

Glasgow to Rothesay

Glasgow leave 1000 back 2000
Rothesay arrive 1405 leave 1700

Sail from Glasgow Science Centre, 50 Pacific Quay Govan, G51 1EA.
Exit Junction 24 of the motorway and follow signs for Glasgow Science Centre. Parking is available £3 per day. You should validate your car park ticket onboard Waverley to get special parking rate.
Please ensure that you are at the ship 10 minutes prior to the departure time. Boarding closes 3 minutes before departure on outward and return journeys. Gangways are usually open 30 minutes before departure.



Your Journey

Step aboard Waverley at Glasgow Science Centre where cargo ships once sailed to all parts of the world. You will pass the Tall Ship, Glenlee, based at the Riverside Museum which was built on the site of the shipyard where Waverley was born, A & J Inglis.

As you pass Clydebank you will see the site of John Brown's shipyard, which built the famous ships QE2 and the Royal Yacht Britannia. You then sail under the Erskine Bridge and past Bowling Harbour, the entrance to the Forth & Clyde Canal and leave the City behind as you enter into the Clyde Estuary with spectacular scenery all around. After a passenger pick up at Greenock, your cruise will head across the mouth of the Clyde to Helensburgh.

Enjoy steaming across the water to Dunoon sailing across the mouths of Gare Loch, Loch Long and Holy Loch. This is a pictureseque part of the cruise and it is well worth having your camera.

Your destination is Rothesay, also known as 'Scotland's Madeira'. It is the main resort on Island of Bute situated in a sheltered bay. The climate is so mild that palm trees grow along the promenade! Rothesay Castle dates from the 11th Century and is open to the public. Visit the restored Winter Gardens housing the Discovery Centre; Bute Museum or climb the Serpentine walk to Canada Hill for magnificent views.

During your journey, passengers will disembark and embark at ports along the way, but there is not enough time for you to disembark and explore.

History and Heritage

Waverley is the last seagoing Paddle Steamer in the World! When you step aboard you are stepping back to a time when Paddle Steamers were an important part of coastal passenger and excursion trade.

Dating back to the 1800's, this tradition remains alive today only in the operation of Paddle Steamer Waverley. She is Britain's largest interactive exhibit.

Onboard you can learn about Britain's maritime history and its social contribution: from the heritage craftsmanship, to traditional seafaring skills through to the engineering masterpiece - the triple expansion engine at the heart of the ship turning the famous paddles.

The Captain, Officers & Crew look forward to welcoming you onboard to recapture the nostalgia of bygone days and enjoy a great day out.



Eating & Drinking

Waverley has a restaurant which offers passengers everything from soups, sandwiches, snacks & afternoon tea to a 3-course meal. The menu is available to view on the website and onboard. You are not permitted to bring alcohol onboard but the ship has two lounge bars and a tearoom. You are welcome to bring packed lunches on board, however you cannot eat these in the ship's Dining Saloon as seats are reserved for passengers purchasing food onboard.

Shopping & Souvenirs

There is a wonderful range of gifts & products including clothing, souvenirs and confectionery to suit all tastes & budgets. You can view some of these items at our online shop. To help you get the most out of your cruise, you can also pick up a cruising guide or map. You can even send postcards through the postbox onboard, hand franked with Waverley's stamp!



Step aboard in Glasgow



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