

Foynes, County Limerick, Ireland

A tiny Shannon Estuary village with an outsized legacy — the birthplace of Irish Coffee and the transatlantic flying boat era, all within a 2-minute walk of the pier shuttle drop.

 Docked (working cargo port — mandatory shuttle)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier; shuttle bus mandatory through cargo port

Walk to center: 2 min from shuttle drop-off

Best For: Aviation history, Irish Coffee, day trips to Adare & Limerick

Don't Miss: Boeing 314 Clipper replica at the Flying Boat Museum

 Getting around:  Taxi  €60–€75

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum** — The must-do in Foynes.
- **Adare Village Day Trip** — Often called Ireland's prettiest village, Adare (25 min by taxi) offers thatched-roof cottages, a 13th-century Augustinian abbey ruin, and boutique...
- **King John's Castle, Limerick City** — A 13th-century Norman castle on the River Shannon in Limerick City (35 min).
- **Bunratty Castle & Folk Park** — A beautifully restored 15th-century tower house paired with a living-history 19th-century Irish village.
- **Monument Hill Walk & Spring-Rice Monument** — A free, short climb from Marine Cove in the village up to the Spring-Rice Monument — a Celtic cross erected c.

BEST WALKS

- **Foynes Village Stroll** 0.5 km · 15 min · Easy — From the shuttle drop, walk to the Flying Boat Museum, continue along Main Street past O'Connor's Bar and local shops, and loop back.
- **Monument Hill Walk** 0.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy–Moderate — From Marine Cove in the village center, follow the short Monument Hill path as it climbs steeply to the Spring-Rice Monument, a Celtic cross overlooking Foynes Harbour...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:38AM–8:35PM · Jun 5:12AM–10:01PM · Aug 6:19AM–9:01PM · Sep 7:11AM–7:50PM · Oct 8:02AM–6:40PM Euro (€)	
Apr	55°	42°	14d		
Jun	64°	52°	15d		
Aug	65°	54°	18d		
Sep	63°	52°	15d		
Oct	57°	48°	17d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The shuttle is not optional. You cannot walk through the cargo port. Board the provided shuttle at the gangway — it runs continuously and drops you at the village gate.
- Order Irish Coffee at its birthplace. The museum café serves the original 1943 recipe — Irish whiskey, brown sugar, hot coffee, cold cream poured over the back of a spoon. Skip the pub imitations and get the real thing here.
- Pre-book taxis for Adare or Limerick. There is no taxi rank at the port. Arrange a driver through your ship or book in advance — return fares to Adare run around €30–40, to Limerick €50–60.
- Dress for Shannon weather. The estuary is prone to sudden squalls even in summer. A windproof, waterproof jacket is essential; layers help.
- Bus Éireann Route 314 connects Foynes to Limerick City, but it runs infrequently. Check timetables before relying on it — missing the last bus means missing the ship.
- Card payments work fine in the museum and most pubs. Carry €10–20 cash for small shops and the occasional traditional pub that doesn't take cards.

Foynes, County Limerick, Ireland — Port Map

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



1 Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum

Explore the history of flying boats and maritime heritage.

2 Knockpatrick Gardens

Stroll through beautiful private gardens with stunning views.

P Cruise port / terminal