

Isle of Jura, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

One road, 200 residents, 6,000 red deer, and a single-malt whisky that defines the island. The Isle of Jura is as remote as Scottish islands get — and all the better for it.

Tender (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: GBP

Language: English

Deer outnumber people 30:1

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender into Craighouse distillery pier

Walk to village: 5 min from tender landing to Craighouse centre

Best For: Whisky lovers, hillwalkers, wildlife & solitude

Don't Miss: Jura Distillery tour & the Paps of Jura views

Getting around: Taxi Varies — contact for quote · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jura Distillery Tour & Tasting** — Founded in 1810 and revived in 1963, Jura Distillery produces a sweet, lightly peated single malt unlike its heavily smokyIslay neighbours.
- Paps of Jura Walk** — Three dramatic quartzite peaks — Beinn an Òir, Beinn Shiantaidh, and Beinn a' Chaolais — dominate the island skyline.
- Corryvreckan Whirlpool RIB Tour** — The Gulf of Corryvreckan between Jura and Scarba is home to one of the world's most powerful tidal whirlpools — audible from miles away at full flow.
- Corran Sands Beach Walk** — Just 4km north of Craighouse, Corran Sands is considered Jura's finest beach — a wide sweep of white shell sand backed by views of the Paps.
- Craighouse Village & Keils Cemetery** — A self-guided loop from the pier to the Jura Distillery, along the shoreline, and back via the ancient Keils burial ground takes about 90 minutes.

BEST WALKS

- Craighouse Harbour & Keils Cemetery Loop** 3.2 mi / 5.2 km • 1.5 hrs • Easy — From the pier, walk through the village past the distillery, follow the shoreline south to the ancient Keils burial ground with its carved medieval grave slabs, then...
- Craighouse to Corran Sands** 5 mi / 8 km round trip • 2.5–3 hrs • Easy–Moderate — Head north out of Craighouse along the A846 and the track to Corran Sands — Jura's most beautiful beach, a sweeping arc of white shell sand with Paps views.
- Paps of Jura — Beinn an Òir Summit** ~8 mi / 13 km • 5–7 hrs • Strenuous — Scotland's most iconic island hillwalk.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	51°	43°	13d	
Jun	60°	52°	17d	
Aug	61°	55°	19d	
Sep	59°	53°	17d	
Oct	55°	49°	20d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:18AM–8:28PM · Jun 4:37AM–10:10PM · Aug 5:54AM–9:01PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:54AM–6:24PM

Currency: GBP

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender port — watch the schedule. Jura is fully tender-dependent. Small Isles Bay can be choppy; listen for ship announcements about tender suspensions and allow extra time for the last tender back.
- Book the distillery tour before you sail. Jura Distillery tours fill up fast on ship call days. Pre-book online at jura.com — walk-ins are often turned away when a ship is in.
- No car hire on-island for day visitors. Jura has no rental cars for cruise passengers. If you want to explore beyond Craighouse, book a ship excursion or private guide in advance — the only road is single-track and taxis are scarce.
- Midges in summer. June–September brings Scottish midges (tiny biting insects) on calm, damp days. Pack DEET repellent or pick up Smidge at the village shop. On breezy days, no problem.
- Carry some cash. The hotel, distillery, and tearoom take cards, but signal can drop. The village shop may prefer cash. GBP only — no euros.
- Layer up. Jura weather is classic Scottish — sun, rain, and wind in the same hour. A waterproof jacket and sturdy walking shoes are non-negotiable even in July.

Isle of Jura, Inner 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 Caol Ila Distillery

Visit a renowned distillery for whisky tours and tastings.

2 Isle of Jura Distillery Co

Tour Jura's only whisky distillery; enjoy tastings and shop.

P Cruise port / terminal