

Kyle of Lochalsh, Scottish Highlands, Scotland

A small Highland village with an outsized doorstep — the Isle of Skye is literally steps away across the iconic Skye Bridge, with the world-famous Eilean Donan Castle just 8 miles down the loch.

 Tender (small ships may dock)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  British Pound (GBP)  English / Scottish Gaelic

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender for most ships; small expedition vessels can dock at Lochalsh Railway Pier

Best For: Isle of Skye day trips, Eilean Donan Castle, scenic railway to Plockton

Walk to centre: 2–5 min flat walk from tender pontoon to village shops and station

Don't Miss: Walking the Skye Bridge and a Seaprobe Atlantis glass-bottom boat tour

 Getting around:  Taxi  £7–£15 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Isle of Skye Highlights Tour** — Cross the Skye Bridge and explore Skye's dramatic landscapes — the Old Man of Storr, Trotternish Ridge, Portree harbour, or Dunvegan Castle.
- **Eilean Donan Castle** — Eight miles east in Dornie, this photogenic 13th-century castle sits where three sea lochs meet.
- **Seaprobe Atlantis Glass-Bottom Boat** — Board Scotland's premier semi-submersible right from the Kyle Pontoon for views of kelp forests, seals, otters, and the WWII wreck of HMS Port Napier...
- **Scenic Railway to Plockton** — Jump on the Kyle Line — one of Britain's most beautiful railways — for a 15-minute ride to Plockton, a picture-perfect village with palm trees...
- **Walk to Kyleakin & Castle Moil** — Cross the Skye Bridge on foot (free, ~45 min one-way) to Kyleakin village on Skye.

BEST WALKS

- **The Plock Viewpoint** 1.5 km round-trip | Easy–Moderate | 30–40 min — From the village centre, a 10–15 minute uphill walk brings you to The Plock, a community-owned headland with panoramic views of the Skye Bridge, Loch Alsh, and the...
- **Skye Bridge Walk** 2.4 km one-way | Easy | 30–45 min one-way — Walk the full length of the Skye Bridge on its dedicated pedestrian path.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:13AM–8:33PM · Jun 4:26AM–10:21PM · Aug 5:49AM–9:03PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:40PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:18PM	
Apr	51°	40°	15d		
Jun	60°	50°	18d		
Aug	61°	52°	21d		
Sep	58°	50°	19d		
Oct	53°	46°	22d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book transport or join a ship tour. Local taxis are nearly non-existent dockside. Buses to Eilean Donan run every 2–3 hours. If you want flexibility, book a private driver before you sail.
- Dress for all seasons in one day. Northwest Highland weather is famously fickle. Waterproof jacket, warm layers, and sturdy shoes are non-negotiable regardless of what the forecast says.
- Midges peak June–September. These tiny biting insects swarm in wooded and grassy areas in still weather. Bring Smidge repellent or Avon Skin So Soft — widely sold locally.
- Eilean Donan Castle sells no advance tickets. Buy on arrival at the castle. Peak summer adult entry is £13. Allow 1.5–2 hrs including travel; last admission is 5 PM.
- Cards widely accepted. The village is small but most cafes, shops, and buses take contactless payment. Keep a few pounds for very small purchases.
- The Skye Bridge is free to cross on foot. From the pontoon, walk 15–20 min to the bridge foot; the full crossing to Kyleakin is another 30–45 min. Windy — hold onto your hat.

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Castle Moil Historic ruined castle on an island near Kyleakin.

3 Otter Hide A sheltered spot for observing wild otters.

5 Calum's Seal Trips.(Free if no seals) Boat trip to see wild seals in their natural habitat.

2 Balmacara Estate Visitor Centre (National Trust for Scotland)

Visitor centre for a scenic National Trust for Scotland estate.

4 Loch Alsh Viewpoint

Designated spot offering panoramic views of Loch Alsh and Skye.

P Cruise port / terminal