

Isle of Rum, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

One of Scotland's wildest islands, Rum is a National Nature Reserve where red deer roam the glens, white-tailed eagles soar overhead, and a crumbling Edwardian castle stands as a monument to Victorian excess. This is expedition cruising at its most raw.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

GBP (cash preferred)

English / Scottish Gaelic

Wildlife & Wilderness

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Loch Scresort — small expedition ships only; no berth for large vessels

Best For: Wildlife watching, rugged hiking, Edwardian history, dark skies

Walk to village: 5 min from pier to Kinloch — the island's only settlement

Don't Miss: Otter Hide trail, Kinloch Castle exterior, short Northside Nature Trail

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Otter Hide Trail** — A short 30-minute return walk along the south shore of Loch Scresort to a purpose-built hide overlooking the water.
 - Kinloch Castle** — The red sandstone Edwardian mansion built 1897–1900 for textile magnate Sir George Bullough is one of Scotland's most eccentric buildings.
 - Northside Nature Trail** — A 1-hour circular walk from Kinloch into the NNR offering views across Loch Scresort and into the reserve's upland interior.
- Hallival & Askival Summit Walk** — For fit hikers with sturdy boots, the peaks of Hallival (722m) and Askival (812m — Rum's highest point) form the classic walk onto the Rum Cuillin...
 - Kilmory Track Walk** — An 8km track along the north coast to Kilmory beach — the best place on Rum to spot harbour porpoise, dolphins, and minke whales offshore.

BEST WALKS

- Otter Hide & Loch Scresort Shore** 1.5 km return | 30–45 min | Easy — Follow the south shore of Loch Scresort from the pier to the NatureScot otter hide.
- Northside Nature Trail Loop** ~5 km circular | ~1 hr | Easy–moderate — Circular walk north from Kinloch through heather moorland with views back over Loch Scresort and across to Skye.
- Kinloch to Kilmory Beach** 16 km return | 4–5 hrs | Moderate — Long walk along the north coast track to Rum's most remote accessible beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		48°	41°	15d
Jun		56°	50°	17d
Aug		58°	53°	21d
Sep		56°	51°	19d
Oct		52°	47°	22d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:18AM–8:34PM · Jun 4:30AM–10:21PM · Aug 5:51AM–9:07PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:23PM

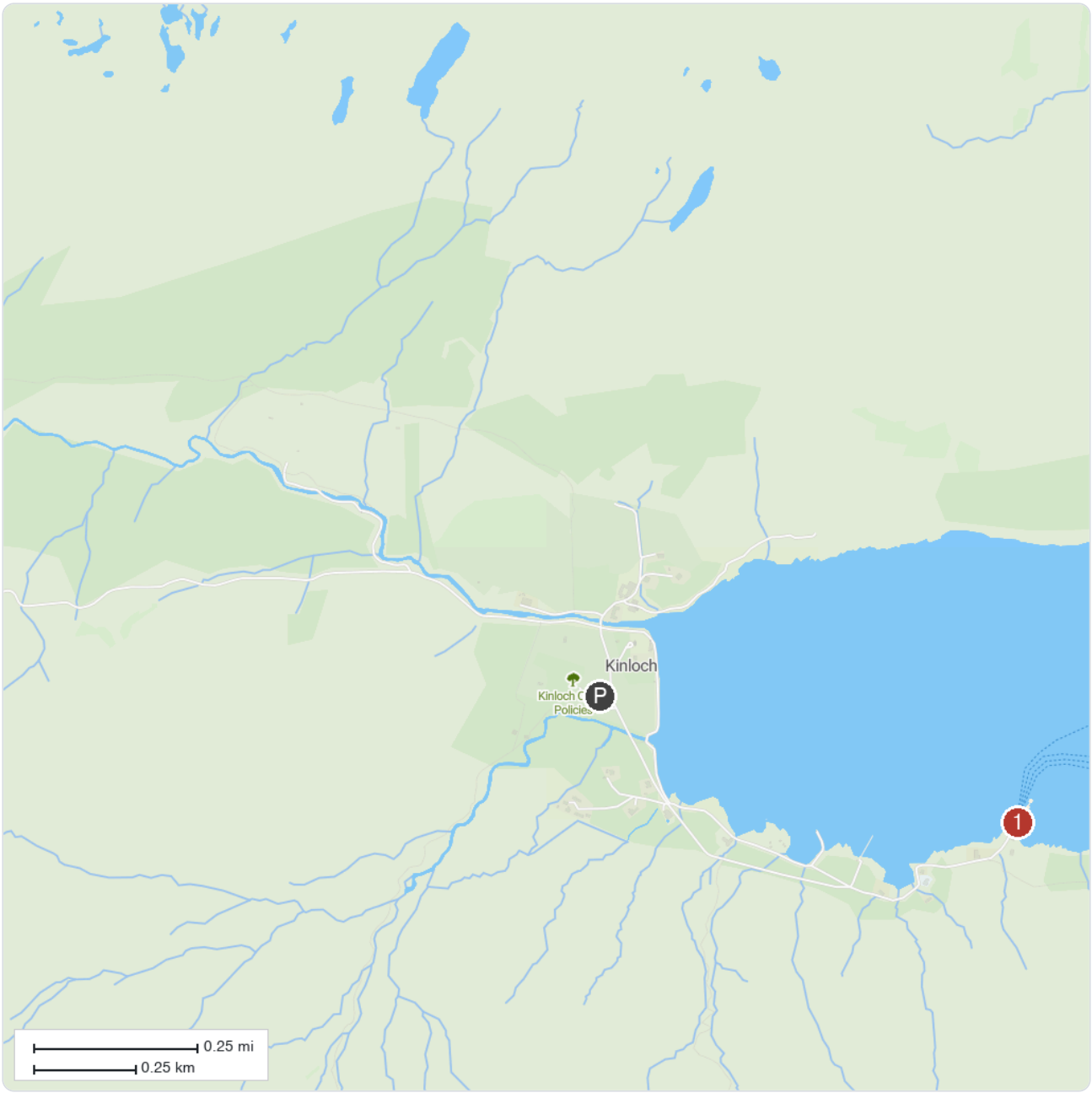
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Midges are brutal May–September. Bring Smidge repellent or Avon Skin So Soft — they're far more effective than DEET on Scottish midges. A head net is useful on still, cloudy days.
- Bring GBP cash. The island shop and any services accept cards but the satellite internet goes down regularly. Small notes useful for donations and any fees.
- Waterproof boots are non-negotiable. Even the short Otter Hide path can be muddy. Trainers and flip-flops will not survive Rum's trails.
- Pack for all four seasons. Rum is one of Scotland's wettest spots — a waterproof jacket and extra layers are essential even in summer.
- Get a trail map at the pier visitor centre before heading out. Mobile signal is essentially non-existent on the island.
- Kinloch Castle tours are not guaranteed. Check with NatureScot rangers on arrival — interior access is irregular and depends on volunteer availability.

Isle of Rum, 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 Rum National Nature Reserve

Rum National Nature Reserve protects diverse wildlife and landscapes.

P Cruise port / terminal