

St Kilda Islands, Outer Hebrides, Scotland

One of only 39 dual UNESCO World Heritage Sites on Earth, St Kilda is a haunting archipelago abandoned in 1930 — a place where seabirds outnumber memories and every landing is a gift from the weather.

-  Tender (zodiac landing)
-  Typical call: 4-6 hrs (weather permitting)
-  British Pounds Sterling
-  English
-  Landing not guaranteed

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor in Village Bay — zodiac/tender transfer to small concrete jetty; no pier

Best For: History, wildlife, seabirds, dramatic scenery, UNESCO heritage

Walk to Village: ~300 m flat walk from jetty to the abandoned village street

Don't Miss: The ghost village street, House 3 museum, cleits, Soay sheep, gannet sea stacks

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **The Abandoned Village & Museum Walk** — Walk 'The Street' of ruined 19th-century blackhouses and restored cottages.
- **Seabird Colony & Soay Sheep Wildlife Walk** — Europe's largest seabird colony — over a million birds including the world's biggest Northern Gannet colony on Stac Lee...
- **Hike to The Gap — Clifftop Views** — A steep 1-mile grassy climb above the village to 'The Gap' where the hills drop sheer into the Atlantic.
- **Zodiac Cruise of the Sea Stacks** — If offered by your ship, the zodiac cruise around Stac Lee and Stac an Armin is unmissable.
- **Cleits & Conachair Hike** — Over 1,200 cleit — unique dome-shaped stone storage huts used to dry puffins and peat — dot the hillsides.

BEST WALKS

- **The Village Street Walk** 0.8 km · Easy · ~45 min — From the jetty follow the gravel track to the main village.
- **The Gap Ridge Walk** 3 km return · Strenuous · ~2 hrs — From the village climb the steep grassy ridge south of the bay to The Gap, where the land drops vertically into the sea.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Landing is never guaranteed. Atlantic swell can cancel zodiac operations even on clear days. The captain has final say — have no fixed expectations and you won't be disappointed.
- Layer up, always. Even in July, St Kilda can be 8°C with 50 km/h gusts. Bring a waterproof jacket, warm hat, and gloves on the tender, not in your day bag.
- Hiking boots are mandatory for anything beyond the village street. The ground is boggy, steep, and covered in sheep droppings. Trainers will soak through in minutes.