

Greencastle, County Donegal, Ireland

A working Irish fishing village on the mouth of Lough Foyle, Greencastle is the tender gateway to one of Europe's finest walled cities — Derry — and the wild, cliff-edged Inishowen Peninsula.

Tender port

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Euro (€) in Greencastle; Pounds (£) in Derry

English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Lough Foyle; tender boats land at Greencastle Harbour

Best For: History lovers, walkers, seafood enthusiasts, and anyone keen on authentic, uncrowded Ireland

Walk to centre: Greencastle village is 2 min from the tender pier; Derry city is ~35 km away (taxi/excursion)

Don't Miss: Walking Derry's 17th-century walls; Kinnagoe Bay beach (Spanish Armada wreck site)

Getting around: Taxi €40–50 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Derry's Walled City** — Walk the complete 1.5 km circuit of 17th-century city walls, visit the neo-Gothic Guildhall, and explore the powerful Bogside Murals and Free Derry...
- Malin Head & the Wild Atlantic Way** — Drive to the northernmost point of mainland Ireland for dramatic sea cliffs, crashing Atlantic surf, and the famous EIRE sign — a Star Wars: The Last...
- Doagh Famine Village** — An open-air living museum on Inishowen that walks visitors through Irish life from the Great Famine of the 1840s to the present day.
- Kinnagoe Bay Beach** — A breathtaking, secluded golden-sand cove surrounded by green hills — and the resting place of the La Trinidad Valencera, a Spanish Armada galleon...
- Inishowen Maritime Museum** — Right on the tender pier in Greencastle's old Coastguard station.

BEST WALKS

- Greencastle Harbour to Stroove Lighthouse** 3.5 km one-way | Easy | ~45 min — A flat, scenic coastal walk from the tender pier north along the Lough Foyle shore to Stroove Lighthouse.
- Derry City Walls Circuit** 1.5 km loop | Easy | ~45 min walking, 2+ hrs with stops — The full rampart walk atop Derry's 17th-century walls, with views over the Bogside and city centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		53°	40°	13d
Jun		62°	50°	13d
Aug		64°	53°	16d
Sep		61°	50°	14d
Oct		55°	45°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:24AM–8:32PM · Jun 4:47AM–10:09PM · Aug 6:02AM–9:01PM · Sep 7:00AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:27PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/Dublin). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

Euro (€) in Greencastle; Pounds (£) in Derry

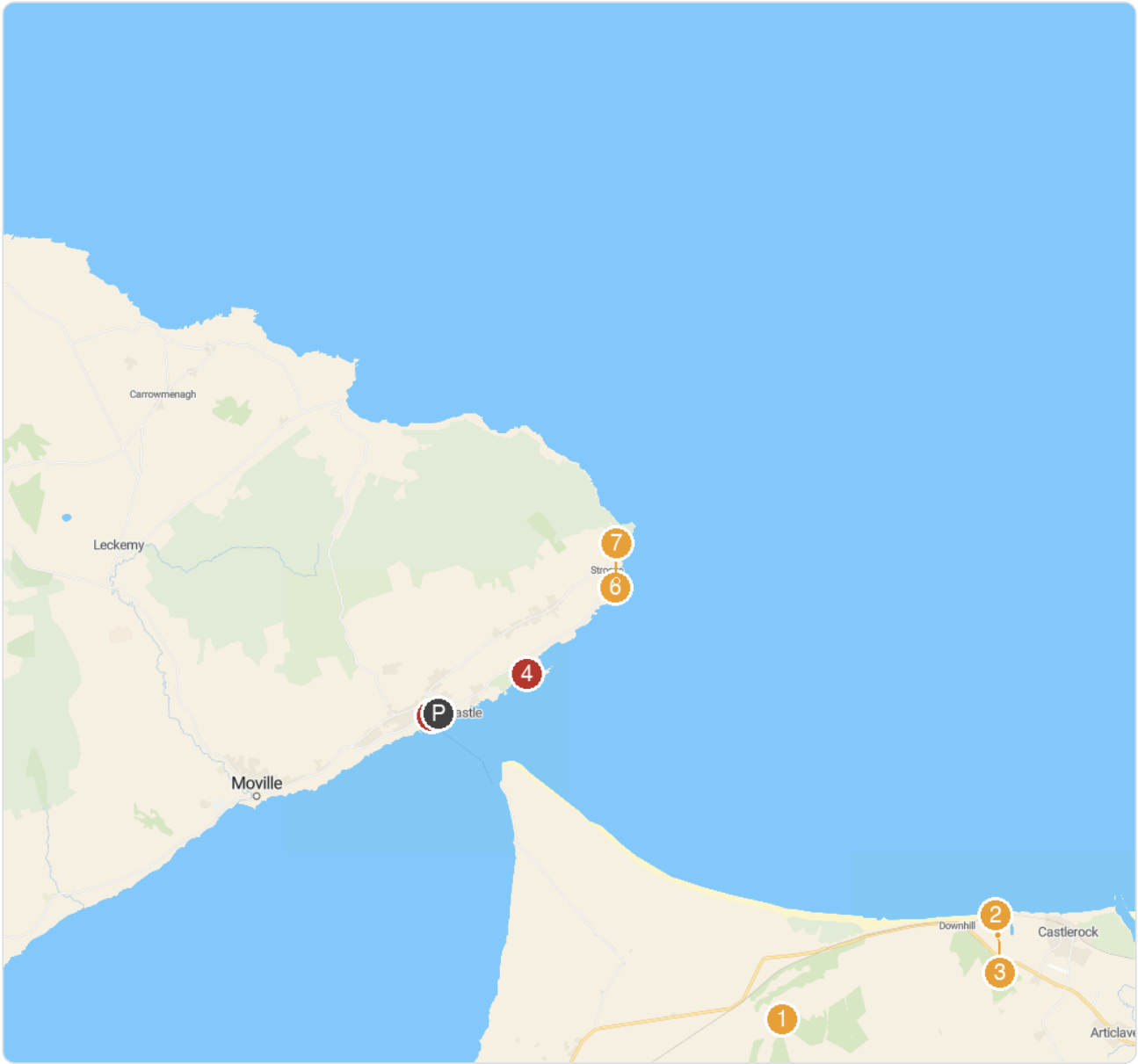
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Two currencies, one port call. Greencastle is in the Republic of Ireland (Euro); Derry is in the UK (British Pounds). Cards are accepted everywhere — no need to carry both currencies.
- Book your taxi to Derry before you tender. When a ship arrives, local taxis sell out fast. Pre-arrange through the ship or a local operator the evening before.
- Expect changeable weather. Donegal's saying: 'four seasons in one day.' Pack a windproof, waterproof layer even in summer — and enjoy it when the sun breaks through.
- Eat the seafood. Greencastle is a working fishing village. The chowder and crab claws served fresh from Lough Foyle at the harbourside are genuinely outstanding.
- Open border between Ireland and Northern Ireland. There are no passport checks — you simply drive south to cross. Carry your ship ID card as backup.
- Prioritise Derry if you have one choice. The walled city, murals, and Guildhall are world-class and very walkable once you arrive. Allow at least 3 hours in the city.

Greencastle, County Donegal, 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.



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| 1 Gortmore Viewpoint | Gortmore Viewpoint offers stunning panoramic coastal views. | 2 Mussenden Temple | Mussenden Temple is a circular cliff-edge temple with stunning views. |
| 3 National Trust - Mussenden Temple and Downhill Demesne | National Trust manages Mussenden Temple and historic Downhill Demesne estate. | 4 Greencastle Golf Club | Greencastle Golf Club is an 18-hole links golf course. |
| 5 Inishowen Maritime Museum | Inishowen Maritime Museum showcases local seafaring history and artifacts. | 6 Inishowen Lighthouse | Inishowen Lighthouse is a historic coastal landmark offering sea views. |
| 7 Big White Bay | Big White Bay is a beautiful sandy beach perfect for walks. | P Cruise port / terminal | |