

Poole, Dorset, England

Home to the world's second-largest natural harbour, Poole packs sandy beaches, red-squirrel islands, and dramatic Jurassic Coast cliffs into one shore day.

 Docked — South Quay (most ships)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 British Pound Sterling (£)

 English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: South Quay deep-water berth (up to 220 m); shuttle to Poole Quay

Best For: Brownsea Island red squirrels, Jurassic Coast, Sandbanks beach

Walk to centre: 5-min shuttle bus from South Quay to Poole Quay

Don't Miss: Ferry to Brownsea Island — birthplace of the Scout movement

Getting around:  Taxi  £6-£8 ·  Rideshare  Uber ·  Hop-on hop-off  City Sightseeing Bournemouth

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Brownsea Island Ferry** — A 20-minute ferry from Poole Quay reaches this car-free National Trust island, famous for its rare red squirrels...
- Corfe Castle & Swanage Steam Railway** — Ride a vintage steam train from Swanage to the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle, a 1,000-year-old royal fortress blown up...
- Durdle Door & Lulworth Cove** — The Jurassic Coast's most photographed landmark — a natural limestone arch plunging into turquoise water, paired with...
- Sandbanks Beach** — One of the UK's top-rated beaches — Blue Flag golden sand, shallow safe water, and the so-called 'Millionaire's Row' of...
- Poole Old Town & Cockle Trail** — Follow brass plaques set into the pavement on a 1.5-hour self-guided walk through Poole's seafaring past — smugglers...

BEST WALKS

- Poole Quay to Old Town Loop** 1.5 km · Easy · ~45 min — From the shuttle drop-off at Poole Quay, walk west along the waterfront past the Town Cellars to Scaplen's Court medieval garden, then...
- Poole Quay to Poole Park** 1 km · Easy · ~20 min each way — Head north along the High Street from the Quay to reach Poole Park, a Victorian gem with a large boating lake, rose gardens, and café...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	55°	43°	9d
Jun	67°	55°	11d
Aug	69°	58°	11d
Sep	66°	55°	9d
Oct	60°	51°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:13AM-8:03PM · Jun 4:54AM-9:22PM · Aug 5:56AM-8:27PM · Sep 6:43AM-7:21PM · Oct 7:31AM-6:15PM

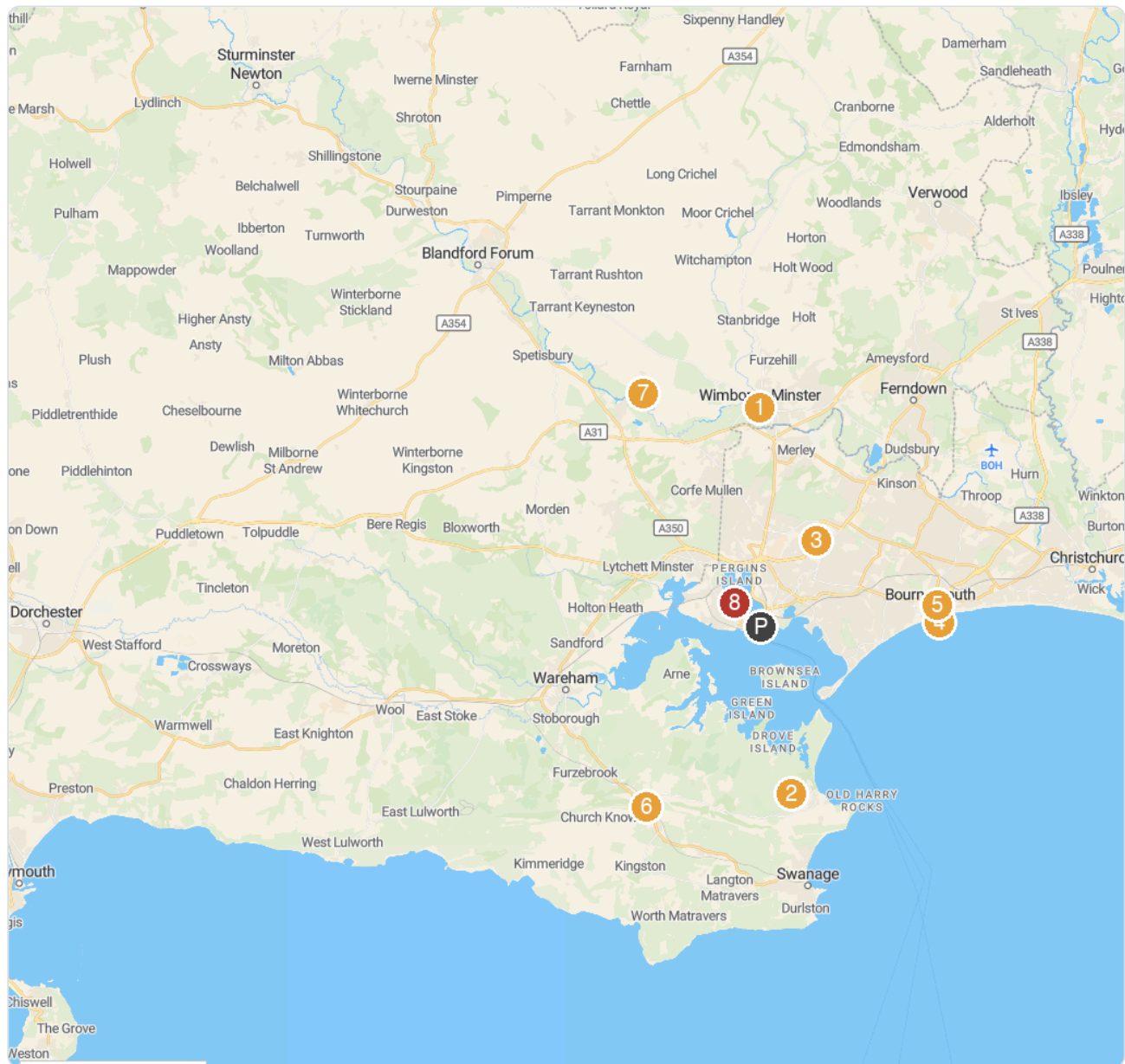
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the shuttle: South Quay is a working port — walking to town isn't practical. Use the ship's shuttle (or a taxi) to reach Poole Quay first.

Poole, Dorset, England — 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 Wimborne Minster Parish Office | Administrative office for the historic Wimborne Minster church. | 2 Agglestone Rock | A large, distinctive sandstone rock formation on Godlingston Heath. |
| 3 Splashdown Waterpark | Outdoor water park with thrilling slides and pools for all ages. | 4 Bournemouth Pier | A traditional Victorian pier offering entertainment, food, and sea views. |
| 5 St Peter's Church | Historic Victorian church, notable for its architecture and famous burials. | 6 Corfe Castle | Dramatic ruined medieval castle with stunning views of the Purbeck Hills. |
| 7 National Trust - White Mill | Historic 18th-century watermill and farm managed by the National Trust. | 8 Poole Boat Hire | Rent various boats to explore Poole Harbour and its islands. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |