

Stranraer-Cairnryan, Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland

At the sheltered head of Loch Ryan, Stranraer is southwest Scotland's quiet gem — famous for wild native oysters, Gulf Stream gardens that grow palms, and the rugged Rhins of Galloway peninsula stretching toward Ireland.

-  Tender (Loch Ryan anchorage)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  GBP (Scottish banknotes accepted everywhere)
-  English
-  Gardens & coastal walks

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Stranraer Marina; small expedition ships occasionally dock at West Pier

Best For: Botanic gardens, coastal scenery, fresh oysters, off-the-beaten-track Scotland

Walk to centre: 5–10 min flat walk from tender landing to Castle of St. John and town centre

Don't Miss: Loch Ryan native oysters, Logan Botanic Garden, Portpatrick harbour village

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  £15–£23

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Logan Botanic Garden** — Scotland's most exotic garden flourishes 14 miles south thanks to the Gulf Stream — tree ferns, palm trees, giant...
- Mull of Galloway Lighthouse** — Perched on Scotland's most southerly point, this lighthouse offers views stretching to Ireland, the Isle of Man, and...
- Portpatrick Harbour Village** — A postcard-perfect harbour village 8 miles west — pastel-fronted houses, crabbing boats, and the clifftop ruins of...
- Castle of St. John, Stranraer** — A compact 16th-century tower house in Stranraer's centre that served as a noble home, military garrison, and Victorian...
- Castle Kennedy Gardens** — Spectacular 17th-century estate gardens set on a narrow isthmus between two lochs, with champion trees, a lily pond...

BEST WALKS

- Marina to Castle of St. John & Town Centre** 0.5 km · 10 min · Flat · Easy — From Stranraer Marina, walk inland to the Castle of St.
- Waterfront Agnew Park Walk** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat · Easy — Head west along the Loch Ryan shoreline from the marina to Agnew Park, a well-kept waterfront park with a boating lake, gardens, and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	53°	39°	1d
Jun	63°	50°	1d
Aug	65°	52°	1d
Sep	62°	49°	2d
Oct	56°	45°	2d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:17AM–8:24PM · Jun 4:41AM–9:59PM · Aug 5:55AM–8:52PM · Sep 6:53AM–7:36PM · Oct 7:50AM–6:20PM

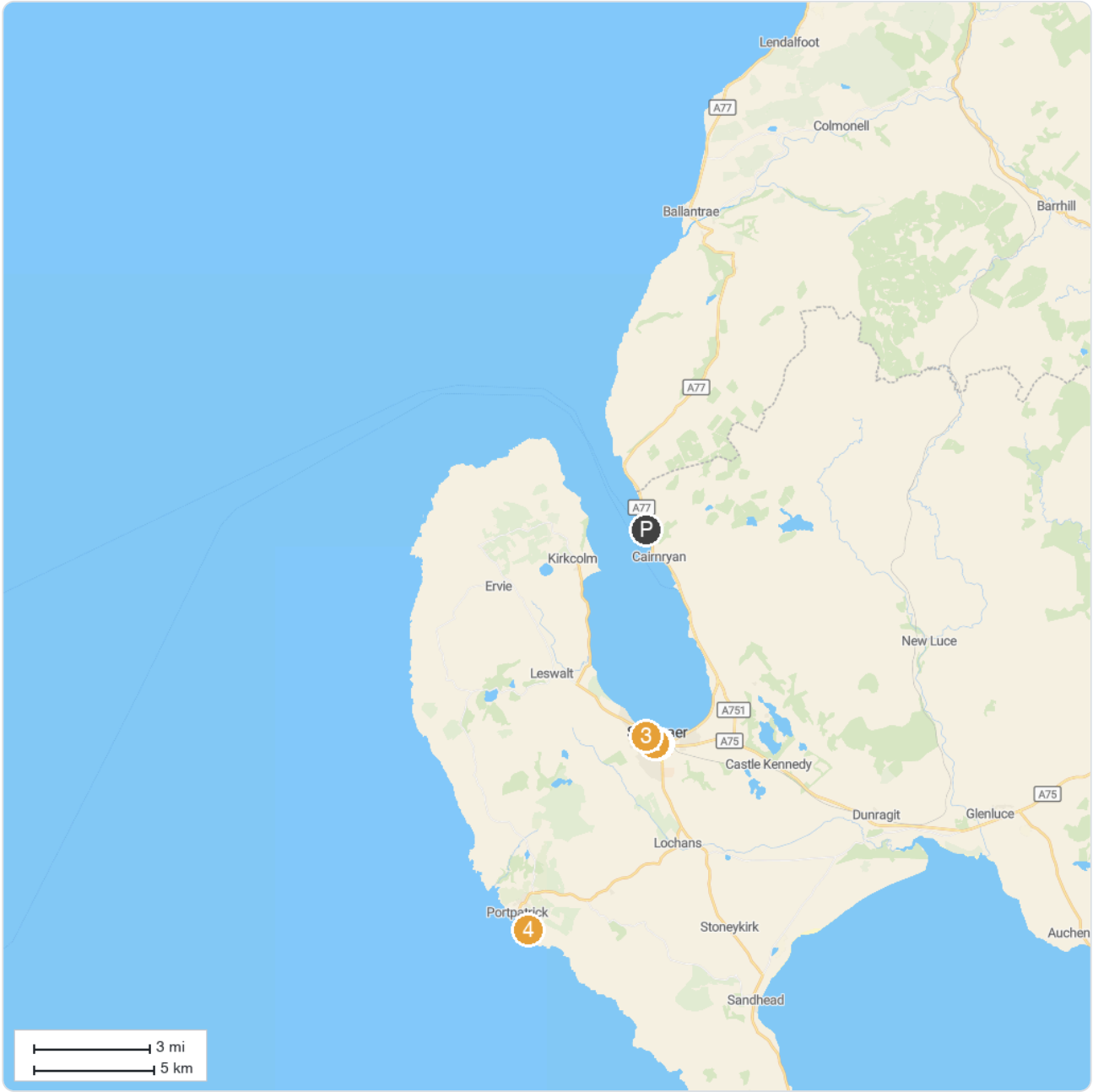
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Order the oysters. Loch Ryan native oysters are world-class and rarely found outside Scotland. Any pub or restaurant in Stranraer

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Map

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



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| 1 Castle of St. John | A medieval tower house in Stranraer town centre. | 2 Stranraer Museum | Local history museum in Stranraer's historic old town hall. |
| 3 Agnew Park | A family park with boating lake, mini-golf, and play areas. | 4 Dunskey Castle | Dramatic cliff-top ruins of a 16th-century Scottish tower house. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |