

Holyhead, Anglesey, Wales

Holy Island's working port punches well above its size — ancient Roman forts, puffin-lined sea cliffs, and three UNESCO castles are all within reach on a single shore day.

⚓ Usually Pier (Orthios Berth) ⌚ Typical call: 8-10 hrs 🇬🇧 British Pound (GBP) 🇬🇧 English & Welsh

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Orthios Deepwater Berth (most ships); shuttle bus to town (1.5 mi)

Walk to centre: Shuttle to Celtic Gateway Bridge, then 5 min walk

Best For: Medieval castles, coastal walks, Snowdonia scenery

Don't Miss: South Stack Lighthouse cliffs or Caernarfon Castle

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ £5–£10 est.

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Caernarfon Castle & Town** — Edward I's 13th-century masterpiece — polygonal towers modelled on Constantinople, towering above a charming walled medieval town.
- **South Stack Cliffs & Lighthouse** — Three miles from town, dramatic sea cliffs host thousands of nesting puffins, guillemots, and razorbills (spring–midsummer).
- **Beaumaris Castle & Anglesey** — Europe's finest example of concentric castle design, surrounded by a water-filled moat.
- **Snowdonia / Eryri National Park** — Head into Wales' highest mountain range for scenic drives through Llanberis Pass, views of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), and photo stops in the alpine village...
- **St. Cybi's Church & Roman Fort** — In Holyhead town centre, a 13th-century church built inside the walls of a 4th-century Roman fort (Caer Gybi) — one of the few three-walled Roman...

BEST WALKS

- **Town Centre & Roman Fort Walk** 1.5 km · Flat · 30-45 min — From the Celtic Gateway Bridge stroll through Holyhead town to St.
- **Holyhead Mountain & Clifftop Loop** 4 km · Moderate · 1.5-2 hrs — A short taxi ride gets you to the RSPB South Stack car park.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇬🇧 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:19AM–8:19PM · Jun 4:50AM–9:47PM · Aug 5:59AM–8:45PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:45AM–6:21PM	
Apr	53°	43°	11d		
Jun	63°	53°	13d		
Aug	64°	56°	17d		
Sep	62°	54°	14d		
Oct	57°	50°	16d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle is mandatory from the pier. The Orthios Berth is 1.5 miles from town — you cannot walk off the dock. Allow 20 minutes each way for the shuttle plus boarding queues, especially when re-boarding near departure time.
- Book castle tickets online. Caernarfon and Beaumaris both sell timed entry online — walk-up queues can be long. Snowdon Mountain Railway must be pre-booked months in advance.
- Bring a waterproof layer, always. North Wales is famously green for a reason. Even on sunny mornings the weather can shift rapidly on the cliffs or in the mountains.
- Cards everywhere. GBP only — no euros accepted. Contactless and Apple Pay work in virtually all shops, cafés, and taxis. ATMs near the town centre.
- Try a Welsh word. Say "Diolch" (dee-olch — thank you) and locals will love you. Welsh is the everyday language here, not just a tourist novelty.
- Puffin timing matters. South Stack puffins are visible April to mid-July only. Outside that window, the cliffs are still dramatic — but the puffins will have left for open ocean.

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