

Isle of Raasay, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

Raasay is the quiet one next to Skye — a resilient Hebridean island where you can walk to a world-class whisky distillery, climb a flat-topped volcanic peak for views spanning a billion years of geology, and trace the poetry of the Highland Clearances across abandoned villages.

Tender (anchor off Inverarish)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

Currency: British Pounds (GBP)

English / Scottish Gaelic

Wildlife: sea eagles, otters, red deer

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender — ships anchor off Inverarish; tender to the community pontoon or beach

Best For: Whisky lovers, hikers, wildlife watchers, anyone wanting to escape Skye's crowds

Walk to Centre: 5 min walk from tender landing to Inverarish village and distillery

Don't Miss: Isle of Raasay Distillery tour & tasting, and the view from Dun Caan summit

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Isle of Raasay Distillery Tour & Tasting** — A five-minute walk from the tender landing, this award-winning distillery produces a distinctive lightly-peated single malt aged on site.
- Dun Caan Summit Hike** — Raasay's flat-topped volcanic peak (443 m) offers a 360° panorama over Skye, the Torridon hills, and the Outer Hebrides.
- Hallaig Clearance Village & Sorley Maclean Trail** — Walk to the ruins of Hallaig, one of the villages cleared in the 19th century and immortalised in Sorley Maclean's famous Gaelic poem.
- Raasay House Kayaking & RIB Trips** — The Raasay House Outdoor Centre (1.5 km north of the tender landing) offers guided sea kayaking, wildlife RIB boat trips, and fishing excursions.
- Brochel Castle & Calum's Road** — On the island's north-east coast, the crumbling 16th-century Brochel Castle perches on a volcanic plug above the sea.

BEST WALKS

- Distillery & Inverarish Village Loop** 1 hr | Easy | Free — From the tender landing, walk south through Inverarish to the distillery visitor centre (exterior always visible), then loop back via the community store and the fringes...
- Temptation Hill Viewpoint** 1.5–2 hrs | Easy–moderate | Free — A short climb from Inverarish to the Temptation Hill viewpoint rewards with sweeping views across the Sound of Raasay to Skye.
- Raasay House & Walled Garden** 45 min walk each way | Easy | Free to view — Head north along the track from Inverarish to reach Raasay House, a Georgian mansion that is now a hotel and activity centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	41°	15d
Jun		60°	51°	18d
Aug		61°	53°	22d
Sep		59°	51°	20d
Oct		54°	47°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:15AM–8:34PM · Jun 4:26AM–10:23PM · Aug 5:50AM–9:05PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:20PM

Currency: British Pounds (GBP)

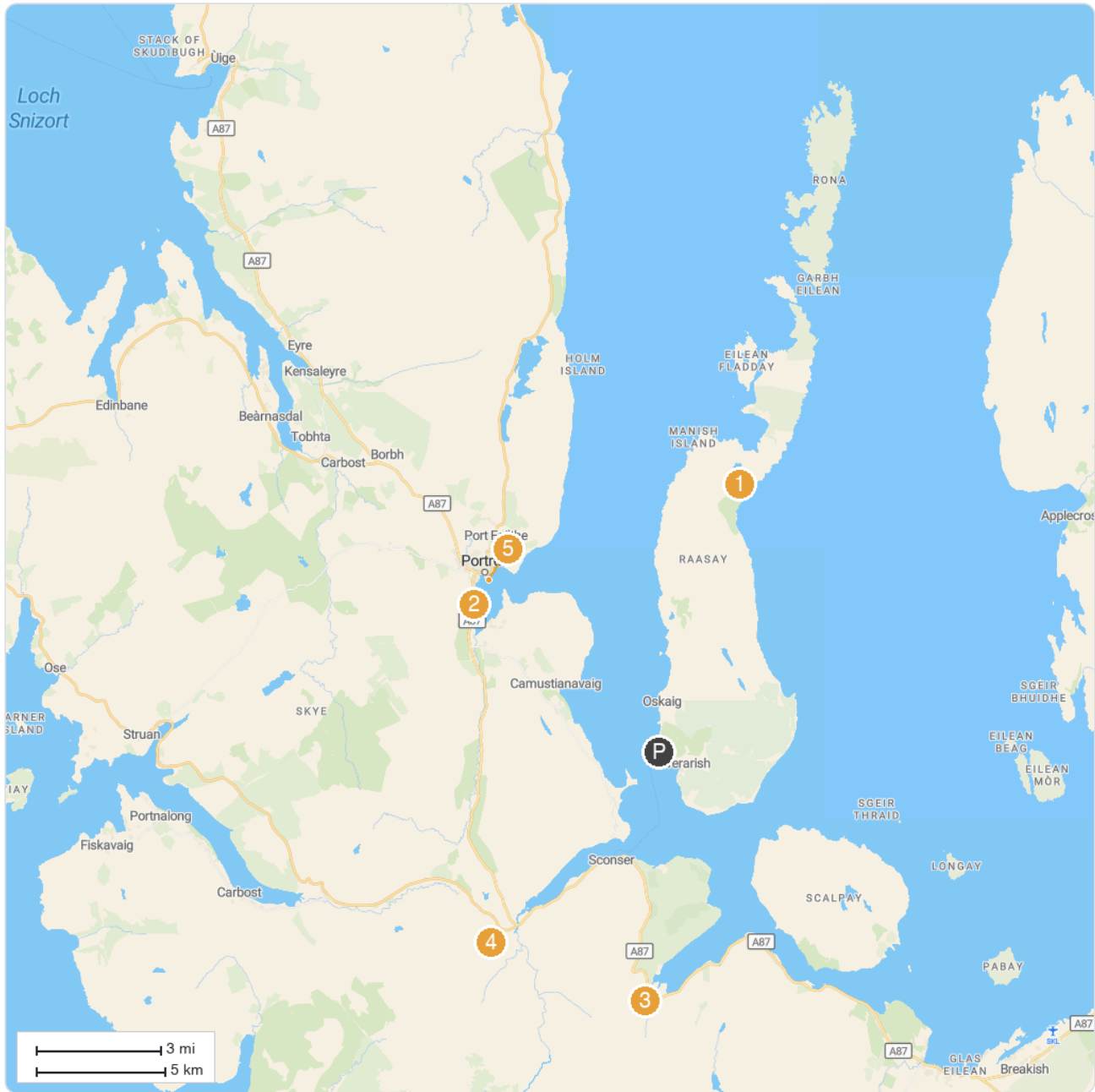
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the distillery in advance. Tour slots are limited and sell out quickly when cruise ships are in port. Reserve online before your voyage.
- Bring midge repellent (June–September). Scots swear by Smidge or Avon Skin So Soft. Even a light breeze helps, but calm mornings can be brutal.
- Wear proper footwear. Most trails are gravel, grass, or boggy moorland. Trainers are fine for the village and distillery; hiking boots recommended for anything beyond.
- Carry some cash. Cards are accepted at the distillery, Raasay House, and the community store, but cash is useful for smaller purchases. No ATM on the island.
- Mobile signal is patchy. Download offline Google Maps of Raasay before you disembark. The distillery and Raasay House offer free Wi-Fi.
- Tender queues can be long. For a short call, prioritise one main goal — distillery OR a walk, not both. Raasay House is 1.5 km from the landing; budget time for the return walk.

Isle of Raasay, 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.



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| <p>1 Calum's Road</p> <p>3 Eas a' Bhradain</p> <p>5 The Lump</p> | <p>A single-track road built by one man, Calum Macleod.</p> <p>A beautiful, cascading waterfall on the Isle of Raasay.</p> <p>A prominent, distinctive hill offering panoramic island views.</p> | <p>2 Isle of Skye Candle Co. Visitor Centre</p> <p>4 Sligachan Waterfalls</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Shop and visitor centre for a local candle maker.</p> <p>Scenic waterfalls near Sligachan, offering stunning views.</p> |
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