

Tory Island, County Donegal, Ireland

Nine miles off the Donegal coast, Tory Island is Ireland at its most raw — a wind-scoured Gaelic-speaking community of 140 souls, ancient saints, Celtic myths, and staggering Atlantic cliffs that few cruise passengers ever see.

Tender port (no deep-water dock)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

Currency: Euro (€) — cash only, no ATM

Language: Irish & English

Weather-dependent — cancellations possible

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to West Town pier

Walk to center: 1 min from pier

Best For: Celtic history, birdwatching, wild scenery

Don't Miss: Round Tower & Balor's Fort cliffs

Getting around: 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **St. Colmcille's Round Tower & Tau Cross** — The 6th-century round tower is Tory's most iconic structure, built from rounded granite with no mortar.
- **Balor's Fort & East Cliffs Walk** — Hike east along the island's only road to An Dún — a dramatic promontory fort at the cliffed eastern tip, linked to...
- **Tory Island Primitive Art Gallery** — In the 1950s, English painter Derek Hill visited Tory and inspired local fisherman James Dixon to pick up a brush.
- **Seabird & Puffin Watching (North Cliffs)** — Tory's northern cliffs host puffins (late spring–summer), razorbills, guillemots, and one of Ireland's last corncrake...
- **Camus Mór Beach** — The broad white-sand beach right by the West Town pier is a surprise — powder-fine sand and startlingly clear turquoise...

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to East Cliffs via the Main Road** 2.4 km one-way | Easy | ~30 min each way — Walk east along the island's single road from West Town pier past the Round Tower, through the middle of the island, to the dramatic...
- **West Town to Tory Lighthouse** 1.5 km one-way | Easy | ~20 min each way — Head west from the pier towards the automated black-and-white lighthouse built in 1832.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	54°	42°	1d
Jun	63°	52°	1d
Aug	64°	55°	2d
Sep	63°	53°	2d
Oct	57°	49°	2d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:28AM–8:37PM · Jun 4:51AM–10:15PM · Aug 6:07AM–9:06PM · Sep 7:05AM–7:49PM · Oct 8:03AM–6:32PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only. There is no ATM on the island and card readers depend on unreliable satellite internet. Bring euro notes.
- Dress for Atlantic weather. Wind, rain, and sun can happen in the same hour. A windproof waterproof jacket, sturdy shoes, and a hat are essential.