the 600 foot deep waters is home to our most famous legend, and you never know, one day she may just show herself.





#### Inverness, Ness River, St Andrews Catheral, Inverness Castle...... and more

Arrive in Inverness and enjoy a leisurely walk along the beautiful River Ness, check out our Cathedral and on up the hill to Inverness Castle, then to the shops for some well earned retail therapy

#### The River Ness (Scottish Gaelic: Abhainn Nis)

The river about 6 miles or 10km long, which flows from the northern end of Loch Ness in Scotland, through Loch Dochfour, north-east to Inverness, with a total fall in height of about 16 metres before discharging into the Beauly Firth. The river is the origin of the name of Inverness which is from the Scottish Gaelic: *Inbhir Nis*, meaning "Mouth of the Ness". A very peaceful and scenic walk in the heart of the City

#### St Andrew's Cathedral (Scottish Gaelic: Cathair-Eaglais Inbhir Nis),

also known as the Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew (1866–69), is a cathedral of the Scottish Episcopal Church situated in the city of Inverness in Scotland close to the banks of the River Ness. It is the seat of the Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinary of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness. The cathedral is the northernmost cathedral in mainland Britain (Dornoch Cathedral is not actually a cathedral) and was the first new Protestant cathedral to be completed in Great Britain since the Reformation.

#### Inverness Castle (Scottish Gaelic: Caisteal Inbhir Nis)

sits on a cliff overlooking the River Ness, in Inverness, Scotland. The red sandstone structure evident today was built in 1836 by architect William Burn. It is built on the site of an 11th-century defensive structure. Today, it houses Inverness Sheriff Court. There has been a castle at this site for many centuries. The castle itself is not currently open to the public, however a recent campaign has led to the creation of a working group to explore the possibility of doing so in the future. In April 2017 the north tower of the castle was opened to the public as a view point. At present, only the castle grounds and the north tower are open to the public.













### On the coach again back to Invergordon

Hop Back on the coach to return to your cruise. All of us here at Spirit Journeys hope you enjoyed your day and wish you a brilliant time on your ongoing travels

Be sure to return you will always receive a warm welcome.

Turas math dhuibh! (Have a Good Journey)