

Isle of Portland, Dorset, England

A rugged limestone peninsula jutting into the English Channel, Portland pairs a working harbour with striking Jurassic Coast scenery — Henry VIII's coastal castle, a white-and-red-banded lighthouse at the island's tip, and a short shuttle to Weymouth's sandy Georgian seafront.

 Docked — Portland Harbour  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Currency: GBP (£)  Language: English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Outer Coaling Pier or Deep Water Berth, Portland Harbour — all ships dock; no tender

Best For: Jurassic Coast scenery, history lovers, coastal walks, rock climbing

Walk to centre: Not permitted on foot; free port shuttle to Weymouth (~5 miles) and Portland Castle

Don't Miss: Portland Bill Lighthouse and the view over the Portland Race

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  £25–£30 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Portland Bill Lighthouse** — Walk or take a local bus to the southern tip of the island and climb the white tower with its broad red band for sweeping views over the Portland...
- **Portland Castle** — One of Henry VIII's best-preserved coastal artillery forts, built in 1539–40 to guard Portland Harbour against French and Spanish invasion.
- **Jurassic Coast — Lulworth Cove & Durdle Door** — The headline full-day excursion from Portland: a coach run (45 min each way) to Lulworth Cove's perfect horseshoe bay and the limestone arch of...
- **Corfe Castle & Swanage** — A dramatic 11th-century Norman keep perched on a conical hill — one of England's great castle ruins, partially slighted by Parliament after the...
- **Weymouth Town & Seafront** — The free port shuttle drops you in the heart of Weymouth, a classic English seaside resort with a long sandy beach, a lively harbour lined with...

BEST WALKS

- **Portland Bill Loop** 4 miles round-trip | Easy–moderate | 2 hrs — From the shuttle stop at Portland Castle, take a local bus or taxi to Easton, then walk the South West Coast Path south along the east cliffs past Rufus Castle and...
- **Weymouth Harbour & Beach Stroll** 1–2 miles | Easy | 45 min — From the shuttle drop-off in Weymouth town centre, walk along the old harbour past the colourful Georgian terraces to the sandy beach, then follow the Esplanade south...

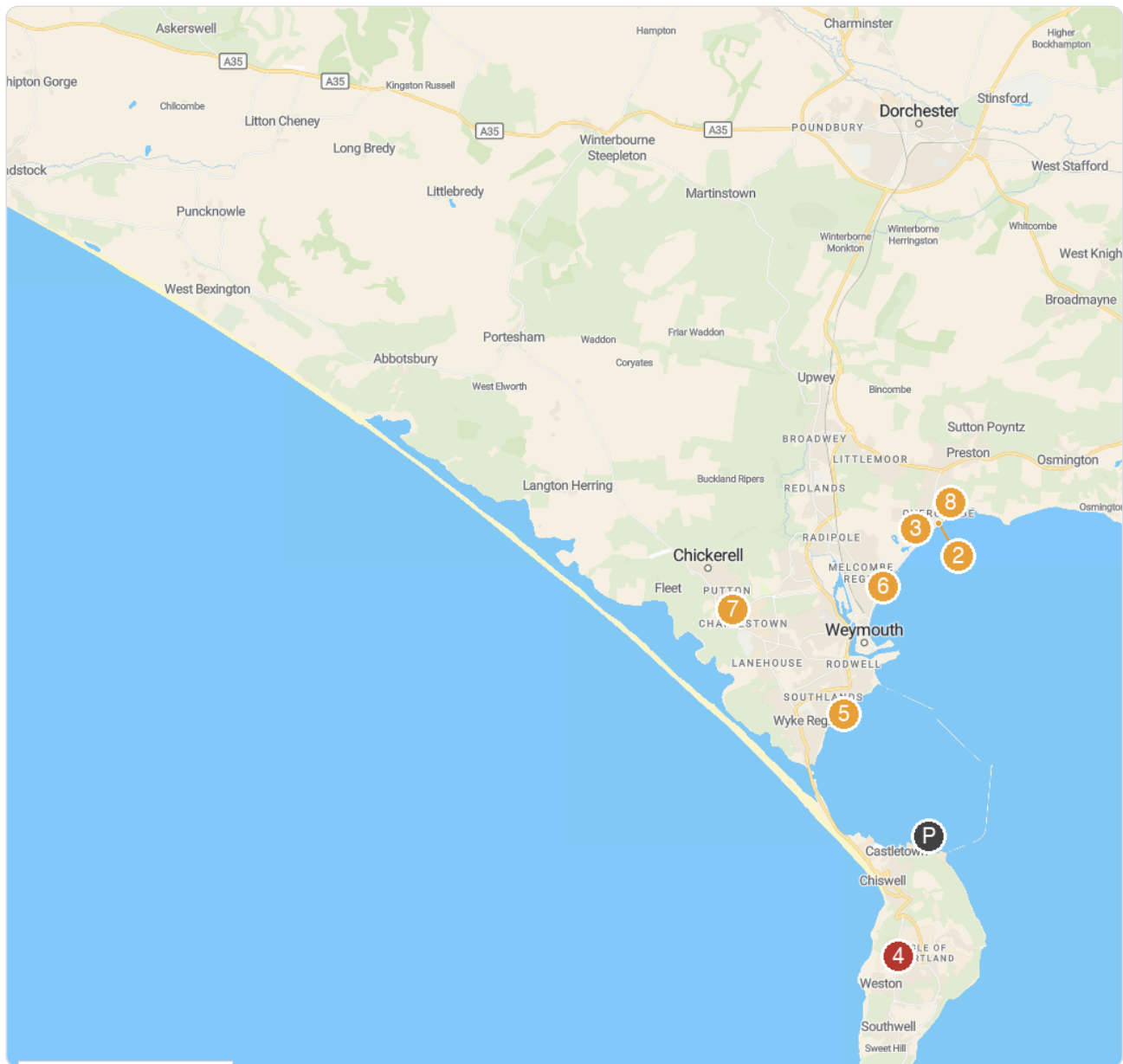
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Never walk out of the port gate. Portland is an active commercial port — walking on the estate is prohibited for safety reasons. Always use the free shuttle.
- Pre-book Jurassic Coast excursions. Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door are hard to reach by public transport in a port day — local cruise tour operators fill up fast on busy call days.
- Bring pounds sterling. Cards are accepted widely in Weymouth, but smaller Portland island stalls and car parks often want cash.
- Wear walking shoes. Church Ope Cove and the quarry paths involve uneven limestone terrain; Durdle Door has a steep coastal descent.
- Pack a waterproof layer. Portland is exposed and weather can turn fast — even in summer a shower is likely. The cliff walks are spectacular regardless.
- Shuttle timing matters. Check the last shuttle back to the ship, posted at the terminal. Weymouth taxis back to the port are available but charge a set fare — agree the price before you get in.

Isle of Portland, Dorset, England — 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 Pulpit Rock A striking natural rock formation on Portland's coast. | 2 Air-time Beach Shop A shop selling beachwear, watersports gear, and souvenirs. |
| 3 RSPB Lodmoor A large RSPB nature reserve for birds and wildlife. | 4 St George's Church A historic 18th-century church with impressive architecture. |
| 5 Sandsfoot Castle Historic Tudor artillery fort ruins overlooking Portland Harbour. | 6 Greenhill Gardens Beautiful Victorian seaside gardens with floral displays and views. |
| 7 Bennetts Water Gardens Award-winning gardens featuring water lilies and aquatic plants. | 8 Jordan Hill Roman Temple Remains of an ancient Roman temple overlooking Weymouth Bay. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |