



Loch Shiel Expedition

Travel and accommodation options

Thank you for booking the Loch Shiel Expedition. We have put this guide together to help you choose your accommodation and travel options.

Air – Flights into Glasgow International airport then catch the Glasgow Airport Express service 500 to the city centre for trains to Fort William and Glenfinnan.

Train – There are national train services to Fort William. Train services then run from Fort William to Glenfinnan.

Car – Spectacular drive through Scotland. There is limited overnight parking at the Glenfinnan House Hotel for £5 per night (must be arranged with them independently). You may have to catch the bus back to retrieve your car on the morning after the trip.

Car Share – After booking, you will be invited to join the what's app group for your trip. Please feel free to use this to share accommodation and travel in order to keep costs down.

See next page for our view on the best travel options

Car

Option 1 (best) Book accommodation at the Glenuig Inn on the night prior to the trip. On the morning of the trip leave your car there and catch the Shiel bus to the start point in Glenfinnan. Your car will be waiting for you at Glenuig at the end of the trip, you can stay at the Glenuig Inn for a further night, or head straight off when the trip finishes.

Option 2 Book accommodation in Fort William on the night prior to the trip, or just arrive early and leave your car there (e.g. An Aird No.2 long stay carpark CP0067). Catch the train from Fort William to Glenfinnan on the morning of the trip. Book accommodation at the Glenuig Inn, or camp on the foreshore on the last evening and get the Shiel bus back to Fort William in the morning.

Option 3 (Limited Parking) Book accommodation in Glenfinnan and park in the Glenfinnan House Hotel for circa £5 per night (must be arranged with them independently) your car will be safe there for the duration of the trip. Book accommodation at the Glenuig Inn, or camp on the foreshore on the last evening and get the Shiel bus back to Glenfinnan in the morning.

Public transport

Option 1 Book accommodation in Fort William on the night prior to the trip. Catch the train from Fort William to Glenfinnan on the morning of the trip. Book accommodation at the Glenuig Inn or camp on the foreshore on the last evening and catch the Shiel bus back to Fort William in the morning.

Option 2 Book accommodation in Glenfinnan the night before the trip. Walk to the start in the morning. Book accommodation at the Glenuig Inn or camp on the foreshore on the last evening and catch the Shiel bus back to Fort William in the morning.

Shiel bus times and costs

Departs Glenuig at 07:35 Mon – Fri.

Cost- £3.30 to Glenfinnan station £6.60 to Fort William

10-minute walk from Glenfinnan Station to launch site.

Does not run on a Sunday and leaves at 12:27 on Saturdays.

Train times and costs

Departs Fort William at 08:30 and 12:12 Mon-Fri arriving Glenfinnan at 09:05 and 12:46 respectively.

Cost - £4 single between Glenfinnan and Fort William 10-minute walk from Glenfinnan Station to launch site.

NB. If you are meeting us in Glenfinnan the start of the trip, you will have to bring everything with you as we cannot transport items, such as a change of clothing, to the end.

NB. As a safety measure, we may have to leave a car in a layby on the road beside Loch Moidart. Volunteers would be appreciated.

Accommodation links

The Glenuig inn- www.glenuig.com this is where we end our expedition so a great place to stay.

Glenfinnan house Hotel - www.glenfinnanhouse.com Traditional Highland Hotel and the starting point for this trip.

The sleeping car Glenfinnan. www.glenfinnansleepingcar.com Quirky accommodation in an old railway carriage at the train station and 5 mins walk from the starting point.

The Princes house hotel - www.glenfinnan.co.uk Great hotel close to the start point.

Craigag Lodge – Friendly B&B 5 mins drive from the Glenfinnan. 01397 722476

Back Track Bothies _ <https://www.backtrackbothies.com/> Upmarket and quirky Bothy accommodation 3 night min stay.

Numerous options in Fort William 25 Mins away by car and 40 Mins by train

Snow goose mountain center – Self Catering Apartments , hostel and bunkhouse. Right next to Corpach train station. www.accommodation-fortwilliam.co.uk

The Wild Goose – Backpackers hostel www.chasethewildgoosehostel.co.uk 20 mins by car of 36 mins on the train from Banavie.

Highland Holidays Ben Nevis – www.highlandholidays.com Lodges, Static caravans, touring caravans, hot tub lodges, camping pitches, apartments and pods. 21 mins by car, 47mins by train, including a 20 min walk to the station at Banavie.

Roam West www.roamwest.co.uk 1 hour by car.