

Fort Augustus, Scottish Highlands, Scotland

A pocket-sized Highland village sliced in half by the Caledonian Canal, where boutique cruise ships rise and fall through five hand-operated locks with Loch Ness stretching ahead. Watch the swing bridge halt traffic, then walk to the loch shore in minutes.

 Canal berth (direct docking)  Typical call: overnight or full day  British Pound (GBP)  English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Canal berth, heart of village — no tender

Walk to center: 0–5 min (directly on towpath)

Best For: Canal history, Loch Ness cruises, Highland scenery

Don't Miss: Watching boats transit the five-lock staircase

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~£50–80 to Inverness ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cruise Loch Ness Boat Tour** — Board a catamaran at the foot of the locks for a 50-minute cruise on Loch Ness with onboard sonar displays.
- **Urquhart Castle** — Dramatic 13th-century ruins perched on a cliff above the deepest part of Loch Ness, ~25 minutes north on the A82.
- **Clansman Centre Living History Show** — Costumed interpreters in a converted 19th-century schoolhouse recreate 17th-century clan life — how the kilt was bound...
- **Great Glen Way Towpath Walk or Cycle** — The flat towpath heading west from the locks toward Loch Oich offers serene Highland scenery through pine forests.

BEST WALKS

- **Lock Staircase to Loch Ness Shore** 1.2 km · 20 min · flat · free — Walk down the five locks to the swing bridge, then continue along the canal bank to the shore of Loch Ness for unobstructed views down...
- **Caledonian Canal Towpath to Loch Oich** 4 km one-way · 1 hr · flat · free — Head west along the tree-lined towpath from the lock basin toward Loch Oich.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:10AM–8:28PM · Jun 4:23AM–10:15PM · Aug 5:46AM–8:58PM · Sep 6:50AM–7:36PM · Oct 7:52AM–6:14PM	
Apr	52°	39°	15d		
Jun	63°	50°	18d		
Aug	63°	53°	20d		
Sep	60°	50°	16d		
Oct	53°	45°	20d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Midges are real. June–September, Highland midges can be intense on calm, humid days. Bring repellent or pick up local Avon Skin So Soft in village shops.
- Layer up regardless of forecast. The Highlands can deliver four seasons in a day. A compact waterproof jacket is non-negotiable.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Scottish pounds are the currency, but contactless card payment works at every shop, pub, and café in the village.

Fort Augustus, Scottish Highlands, Scotland — Port Map

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



- 1

Kytra Lock
A historic lock on the Caledonian Canal, great for boat watching.
- 2

Allt na Criche
A beautiful waterfall and scenic walk through the forest.
- 3

Suidhe Viewpoint
Panoramic mountain and loch views from a high scenic viewpoint.
- 4

Summer House
A charming historic garden building offering peaceful views.
- P

Cruise port / terminal