

Craobh Haven, Argyll, Scotland

Pronounced 'Krove Haven,' this purpose-built 1980s marina village is one of Scotland's most peaceful small-ship stops — surrounded by wildlife, ancient stones, and the world's third-largest whirlpool just offshore.

-  Tender (no cruise pier)
-  Typical call: 5-7 hrs
-  Currency: GBP
-  Language: English
-  Small-ship / expedition lines only

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to marina pontoon — no pier for cruise ships

Walk to village: 2 min from tender dock to pub/café

Best For: Wildlife, coastal walks, ancient archaeology, boat excursions

Don't Miss: Gulf of Corryvreckan whirlpool boat tour or Arduaine Garden

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  £35–60

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Gulf of Corryvreckan Whirlpool Boat Tour** — The world's third-largest whirlpool, between Jura and Scarba, is best reached from Craobh Haven.
- **Kilmartin Glen Archaeology** — One of mainland Scotland's richest prehistoric landscapes, about 25 miles (40 min) south.
- **Arduaine Garden (National Trust for Scotland)** — A clifftop garden warmed by the Gulf Stream that shouldn't exist at this latitude — rhododendrons, Himalayan lilies, and even palm trees.
- **Wildlife Spotting — Eagles, Seals & Otters** — Walk the coastal path toward the Lunga Estate for harbour seals, otters, porpoises, and if you're lucky, White-tailed Sea Eagles or Golden Eagles...
- **Sea Kayaking — Craignish Peninsula** — Craobh Haven's marina has watersports facilities, and the sheltered waters of Loch Craignish are ideal for guided kayaking.

BEST WALKS

- **Marina to Lunga Coastal Path** 2-3 miles round trip · Easy · 1-1.5 hrs — Follow the shoreline path north from the marina past the small shingle beach and along Loch Shuna toward the Lunga Estate.
- **Village Viewpoint Walk** 0.5 miles · Easy-moderate · 20-30 min — A short uphill path from the marina leads to a viewpoint above the village with sweeping views over the Sound of Jura to Shuna, Scarba, and the Garvellachs.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:16AM–8:29PM · Jun 4:34AM–10:11PM · Aug 5:53AM–8:58PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:54AM–6:20PM	
Apr	51°	41°	15d	 Currency: GBP	
Jun	60°	51°	18d		
Aug	61°	53°	21d		
Sep	59°	51°	18d		
Oct	54°	47°	21d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up: West Scotland weather changes fast. A waterproof jacket and sturdy shoes are non-negotiable regardless of how the morning looks.
- Midge season (May-Sep): Scottish midges can be fierce on still days. Bring DEET repellent or Avon Skin So Soft — the locals' preferred choice.
- No taxis on site: Pre-book any taxi for Kilmartin Glen or Arduaine Garden before going ashore — local drivers are scarce and there's no rank at the pier.
- Cash useful but not essential: The pub and café accept cards, but carrying a few pounds is handy for smaller purchases or tips on boat excursions.
- Patchy signal: Mobile data can be weak or absent. Download maps offline before leaving the ship. Free Wi-Fi at The Lord of the Isles pub.
- Corryvreckan is tide-dependent: This excursion only runs at specific tidal windows. Book through your ship or a local operator well in advance — it's the best thing in the area.

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