

Corpach, Scottish Highlands, Scotland

Where the Caledonian Canal meets Loch Linnhe in the shadow of Ben Nevis. Corpach is a small Highland village with outsized scenery — and a photogenic shipwreck on the beach.

Small ships dock; larger ships tender Typical call: 6-8 hrs British Pound Sterling (£) English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small/expedition ships dock at Corpach Basin quay; larger cruise ships tender into the canal basin

Best For: Scenery, canal engineering, whisky distillery, steam train excursions

Walk to Fort William: 4 miles — take the train (~10 min) or bus from Corpach Station

Don't Miss: The MV Dayspring shipwreck on Caol Beach with Ben Nevis behind it

Getting around: Taxi £12–£15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jacobite Steam Train ("Harry Potter Train")** — Board the famous steam train from Fort William to Mallaig, crossing the legendary Glenfinnan Viaduct over Loch Shiel.
- Glenfinnan Monument & Viaduct** — 30 minutes by train or taxi from Corpach, the Glenfinnan Monument marks where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard in 1745.
- Ben Nevis & Glen Nevis Walk** — A 10-minute taxi from Corpach drops you at Glen Nevis, where walks range from an easy gorge path to the full summit of the UK's highest mountain...
- Ben Nevis Distillery Tour & Tasting** — One of Scotland's oldest licensed distilleries (est.
- Neptune's Staircase Canal Walk** — A flat, scenic 30-minute walk along the Caledonian Canal towpath from Corpach brings you to Neptune's Staircase at Banavie — the longest staircase...

BEST WALKS

- Corpach Shipwreck & Canal Sea Lock** 1.5 km · Easy · 20-30 min — Walk from the pier along the shoreline to the iconic MV Dayspring shipwreck on Caol Beach — best photograph in the Highlands, with Ben Nevis as the backdrop.
- Canal Towpath to Neptune's Staircase** 3.5 km one way · Easy, flat · 30-40 min — Follow the Caledonian Canal towpath north from Corpach through peaceful Highland scenery to Neptune's Staircase at Banavie — the longest staircase lock in Britain.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:12AM–8:29PM · Jun 4:27AM–10:15PM · Aug 5:49AM–8:59PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:37PM · Oct 7:54AM–6:17PM	
Apr	52°	39°	14d		
Jun	63°	51°	18d		
Aug	63°	53°	22d		
Sep	60°	50°	18d		
Oct	54°	45°	22d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Get to Fort William by train: Corpach Station is a 5-min walk from the pier. ScotRail runs to Fort William in about 10 min — but trains are infrequent. Check the timetable before committing.
- Shipwreck shot: The MV Dayspring is best photographed at low tide with Ben Nevis visible — go early before clouds build over the summit.
- Midges: May to September, Highland midges can ruin a calm day outdoors. Buy Smidge or Avon Skin So Soft at the Co-op in Corpach before walking.
- Jacobite steam train: Tickets sell out months ahead. If you haven't pre-booked, this is best done as a ship's excursion — they hold reserved seats.
- Pack waterproofs: This is the wettest region in the UK. Even a sunny morning can turn wet — a windproof, waterproof jacket is essential.
- Contactless is everywhere: Cards and contactless payments work at shops, pubs, and even on buses — cash is rarely needed.

Corpach, Scottish Highlands, Scotland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Ben Nevis Weather Station | Historic weather observatory atop Britain's highest mountain. | 2 | Ben Nevis Distillery | Historic whisky distillery offering tours and tastings. |
| 3 | Treasures of the Earth | Exhibition of sparkling gems, crystals, and fossils. | 4 | Old Inverlochy Castle | Historic 13th-century castle ruins near Fort William. |
| 5 | Ben Nevis Visitor Centre | Information centre for Ben Nevis, with shop and cafe. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |