

Foula Island, Shetland, Scotland

Edge of the world, edge of the Atlantic. Foula is a 3-mile scrap of rock supporting 30 people, half a million seabirds, and some of Britain's most vertiginous cliffs — reached only by tender, weather permitting.

 Tender only (no cruise berth)

 Typical call: 4–6 hrs

 Currency: GBP (cash only)

 Language: English

 Best May–Aug for seabirds

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Ham Voe pier — weather-dependent; cancellations common

Best For: Birdwatching, dramatic hiking, remote island atmosphere

Walk to centre: ~30 min (1.5 mi) from pier to Hametoun; cliffs 2–3 miles on rough terrain

Don't Miss: Da Kame cliffs (1,220 ft sheer drop) and the bonxie colony

Getting around:  Taxi  N/A ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Da Kame Cliff Walk** — The island's crown jewel: a 1,220-foot sheer sandstone wall dropping straight into the Atlantic.
- Bonxie & Puffin Colony** — Foula hosts one of the world's largest Great Skua (bonxie) colonies alongside thousands of nesting puffins, guillemots...
- Hametoun & Post Office** — The island's tiny settlement at Hametoun is roughly a 1.5-mile (30-minute) walk south from the pier along the...
- Gaada Stack & North Coast** — A striking natural sandstone sea arch on the island's north end, about 2 miles from the pier.
- Shetland Pony Spotting** — Foula is home to a genetically distinct strain of Shetland ponies that roam freely across the island.

BEST WALKS

- Ham Voe to Hametoun** 1.5 miles · Easy · 30 min each way — Flat walk south along the island's single-track road from the pier to the small settlement.
- Ham Voe to Da Kame Cliffs** 2.5 miles · Strenuous · 1.5–2 hrs each way — Head west from the pier, climbing steeply over boggy peat moorland to the cliff edge above Da Kame.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		94°	73°	11d
Jun		87°	71°	22d
Aug		83°	69°	28d
Sep		85°	69°	26d
Oct		88°	70°	17d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:21AM–6:40PM · Jun 6:11AM–6:51PM · Aug 6:22AM–6:48PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:31PM · Oct 6:19AM–6:14PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for everything. Foula weather changes within minutes. Waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers, and proper hiking boots are non-negotiable if you leave the road.