

Lochmaddy, North Uist, Scotland

North Uist's main village is the gateway to a watery labyrinth of lochs, prehistoric monuments, and some of Europe's most pristine white-sand beaches — all under a vast, ever-changing Hebridean sky.

 Tender (small pier)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 British Pounds (GBP)

 English & Scottish Gaelic

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Lochmaddy pontoon (ferry terminal pier)

Best For: Prehistoric sites, beaches, birdwatching, Gaelic culture

Walk to Centre: 2-5 min from tender pontoon

Don't Miss: Barpa Langass Neolithic cairn & Clachan Sands beach

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~£10–£20 for short island runs · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Barpa Langass Neolithic Cairn** — One of Scotland's best-preserved chambered cairns, built 5,000 years ago on a hillside overlooking a loch.
 - **Clachan Sands & Machair Walk** — The west coast's white shell-sand beaches are strikingly beautiful — turquoise water backed by dunes and, in summer...
 - **RSPB Balranald Reserve** — One of the UK's premier sites for hearing the elusive corncrake and spotting lapwings,
- oystercatchers, and seals.

 - **Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum & Arts Centre** — The cultural heart of North Uist — a museum covering island history, peat-cutting traditions, and Gaelic heritage...
 - **Kayaking the Lochs & Sea Inlets** — North Uist's labyrinth of freshwater and sea lochs is a world-class sea kayaking destination.

BEST WALKS

- **Lochmaddy Village & Camera Obscura** 2 miles round-trip · 45-60 min · Easy coastal path — From the tender pontoon, walk through the village past Taigh Chearsabhagh and follow the coastal path to Chris Drury's 'Hut of the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	43°	13d
Jun	57°	51°	15d
Aug	59°	54°	19d
Sep	58°	53°	18d
Oct	54°	49°	20d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:18AM–8:39PM · Jun 4:29AM–10:29PM · Aug 5:54AM–9:10PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:46PM · Oct 8:03AM–6:24PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book transport: Taxis are scarce and must be reserved weeks in advance. Ship excursions are often the easiest option for reaching beaches and ruins.
- Layer up: Outer Hebrides weather changes fast — four seasons in one hour is not an exaggeration. Bring a windproof and waterproof jacket regardless of the forecast.
- Midges in summer: In calm, warm conditions (July–August) tiny biting midges are active. Pack Smidge repellent or Avon Skin So...

Lochmaddy, North Uist, 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.



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P Cruise port / terminal