



AUTHENTIC WALKING AND HIKING TOURS SINCE 1985

The Great Glen Way

Self Guided



HIGHLIGHTS

- Fort William - Ben Nevis
- Fort Augustus
- Lock Ness
- Inverness

TOUR DATES

April to September

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The Great Glen is a natural fault line running across Scotland as a series of lochs. In 1803-1822 the Caledonian Canal was built by Thomas Telford to link the two coasts of Scotland. Fort William on the west coast and Inverness on the east coast mark the two ends of the glen.

The Great Glen Way is a spectacular walking route from Fort William, nestling under the massive Ben Nevis to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. The trek takes you from the beginning of the Caledonian Canal past Neptune's Staircase and past Lochs Lochy, Oich and Ness. The trek terrain varies from towpath flat walking by the canal, to forest walks and woodland paths by the lochs, as well as some tarmac walking on a very quiet peaceful road.

This is moderate walking with some easy stages.

Day 1: Arrive Fort William for overnight.

Day 2: Fort William - Gairloch 10.8 miles
Leave Fort William along the Caledonian canal passing Neptune's Staircase, a flight of eight locks which raises the water in the canal by 64 feet. Overnight Gairloch

Day 3: Gairloch - South Laggan 11.5 miles
Walk along the shores of Loch Lochy on forest roads and tracks with high mountains on each side. Overnight South Laggan.

Day 4: South Laggan- Fort Augustus 11 miles
The walk today is through mixed woodland along the banks of Loch Oich until Fort Augustus, one of the prettiest villages in the Great Glen. Overnight Fort Augustus.

Day 5: Fort Augustus - Invermoriston 7 miles
Walk along forest tracks with great views until the River Moriston and the village of Invermoriston. Overnight Invermoriston.

Day 6: Invermoriston - Drumnadrochit 12 miles
Continue the walk along the banks of Loch Ness. Urquhart Castle, one of the great historic ruins of Scotland, stands out perched precariously on the side of the banks of Loch Ness and is open to the public. Walk to Drumnadrochit - the centre of for the Loch Ness Monster. Overnight Drumnadrochit

Day 7: Drumnadrochit - Blackfold 14 miles
The route continues along moorland at 300 meters and through forest with more panoramic views down the Great Glen and Loch Ness. At the end of the walk there is a transfer back to Drumnadrochit. Overnight Drumnadrochit.

Day 8: Dochgarroch - Inverness 5 miles
Transfer back to Blackfold - then a beautiful walk alongside the Caledonian Canal to the Highland Capital, Inverness.

Day 9: Departure