

Aran Islands, Connacht, Ireland

Perched on the edge of Galway Bay, Inis Mór is the largest of the three Aran Islands — a wind-sculpted limestone world of ancient forts, drystone walls, and an Irish language still very much alive. Most cruise ships tender into Kilronan Pier, where ponies, bikes, and minibuses wait to whisk you to one of Europe's most dramatic prehistoric sites.

Tender port

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Irish & English spoken

Best May–September

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Kilronan Pier (Inis Mór); ships anchor in Kilronan Bay

Best For: Prehistoric forts, cycling, Atlantic landscapes, Celtic culture

Walk to centre: Tender lands at the pier — Kilronan village is steps away

Don't Miss: Dún Aonghasa — Bronze Age fort on a 100 m sea cliff

Getting around: **Taxi** Negotiated with driver · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Dún Aonghasa — Cliff-Edge Prehistoric Fort** — The island's unmissable sight: a massive semicircular stone fort from around 1100 BC, balanced on the rim of a...
 - Cycle Inis Mór** — Hire a bike at Kilronan Pier and follow the island's main road westward through a patchwork of drystone walls.
 - The Wormhole (Poll na bPéist)** — A perfectly rectangular tidal pool carved by nature into the black limestone near Gort
- na gCapall — a geological oddity...

 - Grey Seal Colony** — Near Kilmurvey Beach, a signposted viewing point on the road to Dún Aonghasa overlooks a resident colony of Atlantic...
 - Pony-and-Trap Island Tour** — The most traditional way to see Inis Mór: a local driver narrates the island's history, folklore, and daily life from...

BEST WALKS

- Kilronan to Dún Aonghasa on Foot** 6 km each way | ~2 hrs one way | Moderate — Walk the main island road west through Kilmurvey village to the Dún Aonghasa visitor centre, then climb the flagstone path to the...
- Lúb Dún Eochla Looped Walk** 10 km loop | ~3 hrs | Easy–moderate — A waymarked looped trail starting from Kilronan that climbs to Dún Eochla, a circular early medieval stone fort with 360° views across...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	51°	46°	12d
Jun	59°	55°	15d
Aug	61°	58°	19d
Sep	60°	57°	16d
Oct	57°	53°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:39AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:11AM–10:06PM · Aug 6:19AM–9:05PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:53PM · Oct 8:05AM–6:42PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Weather can cancel the call. The Aran Islands are fully tender-dependent and exposed to Atlantic swells. In rough conditions the ship may skip or shorten the port — check the

Aran Islands, Connacht, Ireland — 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 Teampall Bheanáin | Ancient, tiny church, one of Ireland's smallest. | 2 Áras Éanna Arts Centre | Island's main arts centre, gallery, and theatre. |
| 3 Dún Aonghasa | Dramatic prehistoric fort perched on a 100-meter cliff. | 4 Dún Eochla | Well-preserved circular stone fort in the island's centre. |
| 5 Dún Dúchathair (Black Fort) | Dramatic cliffside fort with dark stone walls. | 6 Kilmurvey Beach | Beautiful sandy beach, perfect for swimming and relaxing. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |