

Kyle of Lochalsh to Gairloch

Sail from Kyle of Lochalsh Pier.

Pier Postcode: IV40 8AH

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

Your cruise starts in spectacular style by sailing through Kyle Akin under the Skye Bridge and continues on, passing the islands of Pabay, Longay and Scalpay towards your destination, Raasay amidst the spectacular Hebridean scenery.

Waverley then sails into Loch Portree to the picturesque town of Portree which is set round its natural harbour and is the main town on Skye. Passengers will disembark and embark Portree but there is not enough time for you to disembark and explore.

Then you enjoy stunning views of Raasay and Rona as you sail out of the north of the Sound of Raasay and round the north end of Rona before heading up to your destination Gairloch. Cruise past Longa Island and into Loch Gairloch before arriving at your destination.

Set against the stunning scenery of Western Ross, Gairloch is a popular tourist destination which boasts a small museum, hotels and beaches. There are several good sandy beaches in the area such as the appropriately named 'Big Sand'!

Remember to pack your camera as there will be plenty of photo opportunities on this cruise!

Bring your binoculars to ensure you don't miss the abundance of sealife and birds that can be spotted from the decks of Waverley, but don't worry if you have left them at home – you can always pick some up from the souvenir shop onboard!

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!

