

# FORT WILLIAM



**Location:** Lat: 56 48.5 N Long: 005 07.01 W

**Anchorage:** Yes

**Anchorage Position:** In the vicinity of Lat: 56 49.6 N Long: 005 07.9 W

**Distance to Pontoons Landing Stage:** 300m approx

**Tidal range/movement:** 4.1m at Springs

**Pilotage:** Pilotage through Corran Narrows advised - available by prior arrangement with Agent

**Town centre:** Adjacent

**Shuttle to town:** Not necessary

**Nearest airport:** Inverness 73m

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The Highland Council Marine Superintendent should be contacted by all visiting vessels to confirm any tidal restrictions on proposed anchoring dates. The Port can accommodate ships at anchor where the adjoining Fort William Pontoons offer a secure point of entry for a tendered visit.

A pilotage service is advised for safe passage through the Corran Narrows and is available by prior arrangement with the Ships Agent. Fort William offers one of the most sheltered harbours in the West Highlands of Scotland.

Fort William is the largest town in Lochaber – the Outdoor Capital of the UK! We are located in the Heart of the Highlands of Scotland at the foot of Ben Nevis – the highest mountain in the UK (1344m).

The Gaelic name for Fort William is ‘An Gearasdan’ – meaning The Garrison and was named after the Dutch King William of Orange around 1690. The Old Fort, whose remnants you can visit today, was a replacement for Old Inverlochy Castle which was built to guard the entrance to the River Lochy.

Fort William has a very unique location at the end of scenic Loch Linnhe with many historic and popular locations right on our mountain-step! These include travelling on the famous Harry Potter Steam Train, going to Aonach Mor and taking the only mountain gondola ride in the UK, climbing our amazing mountains and savouring the Dew of Ben Nevis.

There are a variety of shops and restaurants in the Town Centre for all tastes and requirements as well as the fascinating Lochaber Geopark Visitor Centre and the West Highland Museum where you can find out all about the Commandos training in Achnacarry Estate before heading off to battle in WW2 or learn about the old Model T-Ford that was driven up and down Ben Nevis in 1911!

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## Shore Excursions

The following is a list of popular shore excursions from Fort William

(It should be noted that these details are not definitive but are intended to demonstrate the range of excursions and activities available to cruise passengers visiting Fort William as part of a cruise. Cruise Scotland cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of this information.)



Glencoe – 20 minutes to visit the village of Glencoe, the location of the most heinous crime in which the Clan Campbell soldiers were taken into lodgings during a bad snow storm, stayed with their hosts for around 2 weeks and were then ordered to slay them!



The old Jacobite Steam Train – you can travel like Harry Potter on the Old Hogwarts Express over the Glenfinnan viaduct passing the Bonnie Prince Charlie memorial and end up in the lovely little fishing village, Mallaig!



Loch Ness – 1 hour to Fort Augustus passing the awe inspiring Commando Memorial on the way and see if you can see Nessie!



Aonach Mor – 30 mins and take the mountain gondola to see amazing views and have a coffee at the restaurant at the top of the Nevis Range!



Ben Nevis Distillery – 10 mins and go on a guided tour around our 178 year old whisky distillery and 'take a dram' and savour the Uisge beatha - the water of life.



Glen Nevis – 20 mins to one of the most scenic glens in Scotland where Rob Roy and Braveheart were filmed and see the lovely Lower Falls and maybe young people jumping into the deep waters below!