

Larne, County Antrim, Northern Ireland

A compact working port on the Antrim coast, Larne punches well above its size as a launchpad for Northern Ireland's most spectacular scenery — the Giant's Causeway, the Causeway Coastal Route, and the Titanic Quarter in Belfast are all within striking distance.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  GBP (British Pound)  English  Train to Belfast ~50 min

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Port of Larne (MacKean Quay); no tendering required

Best For: Giant's Causeway day trips, Belfast city, Antrim coast drives

Walk to center: ~25-30 min on foot (1.5 miles); port shuttle usually provided

Don't Miss: The Gobbins Cliff Path or a DIY train to Carrickfergus Castle

 Getting around:  Taxi  £6-£8

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Giant's Causeway & Carrick-a-Rede** — Northern Ireland's UNESCO World Heritage Site — 40,000 interlocking basalt columns shaped by ancient volcanism.
- **Titanic Belfast & City Tour** — Belfast is 35-40 minutes south by road or 50 minutes by train.
- **The Gobbins Cliff Path** — A dramatic Edwardian cliff-face path 15 minutes south of Larne on the Islandmagee peninsula — bridges, tunnels, and staircases carved into basalt...
- **Carrickfergus Castle** — One of the best-preserved Norman castles in Ireland, dominating the shoreline since 1177 and just 20 minutes south of Larne by road or 25 minutes by...
- **Antrim Coastal Drive (A2)** — The famous coastal road begins right at Larne and winds north through the Glens of Antrim — cliff-top scenery, fishing villages, and panoramic Irish...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbour to Chainé Memorial & Olderfleet Castle** 2 km round-trip · Easy · 40 min — Walk the flat seafront promenade from the port shuttle drop-off toward the Chainé Memorial Tower — a 19th-century round-tower lighthouse at the mouth of Larne Lough.
- **Larne Town Center Stroll** 1.5 km one way · Easy · 25 min walk — From the port shuttle drop at the harbour station, walk into Larne town center via Main Street.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇬🇧 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:20AM–8:27PM · Jun 4:45AM–10:02PM · Aug 5:58AM–8:55PM · Sep 6:56AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:53AM–6:23PM	
Apr	52°	43°	12d		
Jun	62°	52°	14d		
Aug	63°	55°	18d		
Sep	61°	53°	14d		
Oct	56°	49°	17d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- British pounds only. Larne is in Northern Ireland — part of the UK — so euros are not accepted. Cards and contactless payments are widely accepted, including in taxis and small shops.
- Pack a waterproof. Antrim weather is famously unpredictable — a sunny morning can turn squally in an hour. Layers and a compact rain jacket are non-negotiable, especially if you're doing the Gobbins or Causeway.
- Book the Gobbins in advance. This cliff path is guided only and sells out well ahead of cruise calls. If you want to do it, book online at thegobbins.com before your ship arrives.
- DIY to Belfast is easy. Larne Harbour Station is steps from the port terminal. An hourly train gets you to Belfast city center in ~50 minutes. This is one of the easiest and cheapest independent options on the Antrim coast.
- Carrickfergus is underrated. If the Causeway is too far or too crowded, hop the train 25 minutes to Carrickfergus — a magnificent Norman castle right on the sea, with a lovely town square for lunch.
- Try the Ulster Fry. Northern Ireland's signature dish — soda bread, potato bread, eggs, bacon, and black pudding — is served all day in most Larne pubs and cafés. The Olderfleet Bar near the harbour is a solid choice.

Larne, County Antrim, Northern Ireland — 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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| 1 Larne Museum & Arts Centre | Local history museum and arts centre. | 2 Larne Town Park | A pleasant town park for walks and relaxation. |
| 3 National Trust - Gleno | Scenic waterfall and woodland walk managed by National Trust. | 4 Blackhead Lighthouse | Historic clifftop lighthouse offering stunning coastal views. |
| 5 Whitehead Railway Museum | Home to historic steam locomotives and railway heritage. | P Cruise port / terminal | |