

Isle of Eriskay, Outer Hebrides, Scotland

Just 2.5 miles long, Eriskay packs in a legendary whisky shipwreck, a Jacobite royal landing beach, and a critically endangered native pony — all in one unhurried Hebridean day.

-  Tender port (no pier for cruise ships)
-  Typical call: 5–7 hrs
-  Currency: GBP (British Pound)
-  Language: English & Scottish Gaelic
-  Home of the rare Eriskay Pony

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at south ferry slipway or Acarsaid Mhòr harbour

Best For: History buffs, walkers, wildlife lovers, whisky fans

Walk to pub: ~30 min from south ferry slipway to Am Politician pub (1.3 miles)

Don't Miss: Prince's Beach (Coilleag a' Phrionnsa) and a dram at Am Politician

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  £10–£50 ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Whisky Galore! — the SS Politician Story** — In 1941 the cargo ship SS Politician ran aground in the Sound of Eriskay carrying 264,000 bottles of Scotch whisky.
- Eriskay Pony Spotting** — The Eriskay Pony is one of the rarest native breeds in the world, adapted to the Hebridean climate with a thick waterproof coat.
- Prince's Beach (Coilleag a' Phrionnsa)** — Bonnie Prince Charlie stepped ashore here on 23 July 1745 to launch the Jacobite Rising.
- St Michael's Church & Shipwreck Bell** — Built in 1903, this hilltop Catholic church has an altar supported by the bow of a lifeboat washed ashore from the British carrier HMS Hermes, and a...
- Eriskay Heritage Centre** — Housed in the community hall (Talla an Shlèibh), this small centre displays old photographs, genealogical records, and SS Politician artifacts.

BEST WALKS

- South Slipway to Prince's Beach** ~1 mile / 20–25 min each way / Easy–Moderate — Head north-west from the ferry slipway along the main road, then follow the track down to Coilleag a' Phrionnsa.
- Full Island Loop — Slipway to Pub to Church** ~3.5 miles / 2–2.5 hrs / Moderate — From the south slipway, walk north-east to Am Politician pub for a dram and a look at the SS Politician relics, then continue up to St Michael's Church for panoramic...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up: Outer Hebrides weather is famously unpredictable — four seasons in one afternoon is standard. A windproof waterproof jacket is non-negotiable, even in summer.
- Bring cash: The pub and shop accept cards, but the heritage centre and church donation boxes are cash-only. Pounds sterling only — no euros.
- Don't feed the ponies: Eriskay Ponies roam freely and are managed on a strict natural diet. Admire them, photograph them, but don't offer food — and expect them to be indifferent to your presence.
- Midges in summer: June–September on calm, damp days bring Highland midges. Pack insect repellent — Smidge or Avon Skin So Soft are the local favourites.
- Tender weather: Eriskay is exposed to Atlantic swell. If conditions deteriorate, tender operations can be curtailed with little notice — build flexibility into your day ashore.
- Am Politician opens for cruise calls: The pub typically opens when ships are in. Order the whisky — it's the whole reason this island is famous.

Isle of Eriskay, Outer Hebrides, 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.



- 1 Prince's Beach (Coilleag a' Phrionnsa)** The sandy beach where Bonnie Prince Charlie first set foot on Scottish soil in 1745, marked by wild pink sea bindweed said to have grown from seeds he scattered.
- 3 Ben Scriven** Eriskay's highest hill at 185m, a walkable summit with views over the Sound of Barra and surrounding islands.

- 2 Am Politician Pub** A pub named for the SS Politician, the 1941 shipwreck whose cargo of whisky inspired the novel and film 'Whisky Galore!'.

- P Cruise port / terminal**