

Puffer Steamboat Holidays, Co. Ltd.

"VIC 32" BOOKING FORM – SUMMER 2018

Contact Cathy at Puffer Steamboat Holidays, Crinan Boatyard, Crinan, Lochgilphead, Argyll
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Please reserve space for.....people on the SL "VIC 32" for.....weeks starting with
 Cruise week beginning.....

Berth preference Bunk(s) in twin cabin
 (Please tick) Double bunk cabin
 Single Occupancy (If you are not prepared to share the cabin
 payment is required for both berths less 20 %)

We are vegetarian (tick if yes)

Other dietary requirements.....

We would like a Bus timetable (tick if 'Yes')

(NB No timetable for Cruise H and I. Enquire of British Rail (Scotrail), for trains for Fort
 William and Corpach or Inverness as appropriate)

Full Name.....

Names of other party members.....

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(Include ages of any children in the party)

Address.....

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.....Post code.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

I would like to become a 'Friend of VIC 32' and would like to receive the Puffer
 Preservation Trust Gift Aid Form by post (tick if Yes)

I would like to receive a Puffer Preservation Trust Gift idea brochure
 (tick if Yes)

I have read the brochure and enclose a deposit of £100 per person. I will pay the
 balance due at least 30 days before the start of my cruise.

(All cheques payable to Puffer Steamboat Holidays Ltd.) All payments must be made
 in £ sterling. Our bank transfer details are as follows: A/C90066332,
 Sort Code 82-66-11, IBAN GB19CLYD82661190066332.

Online booking will be available soon. Check the website.

Signature.....Date.....

Please tick the appropriate box below if any of the activities indicated interest you.

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| Navigation Crew: (i.e. on the Bridge, studying charts, Wrestling with the wheel and the Captain's temper.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engineer / Stoker (i.e. getting dirty, burnt, hot and sweaty.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Deckhand (i.e. getting ropes from boat to quay, casting off etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Deck Chair Hand (i.e. keeping clean and watching all the others get dirty.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cruise Descriptions

CRUISE A. On arrival at Crinan, having welcomed you to the boat, we might suggest a woodland walk to blow the journey's cobwebs away. On Monday morning we venture through the lovely Crinan Canal built over 200 years ago by John Rennie- prepare those lock – gate pushing muscles! On Tuesday we depart from Ardrishaig and head up Loch Fyne, famed for its kippers and beauty to anchor off Crarae gardens and for those intrepid enough to enjoy a dinghy trip ashore, walk around amongst rhododendrons and azaleas. On to admire Lachlan Castle and on again to Tarbert, a busy fishing village full of life. Having spent the night at the pier, we continue on Wednesday morning to Lochranza on the Island of Arran. We anchor in the bay close to a seal colony and bicycles may be hired in the village. On Thursday we steam to Millport on the Island of Great Cumbrae, famed for its chocolate shop and bicycling around the island. During lunch we continue to Rothesay, on the Island of Bute and in the afternoon you might visit Mountstuart House or just potter around this Glaswegian holiday resort with a Victorian atmosphere and 1098 Castle. On Friday we return to Ardrishaig via a brief look in at Loch Riddon and Tighnabruich.

CRUISE B. The itinerary is partially the same as Cruise A but we do not make a passage through the Crinan canal and have an extra day in the area. The cruise starts in Ardrishaig and ends at Plantation Quay in Glasgow. We may include Dunoon, Helensburgh(Hill House) and the James Watt Dock at Greenock, the submarine base at Faslane on the Gareloch, Carrick Castle in Loch Goil and of course a fascinating trip up the River Clyde to Glasgow. We suggest transport back to your vehicle in Ardrishaig in the form of a taxi to Buchanan Street Bus Station(10 mins) and a West Coast Motors (or City-Link) bus (2 ½hrs.)

CRUISE C. The itinerary is the same as Cruise B but starts at Yorkhill Quay, Glasgow which is the pontoon immediately up-river from the 'Glenlee' Tall Ship beside the Riverside Museum and finishes at Ardrishaig. We suggest, if you are driving and not using public transport, you drive your car to Ardrishaig and leave it there during your holiday with us. You then take the bus from Ardrishaig to Glasgow and a taxi to Yorkhill Quay and join us on the Sunday afternoon.

CRUISE D. This is a new cruise in the Loch Fyne and Clyde area starting and finishing at Ardrishaig, a small harbour at the eastern end of the Crinan Canal. Walk its colourful banks on your arrival. We may visit any or all of the following places during the cruise according to the Skipper's whim and fancy: Tarbert, Lochranza, Millport, Largs, Rothesay, Dunoon, Blairmore, Carrick Castle in Loch Goil, the Holy Loch, the Gareloch including passing the submarine base at Faslane, Helensburgh, Greenock, Tighnabruich, Loch Riddon and viewing the Maids of Bute.

CRUISE E. The itinerary is the same as Cruise A but is reversed. The cruise starts at Ardrishaig and ends at Crinan.

CRUISE F. We greet you at Crinan and may well suggest you enjoy our local woodland walk. However you are most welcome to stay on board and browse through our library. On Monday morning we steam silently away, out of the sea-loch and set off from Crinan for Tayvallich in Loch Sween, anchoring on the way in the Fairy Isles, swimming amongst the seals or exploring the area. On Tuesday, having climbed Tor Mor for the view over the Sound of Jura, we may land on one of the MacCormaig Isles and on to Craighouse on Jura. On Wednesday we may continue on to Loch Melfort via distant views of the dreaded Corryvreckan whirlpool! On Thursday we cruise to Ardmaddy Gardens or Arduaine and walk around the gardens, then on to Loch Craignish via Loch Shuna and the Dorus Mor. On Friday we return to Crinan, having stopped for lunch near Macaskin Island. You will be lucky if you see a pier on this cruise let alone civilization! So be prepared to brave the boat's boarding ladder as we will be using the dinghy for access ashore.

CRUISE G. This cruise is similar to Cruise F, we might if the weather is suitable go to COLONSAY by public transport, (if available). This is a long day out so one does need some stamina. However it is well worth it. We leave the Puffer on the pier at Craighouse, Jura and taking a picnic lunch with us, we go by bus to Feolin where we board the little ferry to Port Askaig, Islay. From there we scramble up the gangplank of the enormous Caledonian MacBrayne ferry to Colonsay (approx 1 hour). A bus tour of the Island is a possibility although you can spend the day walking and exploring this magical isle.

The beach at Kiloran is pure beauty and Colonsay House gardens are well worthwhile. We return to the Puffer the same way. The cost of the transport this day will be added to your 'bar bill' at the end of the week and invoiced to you accordingly. It will be approximately £25.00.

Or we might if the weather is suitable anchor in Seil Sound and dinghy ashore to walk 2 miles across Seil Island to Easdale where we take the little ferry to Easdale Island. Picnic lunch amongst the ancient slate quarries and return to the Puffer. We have recently discovered the delights of Ardmaddy garden and will try to visit here if the schedule on either Cruise F or G allows.

CRUISE H. We welcome you on board at Corpach, Fort William. On Monday morning we steam off out of the sea lock and explore Loch Linnie up to the Corran Narrows and Loch Eil, where the Puffer worked during the war. We return in the afternoon into the Caledonian Canal which was built by Thomas Telford in 1822. On Tuesday we climb Neptune's Staircase, make our way to Gaerloch and walk up to Loch Arkaig on the Achnacarry estate, perhaps visiting the Cameron Museum. On Wednesday we continue along the canal, anchoring in quiet leafy Loch Oich by Invergarry Castle and walk around the estate. On to Fort Augustus and its Benedictine Abbey, via Culloch and Kytra locks when the intrepid may wish to walk along the towpath, following the boat and picking wild fungi, blackberries and nuts. On Thursday morning we set off early and travel to Foyers on Loch Ness for a quick walk up to the waterfall, then on to Inverness in time for shopping and perhaps an evening visit to the Eden Court theatre or cinema. We have developed a little extra itinerary by taking taxis to either Cawdor or Brodie Castles via the ancient Klava Cairns. On Friday we hope to leave the canal at Clachnaharry sea-lock and travel under the Black Isle bridge, down the Firth to Chanonry Point opposite Fort George and puff amongst dolphins and porpoises. We return to Muirtown Canal Basin, Inverness and if travelling by car, we provide free mini-bus transport back to your vehicle.

CRUISE I. The itinerary and return transport arrangements are the same as Cruise H, although reversed. You join at Muirtown Canal Basin, Inverness and the journey ends at Corpach, Fort William.

TravelAdvice will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

Please ask about becoming a 'Friend of VIC 32'. For an annual subscription, receive our newsletter 'The Calliope' and help us continue VIC 32's restoration.



TRAVEL TO REACH THE PUFFER

If you travel by road, there is car parking available at Ardrishaig, Crinan, Corpach or Inverness. Public transport to Ardrishaig is by bus from Buchanan Street bus station in Glasgow (near to Central Railway Station). Short journey onwards to Crinan by local taxi from Lochgilphead bus stop. Public transport to Corpach is best by Scotrail from Glasgow (Queen Street Station) - or sleeper from London Euston via Glasgow-which covers the dramatic and scenic West Highland route over Rannoch Moor or even aeroplane to Inverness from anywhere.

2018 SUMMER WEEKLY CRUISE SCHEDULE ON 'VIC 32'
37th YEAR OF CRUISING

| Date Beginning | Day | Cruise | Price per person | Embarkation Point |
|---------------------------------|-----|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| April 29 | Sun | A | £1030 | Crinan |
| May 6 | Sun | D | £1030 | Ardrishaig |
| May 13 | Sun | B | £1030 | Ardrishaig |
| May 19-25 (excluding May 21/22) | Day | Trips/Suppers | | Glasgow |
| May 27 | Sun | C | £1030 | Glasgow |
| June 3 | Sun | E | £1030 | Ardrishaig |
| June 17 | Sun | F | £1030 | Crinan |
| June 24 | Sun | G | £1030 | Crinan |
| July 1 | Sun | F | £1030 | Crinan |

FREE trips round Crinan Bay: Saturday, Sunday, Monday July 7th/8th & 9th.

Day Trips: Thursday, July 12th, Friday, July 13th, Saturday, July 14th, Sunday, July 15th, Monday, July 16th, from Crinan, charter party of up to 12 persons....£1025 per charter.

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| July 22 | Sun | G | £1030 | Crinan |
| July 29 | Sun | F | £1030 | Crinan |
| Aug 5 | Sun | G | £1030 | Crinan |
| Aug 19 | Sun | H | £1030 | Corpach |
| Aug 26 | Sun | I | £1030 | Inverness |
| Sept 2 | Sun | H | £1030 | Corpach |
| Sept 9 | Sun | I | £1030 | Inverness |

Single occupancy of a twin cabin requires payment for both berths less 20% discount.

Between the dates, May 19/25th (excluding May 21/22) the Puffer will be available for Glasgow based 'Day Trips' (£980) for a group of up to 12 persons; included is morning coffee, buffet lunch and afternoon tea.

We will also be available for 'Puffer Suppers' at £50 per person in groups of 12 persons. Please ask for the supplementary form/s to be completed for the Glasgow Day trips and the 'Puffer Suppers'.

Inverness Open Weekend: Sept 8/9th. The boat will be stationary at Muirtown Canal Basin and open to the public from 9.00am to 4.30 pm, both days, for guided tours and the opportunity to buy Puffer souvenirs.

Transport will be available to return you to your vehicle or the bus after any cruise that does not finish where it started. (N.B. Cruises involving Glasgow will be on public transport. Inverness to Fort William or vice-versa will be by mini-bus).

Booking Form enquiries and payments to be SENT BY POST to Cathy at Puffer Steamboat Holidays, Crinan Boatyard, Crinan, LOCHGILPHEAD, Argyll. PA31 8SW.
Tel: 01546 830 133 . Email: savethepuffer@hotmail.co.uk

These holidays are for any age group, but a modicum of physical and mental agility is necessary. The Puffer is a coal-fired steamboat and the funnel emits the occasional cloud of black smoke with the inevitable effect of causing black smuts and grime on deck – so we do not recommend that you go to Harrods Boating Department for your holiday outfit! VIC 32 is not a luxury liner; it is a comfortable passenger puffer.

Schedules depend on weather conditions and other factors and the operators reserve the right to make changes or cancel cruises. Passengers should arrive after 3.30pm on Sunday on all cruises and leave before 4.00pm the following Friday.

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