

Portree, Isle of Skye, Scotland

Scotland's most dramatic island greets cruise passengers with a postcard harbour ringed by colourful houses — and wild Highland landscapes just minutes away. The Old Man of Storr, Dunvegan Castle, and the Quiraing are all within day-trip reach of the tender pier.

Tender port

Typical call: 6–9 hrs

Currency: GBP

English / Scottish Gaelic

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Portree Bay; pontoon in the harbour
Best for: Dramatic scenery, Highland hikes, castle history

Walk to centre: 2 min from tender pontoon to Portree town square
Don't miss: Old Man of Storr — 15 min by taxi, views across the Sound of Raasay

Getting around: Taxi ~£60–£120 for a half-day · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Old Man of Storr Hike** — A 4.5 km round-trip climb to the base of Skye's most famous rock pinnacle.
 - Dunvegan Castle & Seal Colony** — Scotland's oldest continuously inhabited castle — home of Clan MacLeod for 800 years — sits on Loch Dunvegan about 30 min northwest of Portree.
 - Quiraing Landscape** — An otherworldly landslip plateau on the Trotternish Ridge, with craggy peaks, hidden plateaus, and jaw-
- dropping views.

 - Fairy Pools, Glen Brittle** — A series of crystal-clear turquoise pools and waterfalls at the foot of the Cuillin mountains — one of Skye's most photographed spots.
 - Portree Town & Harbour Walk** — Explore Portree's picturesque colourful harbour frontage, browse Highland woolens and whisky at independent shops, and have a bowl of cullen skink at...

BEST WALKS

- Portree Harbour & Town Centre** 1 km • 20 min • Easy • Free — Stroll from the tender pontoon along the harbour front past the colourful Bosville Terrace houses, up to Somerled Square for shops and cafés, then back along Bank Street.
- Scurrybreac Circular** 5 km • 1.5–2 hrs • Moderate • Free — From the pier, follow the shore path north out of town onto the Scurrybreac headland.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

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

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:15AM–8:35PM · Jun 4:26AM–10:24PM · Aug 5:51AM–9:05PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:59AM–6:20PM

Currency: GBP

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Build in tender time. Peak-season tender queues can run 20–30 min each way. Plan to be back at the pier 45 min before all-aboard.
- Book taxis before you go. Portree has very few taxis and they book out on busy cruise days. Contact Skye Local Tours or Venture Highland in advance.
- Dress for Skye weather. Even in summer expect rain and wind. Waterproof layers and sturdy shoes are essential — especially for the Old Man of Storr or Quiraing.
- Bring or get GBP. An ATM is at the Co-op in Portree town centre. Most shops and cafés accept cards, but remote sites like car parks may be cash-only.
- Buses run but are infrequent. Line 57A to Old Man of Storr runs roughly every 2 hours from Somerled Square; Line 56 to Dunvegan every 3 hours. No buses on Sundays to many sites.
- Eat local. Try cullen skink (smoked haddock chowder) or Skye langoustines at the Sea Breezes or Portree Hotel — genuinely good seafood right off the boat.

Portree, Isle of Skye, 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 Calum's Road** A famous road built by one man on Raasay.
- 2 Isle of Skye Candle Co. Visitor Centre** See candles made and shop for local scents.
- 3 The Lump** A grassy headland in Portree with great harbour views.
- 4 A.C.E. Target Sports** Outdoor centre for archery, axe throwing, and air rifles.
- 5 Loch Fada** A freshwater loch on Skye, popular for fishing.
- 6 Bride's Veil Falls** A beautiful, multi-tiered waterfall resembling a bridal veil.
- P Cruise port / terminal**