



# VIEWS TO FLOAT YOUR BOAT ON

**ARE you the kind of person who promises every year that this summer you will definitely explore our own beautiful Highlands?**

Fancy a short break that's a little different with a good view on tap that evolves with your day?

Do you **REALLY** want to get away from it all?

If the answer's yes, then take a mini barge cruise on the Fingal of Caledonia over 65 miles from Fort William to Inverness along the spectacular Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness.

The journey to Fort William will inspire you even before you reach the boat terminal. You'll even be able to see the train as it chills-out the train in a great way to

appreciate the scenery. The dramatic views will rival anything you see later. Once on board, Skipper Martin and his small-yet-excellent crew really make you feel at home.

And you can do as much or as little as you like - activities are **ALL** included in the price of the cruise.

### Sedate

There are plenty of opportunities to indulge in hiking, walking, canoeing and mountain biking.

But if you'd prefer something a little more leisurely, a stroll along the towpath is a far more sedate way to spend an afternoon. Skipper Martin knows the waters and the surrounding area and will be glad to have you well-briefed on what to do.

And I'd urge passengers to take part as you get such a different perspective of the landscape when on dry land. Alternatively, if you want to sit topside and simply watch the exquisite outlook drift gently by, it's a fine way to spend a few hours. It's impossible to get bored with views in constant flux.

The Thomas Telford-designed canal was constructed over 20 years in the early 1800s and is an incredible achievement.

The boat itself was built in Holland 90-odd years ago and was brought to Scotland where it's been lovingly restored by Skipper Martin.

The cabins are small but very cosy and the toilets are fully equipped. You'll never and to look at the vessel, you'd never

# Havving it barge



**CANAL KNOWLEDGE** Fingal's crew will let you do as much or as little as you want!

## CALEDONIAN CANAL

Imagine there would be space for 12 guests, crew and equipment. All meals are cooked by the boat's wonderful chef. Tea, The food is hearty and fantastic, which is just as well as you'll need it for the outdoor challenges. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the Captain's table with the crew and shipmates - a relaxed setting that's

perfect for getting to know your fellow shipmates over a glass of wine. It's also here that the skipper will lay out the day's plans after breakfast. Then you can decide what to do...or not do. Whatever you decide, you'll be glad you have finally kept that promise to explore the Highlands.

**TOMMY BROWN**

**Go Highland cruise**

**CALEDONIAN** Discovery operate cruises on the Fingal of Caledonia from April to October. A six-day trip including food, equipment and instruction costs from £395 to £645, based on two sharing a twin cabin. Call 01397 72167, email [info@fingal-cruising.co.uk](mailto:info@fingal-cruising.co.uk) or visit [www.fingal-cruising.co.uk](http://www.fingal-cruising.co.uk)