

Glasgow to Helensburgh

Glasgow leave 1000
Helensburgh arrive 1215

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. As you sail down the river Clyde you will get a feeling of the great history of Clyde Shipbuilding. 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. Then you will pass BAE Systems yard, once Fairfield Shipping & Engineering, then Yarrows at Scotstoun. BAE now build ships for the Royal Navy.

As you pass Clydebank you will see the site of John Brown's shipyard, which built the famous ships; HMS Hood, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, 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.

This is a enjoyable short one way cruise especially suitable for children which gives you time to enjoy Helensburgh at your own pace. There's a long promenade with an array of shops, restaurants & coffee shops as well as amusements on the Pier. The most notable architectural feature is Hill House designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Hermitage Park has lawns & gardens while the promenade has memorials to two of Helensburgh's most famous personalities: Henry Bell, operator of the world's first commercial sea-going steamboat, the Comet, and television pioneer John Logie Baird.

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!



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