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JACOBITE REBELLION AND PASSION – BUT NOT MUTINY!

**Cruise company launches new double act for 2005 summer season –
and adds more power to the fleet**

Jacobite Experience Loch Ness is taking its inspiration from the stirring emotions of Highland history for the 2005 summer season.

The award-winning four star company is taking to the water just in time for Easter with some new additions on board.

Broadening its horizons to no less than seven cruises and tours, excursions range from an hour taster of the secrets of Loch Ness, to a six and a half hour exploration of the intrigue of the waters and its shoreline.

Jacobite is also keeping up to date with the latest technology. Flagship of the fleet, the Jacobite Queen, has been treated to a £65,000 power upgrade thanks to a greener Swedish engine, installed locally by Caley Marina.

The new, smooth engine is more sympathetic to the environment, with better emission rates providing a better service for customers and maintaining the Jacobite standard of care.

Jacobite launches its summer season on March 21, with a warm welcome and high quality customer service to match the spring weather.

The *Jacobite Passion* tour is a great way to fill a day for overseas visitors, day-trippers and locals alike – and certainly provides an experience that will ensure customers disembark with memories that will last a lifetime.

Lasting six and a half hours, the coach and cruise trip takes in the spectacular scenery and landmarks of the mysterious depths of Loch Ness itself and the tranquil Caledonian Canal.

The tour includes visits to the fascinating Urquhart Castle and Loch Ness 2000 Monster Exhibition, with plenty of time for a look round. There is also an opportunity to sample local life in the picturesque villages of Drumnadrochit and Invermoriston.

In the opposite direction, leaving from Inverness city centre, the two and a quarter hour *Jacobite Rebellion* tour heads east to visit the site of the last battle fought on British soil – Culloden.

The stirring trip gives visitors a chance to absorb the haunting sense of history in the very soil of Culloden Moor, where Bonnie Prince Charlie made his last ill-fated stand against Government forces led by the Duke of Cumberland in 1746. Also included is a visit to the intriguingly-placed stone edifices at nearby Clava Cairns.

With prices starting from just £8.50 per adult, there really is an opportunity for everyone to experience Highland history and the legend and myth of Loch Ness.

Jacobite owner Freda Rapson is looking forward to getting the fleet back onto the full summer timetable, adding: "We are delighted to launch the summer season with the Passion and Rebellion. We always try to add value to the Jacobite product and believe that the two new tours and the new engine will enhance the visitors overall experience. There is so much history around Loch Ness and the surrounding area and we have tried to incorporate this in the programme of cruises and tours."

For more information or to make a booking visit www.jacobite.co.uk or call 01463 233999.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- Jacobite Passion costs £29.50 per adult, £19.50 per child

- Jacobite Rebellion costs £12.50 per adult, £9.50 per child