

Isle of Tiree, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

Known as the 'Hawaii of the North', Tiree is a flat, windswept island of brilliant white beaches and machair carpeted in summer wildflowers — one of Scotland's most unspoiled and sunshine-rich spots.

Tender (anchor at Gott Bay)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Currency: British Pounds (GBP)

Language: English (Gaelic spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — anchor in Gott Bay; tenders land at Scarinish Ferry Pier

Best For: Beaches, birdwatching, cycling, walking, Hebridean tranquility

Walk to village: ~1.2 miles (20–25 min flat walk) from pier to Scarinish centre

Don't Miss: The Ringing Stone near Vault — a glacial erratic that rings like a bell when tapped

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Machair Wildflower Walk** — In June–August, Tiree's coastal machair bursts into a carpet of yellow, purple, and white wildflowers — one of Europe's rarest habitats.
 - The Ringing Stone (Clach a' Choire)** — A massive glacial erratic on the north coast that produces a clear metallic ring when tapped with a small pebble.
 - Skerryvore Shore Station, Hynish** — Built by Robert Louis Stevenson's uncle Alan, this Victorian shore station supported
- construction of the Skerryvore Lighthouse some 11 miles offshore.
 - An Iodhlann Historical Centre** — Tiree's community archive in Scarinish holds historical documents, photographs, and stories covering Gaelic heritage, emigration history, and the...
 - Balevullin Beach & Surf Watch** — Tiree's wildest beach on the northwest coast faces open Atlantic swells, making it Scotland's premier windsurfing and surfing destination.

BEST WALKS

- Gott Bay Beach Stroll** 1-2 miles • 30-45 min • Easy — From the tender landing at Scarinish Pier, walk north along the sweeping arc of Gott Bay — 2.5 miles of white shell-sand with clear turquoise water.
- Scarinish Village & Old Harbour** 1.2 miles • 20-25 min • Easy — Walk from the pier into Scarinish to find the Yellow Hare café, An Iodhlann archive, the Scarinish Hotel pub, and the picturesque old harbour.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		49°	44°	13d
Jun		57°	52°	16d
Aug		60°	55°	20d
Sep		58°	54°	18d
Oct		55°	50°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:20AM–8:35PM · Jun 4:36AM–10:19PM · Aug 5:57AM–9:04PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:44PM · Oct 8:00AM–6:24PM

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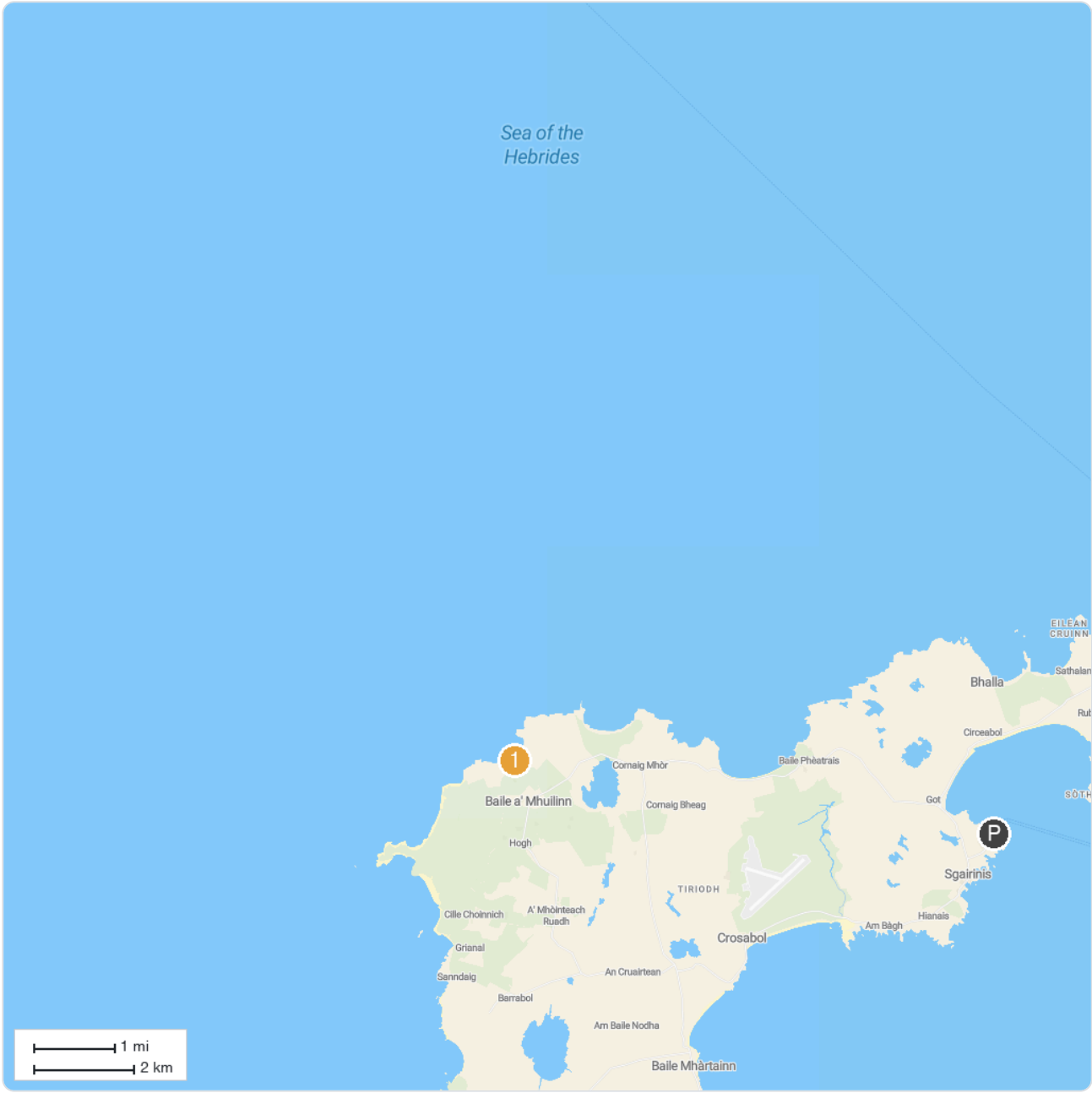
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wind is constant: a windproof jacket is essential even on warm sunny days — and use a strap on your hat.
- Pre-book your bike hire weeks before your cruise. Tiree has no walk-up rental stand at the pier — Blackhouse Watersports and Tiree Fitness can deliver to the tender landing.
- Carry some cash (GBP): mobile signal can drop, making card machines unreliable at smaller venues.
- Stay on paths near the machair — this rare coastal grassland ecosystem is extremely fragile and easily damaged by foot traffic off designated routes.
- No midges: unlike mainland Scotland, Tiree's persistent Atlantic wind keeps the infamous Highland midge at bay — a rare Scottish blessing.
- Bus requires advance booking: the Ring-a-Bhàs community bus has no walk-up service. Call +44 1879 220419 before your cruise if you need it.

Isle of Tiree, 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 Balevullin Beach

Relax on a sandy beach, popular for surfing and watersports.

P Cruise port / terminal