

Inverness, Scottish Highlands, Scotland

The northernmost city in Britain sits at the heart of the Scottish Highlands — your gateway to Loch Ness, clan battlefields, and wild Highland scenery. Ships dock 25 miles away at Invergordon; the rewards are worth the transfer.

Pier port (Invergordon)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Pound Sterling (£)

Language: English / Scots Gaelic

Train to Inverness: ~55 min

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Walk-off pier at Invergordon; free shuttle to town, then train or bus to Inverness (25 mi)

Best For: History buffs, Outlander fans, Loch Ness seekers, Scottish culture

Walk to center: Invergordon pier to town: 10 min walk. Inverness city center is compact and walkable.

Don't Miss: Culloden Battlefield — the last battle fought on British soil, just 5 miles from Inverness

Getting around: Taxi £50–£65 one-way · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle** — The must-do Highland experience: a boat cruise on the legendary dark waters of Loch Ness paired with a visit to the dramatic 13th-century ruins of...
- Culloden Battlefield** — Five miles from Inverness, this haunting moorland marks the site of the last pitched battle on British soil (1746).
- Cawdor Castle & Gardens** — A beautifully preserved 14th-century inhabited castle linked to Shakespeare's Macbeth, with magnificent formal gardens and woodland walks, about 12...
- Inverness City Exploration** — The Highland capital is compact and walkable: riverside Inverness Cathedral, the Victorian Market arcade, Ness Islands footbridge loop, and...
- Chanonry Point Dolphin Watch** — Chanonry Point on the Black Isle (between Invergordon and Inverness) is one of the UK's best spots to watch bottlenose dolphins hunting on a rising...

BEST WALKS

- River Ness & Ness Islands Loop** 3.5 km · Easy · 45–60 min — From Inverness Train Station, walk south along the riverside to Inverness Cathedral, cross to the Ness Islands on Victorian footbridges, loop around the wooded islands...
- Victorian Market to Leahey's Bookshop** 0.8 km · Easy · 20 min stroll — A short city-centre wander through Inverness's best indoor spaces: the ornate Victorian Market arcade (19th-century wooden roof, local shops, cafes), then along Church...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		52°	38°	13d
Jun		62°	49°	14d
Aug		63°	52°	15d
Sep		61°	49°	13d
Oct		54°	44°	17d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:07AM–8:26PM · Jun 4:18AM–10:16PM · Aug 5:42AM–9:00PM · Sep 6:47AM–7:37PM · Oct 7:50AM–6:14PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't cut it close with the train. Buy a return ticket and allow 90+ minutes back to the ship from Inverness. Train delays happen; a cab to Invergordon costs £70–£100.
- Layer up — Highland weather is famously unpredictable. Even a sunny morning can turn wet and cold. Bring a compact rain jacket regardless of the forecast.
- Contactless cards work almost everywhere in Inverness and at major attractions. Scottish banknotes (Bank of Scotland, RBS) are legal tender throughout the UK.
- Sunday docking = fewer trains. ScotRail Sunday schedules are sparse. If you arrive on a Sunday, verify train times in advance or pre-book a tour.
- Inverness Castle reopened (late 2025) as an immersive Highland visitor experience with a rooftop terrace and Highland bar — worth combining with the riverside walk.
- Try Cullen Skink — creamy smoked haddock soup — at any Inverness pub or bistro. It's the Highlands in a bowl.

Inverness, 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.



P Cruise port / terminal