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Dear Traveler,

The romance and intrigue of Scotland's countryside and traditions speak to all of us. It is a land of grand castles, beautiful moorlands, sacred abbeys, and sweeping mountains—from the long traditions of Scotland's clans and monarchs to Bonnie Prince Charlie's famed rebellion. Some of us adore traditional Scottish music and fare, and others love their fine single malts.

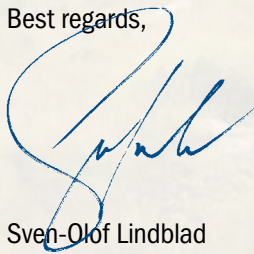
We've been offering expeditions in Scotland since 1987, endlessly discovering new facets with our guests. And for many years now, we've offered in-depth journeys aboard the 48-guest *Lord of the Glens*. The first time I boarded the ship I was stunned. Frankly, I'd never been on a more comfortable and intimate ship that felt somehow to be a cross between a yacht and a private home. She's extremely comfortable, with teak decks, polished wood interiors, gourmet cuisine and exceptional personal service.

And *Lord of the Glens* is unique—able to traverse the Caledonian Canal, which connects the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean via a passageway of lochs and canals, and also sail to the great islands of the Inner Hebrides. This allows us to offer something few others can—a nine-day journey through the heart of Scotland, one that encompasses the soul of its highlands and islands. You'll take in Loch Ness and other Scottish lakes, the storied battlefield of Culloden, beautiful Glenfinnan, pass through the intricate series of locks known as Neptune's Staircase, the historic Isle of Iona, and the isles of Mull, Eigg, and Skye. And there's even time for a visit to the most remote pub in the British Isles.

You'll have opportunities for hiking, biking, and guided walks. And kayaking on Loch Ness offers a chance to view the exquisite landscapes in a very personal way. As always, you'll explore in the company of our excellent staff. A historian and a naturalist will share their knowledge (and enthusiasm) with you, and provide interpretation to help you develop a full understanding of what you see.

As you leaf through the following pages, envision yourself exploring with us in the wake of saints, mystics, and Vikings. And as the Scots would say, *Turas math dhut* (Good travels to you!).

Best regards,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

P.S. If you join us, you'll surely want to consider extending your expedition with a stay in the lively city of Edinburgh to explore its famed castle, walk its winding medieval streets, discover its contemporary charms.

Cover photo: Sunset behind the Cuillin Hills, Isle of Skye, Scotland. This page: Hiking the Highland's hills.



THE MOST ENCHANTING & ENCOMPASSING WAY TO EXPLORE SCOTLAND

Embark on a journey through the very heart of Scotland. Discover secluded villages, ancient sites, verdant landscapes, and gracious people for an intimate perspective on past and contemporary Scottish life—aboard the only ship that makes this voyage possible in such distinct style.

Purpose-built for these waters, *Lord of the Glens* is both gracious and able to fit through the narrow canals and stepped locks in the heart of Scotland. She's also able to navigate the waters of the Scottish Isles. This rare combination means you get to experience the famous lochs and quaint Scottish countryside with its castles, pubs, and medieval battlegrounds, and also explore the Inner Hebrides, steeped in clan history and wildness. It is the most encompassing way to explore and experience Scotland.



EXPERIENCE THE HIGHLIGHTS & SELDOM-SEEN

Sail across Loch Ness and other hauntingly beautiful Scottish lakes. Walk the storied battlefield of Culloden, beautiful Glenfinnan, the historic Isle of Iona, and the islands of Mull, Eigg, and Skye. Transit the Caledonian Waterway, passing through Neptune's Staircase, a series of eight locks near the Banavie Station and taking in its view of Scotland's highest peak, Ben Nevis. From the water, rather than the road, you'll get a sense of uncharted territory. You'll experience both the hidden highlands and islands of Scotland.



This voyage also includes an impressive array of daily explorations designed to take advantage of Scotland's most picturesque season and provide you with a heaping taste of the country's rich flavor. The pace is relaxed, offering plenty of opportunity to savor your surroundings and take nature walks, with a chance to explore by bike or to see Loch Ness by kayak. You'll also visit a pub or two and stroll the streets at ancient ports of call.

Lord of the Glens approaches Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness. Insert: Lord of the Glens entering a lock.

OUR EXPERTS ENSURE PEAK EXPERIENCES IN THIS HISTORIC & WILD LAND

Our experts will weave a compelling narrative of Scottish life and times, and turn what would merely be breathtaking sights into living history. Rely on their expertise to ensure you get the most out of your time in Scotland.



**STEVE BLAMIRES, EXPEDITION
LEADER & HISTORIAN**

Hailing from western Scotland, where Gaelic culture is still strong, Steve Blamires is an authority on Celtic and Viking peoples.



Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER JIM RICHARDSON



National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson is proud of his Celtic roots. A veteran of more than 40 articles for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*, Jim spent two years photographing the Celtic realm for the March 2006 *National Geographic* article “Celt Appeal.” His article “My Scottish Obsession” appeared in the August/September 2012 issue of *National Geographic Traveler*. Jim will join the July 3, 2016 departure.

ABOARD & AT YOUR SERVICE—A LINDBLAD-NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CERTIFIED PHOTO INSTRUCTOR

Scotland’s countryside, castles, and seaside villages are some of the most picturesque sites in the world. To ensure you go home with some of the best shots of your life, there’s a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard every departure. This veteran naturalist is specially trained to assist you with camera settings, the basic elements of framing, composition, and lighting; and to provide timely photography tips. With a little help, you’ll discover the best ways to capture the romance of the places you explore—and hone skills that will last a lifetime.

STEWART AITCHISON, PHOTO INSTRUCTOR

A naturalist & Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor,



Stewart has long sailed the coasts of Scotland. His expertise will ensure you get the photos that illustrate the story of your incredible expedition.

For authenticity, immersion, sustainability and connection:

“Explore Culloden battlefield, where the French-supported Jacobite forces were brutally defeated by the British in 1746, crushing Bonnie Prince Charlie’s bid for the throne. Kayak the murky waters of Loch Ness, alleged lair of the world’s most storied sea monster. And walk among the haunting Cuillin peaks on the Isle of Skye. Expert commentary and local delights await back at the ship each evening, including whisky tastings and live Scottish music.”

– *National Geographic Traveler Magazine*

SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS— EXPLORING IN DEPTH

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *LORD OF THE GLENS*

PRICES FROM: \$6,990 to \$12,580 (See page 8 for complete prices.)

On a voyage through Scotland's famed lochs and inland waterways aboard the *Lord of the Glens*, experience mystical landscapes dotted with medieval castles and churches. Trace Scotland's compelling history on visits to battlefields, fortresses, and ancient tombs. Cruise Loch Ness; descend through the intricate lock system of Neptune's Staircase; and explore serene hills and harbor villages on the picturesque islands of Mull, Iona, Eigg, and Skye.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Kayak on Loch Ness, and wander through the charming seaside town of Tobermory.
- ▶ Stroll across the battlefields at Culloden where Bonnie Prince Charlie was dramatically defeated.
- ▶ Hike through stunning scenery on the Isle of Skye, and learn about the tiny community on the remote island of Eigg.
- ▶ Discover Scotland from the prehistoric Clava Cairns to contemporary communities where traditions live on.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



2014 will mark Lindblad's eleventh summer aboard *Lord of the Glens*, and we've been exploring Scotland since the 1980s. On this journey, our expedition staff will include a historian, a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an expert on Scotland's cultures—and skilled, witty local guides as well. This expedition has been noted by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine as a 'trip of a lifetime.'

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

A view of Eilean Donan Castle, near the Isle of Skye, Scotland.



DAY 1 AND 2: U.S./INVERNESS, SCOTLAND/EMBARK

Depart for Inverness, arriving the next morning. Board *Lord of the Glens* to the strains of a highland piper and settle into your cabin. Gather for a reception and dinner on board tonight. (Day 2: D)

DAY 3: CULLODEN/CLAVA CAIRNS/LOCH NESS

Visit Culloden, the infamous battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces were defeated in 1746. See the prehistoric standing stones and passage tombs of Clava Cairns. This afternoon, set sail on the Caledonian Canal and enter Loch Ness, where we'll learn about the legendary monster said to inhabit the loch. Moor at Fort Augustus and set out on a kayak excursion or a hike. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: LAGGAN LOCKS/BANAVIE/ GLENFINNAN

Ascend an impressive flight of locks that runs through the heart of Fort Augustus. Glide down the tree-lined canal known as Laggan Avenue, or hike or bike along the towpath. Sail into Loch Lochy and follow the canal to the town of Banavie. Drive to Glenfinnan, a village nestled within the mountains, and enjoy an afternoon walk. This evening, welcome local musicians on board for a lively performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: LOCH LINNHE/OBAN

Today descend Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks, and continue through Loch Linnhe to the town of Oban, set on a picturesque bay on the Firth of Lorn. There is time to explore this lively town on foot, visiting a whisky distillery and McCaig's Folly, a monument on a hill overlooking the town and bay that was inspired by the Roman Colosseum. (B, L, D)



Highland cattle have long horns and thick coats.

DAY 6: SOUND OF MULL/DUART CASTLE/ IONA/TOBERMORY

Sail to the Isle of Mull, in the Inner Hebrides. Visit photogenic Duart Castle, an impressive fortress (with a dungeon!). Drive across Mull, then cross to Iona by ferry to explore this picturesque island. Visit the medieval abbey ruins and the rebuilt abbey church. Stroll through St. Oran's Chapel and the royal graveyard where Scottish kings are buried, and enjoy a brief walking tour of Iona. Continue on to the picturesque town of Tobermory. (B, L, D)



The colorful harbor at Tobermory.

DAY 7: TOBERMORY/ISLE OF EIGG OR ISLE OF RUM/INVERIE

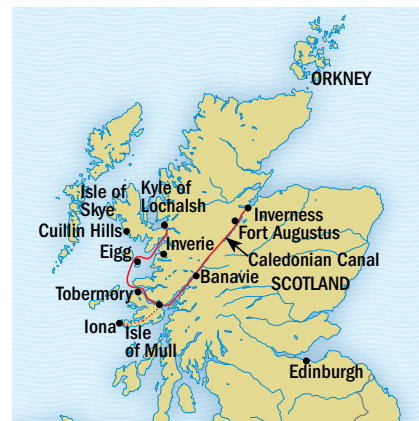
Explore Tobermory, then sail north to tiny Eigg and see what life is like for the roughly 90 people who live on this island community. Look for marine animals and birdlife, including Atlantic seals, minke whales, dolphins, porpoises and a variety of seabirds. Alternatively, we may visit the Isle of Rum, renowned for spectacular Kinloch Castle. Then sail to Inverie, where you can have a drink at the most remote pub in the British Isles. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: ISLE OF SKYE

Continue north to the Isle of Skye. At the Museum of the Isles, trace the legacy of the 1,300-year-old Clan Donald, who once ruled the west coast of Scotland, and walk through the woodlands of Armadale. Take a guided walk in the Cuillin Hills (weather permitting), or explore Eilean Donan Castle and the quaint village of Plockton. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: KYLE OF LOCHALSH/INVERNESS/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Kyle of Lochalsh and drive through the highlands to Inverness. Then transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jul. 26, Aug. 2*, 9, 16*, 23, 30*
2016 Jun. 26; Jul. 3*, 31*; Aug. 7, 14*, 21

*These departures travel from Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness.

REVERSE ITINERARY AT A GLANCE KYLE OF LOCHALSH TO INVERNESS

DAY 1: DEPART

DAY 2: INVERNESS/KYLE OF LOCHALSH

DAY 3: ISLE OF SKYE/INVERIE

DAY 4: ISLE OF EIGG/TOBERMORY

DAY 5: IONA/DUART CASTLE/OBAN

DAY 6: OBAN/LOCH LINNHE/
GLENFINNAN/BANAVIE

DAY 7: LAGGAN LOCKS/FORT AUGUSTUS

DAY 8: LOCH NESS/CULLODEN/CLAVA
CAIRNS

DAY 9: INVERNESS/DEPART



Edinburgh.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a 2-day exploration of enchanting **Edinburgh** to your voyage. Discover Edinburgh Castle, examine Scotland's crown jewels. Stroll the Royal Mile to St. Giles Cathedral in the footsteps of kings and queens, and see the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Note: The Military Tattoo is not included on the July 26 pre-voyage extension.

Lord of the Glens

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 26 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Great Britain. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 150 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: With exterior teak decks, hardwood finished interiors, and fine fabrics, the *Lord of the Glens* offers a stylish and relaxing ambiance. The two lounges and two open-air viewing areas are social hubs aboard ship. There is a bar, and space to read books from the well-stocked library.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling, meals focus on healthy cuisine including fresh Scottish poultry, trout, and other options.

CABINS: Cabins are tasteful, comfortable, and amply sized, with outside views. Most cabins have picture windows (three have two large portholes high in the cabin). Facilities include a private bathroom with shower, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, satellite television, music system, hair dryer, telephone, safety deposit box, bathrobes, and toiletries.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Bicycles and kayaks are on board. There is complimentary Internet access at a computer in the reception area. *Lord of the Glens* is the only ship of its kind able both to navigate the locks of the Caledonian Canal and sail among the islands of the Inner Hebrides. She offers us the unique ability to explore both the Highlands and the fabled Scottish isles.

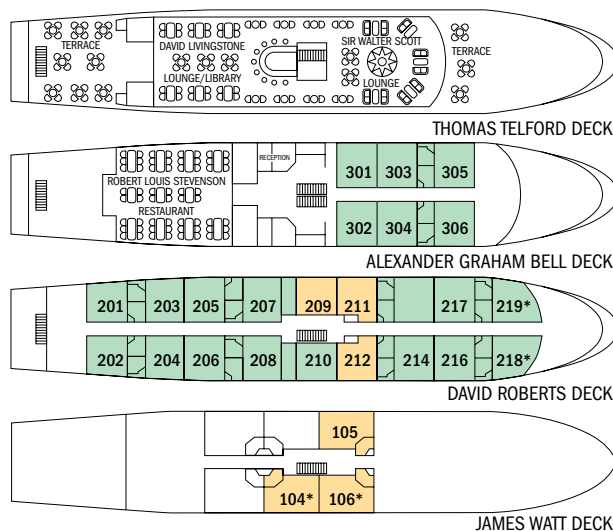


Inset clockwise from left: Lord of the Glens; the gracious dining room; a Category 2 cabin; tea on deck; the ship's lounge where evening recaps are held.

CATEGORY 1: James Watt Deck #105 (2 lower beds, 2 portholes); James Watt Deck Sole Occupancy #104*, 106* (1 double bed, 2 portholes); David Roberts Deck #209 (2 lower beds) 211-212 (1 double bed, picture window).

CATEGORY 2: David Roberts Deck #201-208, 210, 214, 216-217 (2 lower beds, picture window); Sole Occupancy #218*-219* (1 double bed, picture window) Alexander Graham Bell Deck #301-306 (2 lower beds, large picture window).

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.



Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Scotland's Highlands and Islands - Page 6	2015	\$6,990	\$7,990	\$8,740	\$9,990	\$750	Sample Airfare: Round-trip NY/Inverness: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$4,750.
	2016	\$7,350	\$8,390	\$10,990	\$12,580		

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ship per itinerary or similar, all meals and all beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of snorkeling equipment, tips, taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, e-mail, laundry.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention. Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and so much more.

Final Payment: Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, and damaged or lost baggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Among other things, limitations of Lindblad

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Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change. Under normal conditions, the total expedition cost is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the published price is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event we determine that current costs create an unsustainable financial model, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to pass on these costs to you, to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide a transparent accounting of the reason for such an increase in costs.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350*
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-45 days	50% of trip cost
44-0 days	No Refund

*\$350 will be refunded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

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Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our group cancellation policies are listed on our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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- » Cruise Critic Editor's Pick Awards "Best for Adventure," 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
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Guest at Iona Abbey, Scotland.

