

Handa Island, Sutherland, Scotland

One of Britain's most spectacular seabird colonies, Handa Island is an uninhabited nature reserve off the wild northwest Scottish coast — a Zodiac wet-landing adventure with puffins, Great Skuas, and vertiginous sandstone cliffs.

-  Zodiac wet landing (no pier)
-  Typical call: 4–6 hrs
-  GBP (no shops on island)
-  English / Scottish Gaelic
-  Wildlife & nature reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac wet landing on the south-shore beach (Tràigh an Teampaill) — ankle- to calf-deep water

Walk to centre: 3.7-mile (6 km) circular loop; 2–2.5 hrs; no vehicles or roads

Best For: Seabird photography, puffins, Great Skuas, dramatic sea stacks

Don't Miss: The Great Stack of Handa — a sheer sandstone column crowded with guillemots and razorbills

 Getting around:  Taxi  Varies ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Seabird Colony & Puffin Walk** — The island's 3.7-mile circular trail passes through the heart of one of Europe's largest seabird colonies — over...
- The Great Stack of Handa** — A colossal column of Torridonian sandstone separated from the main cliff by a narrow chasm, every ledge packed with...
- Abandoned Village & Historic Graveyard** — Near the landing beach lie the ruins of the old crofting village, lazy beds (traditional potato cultivation ridges)...
- White Sand Beaches** — The shell-sand south-shore beach Tràigh an Teampaill is shockingly white and backed by turquoise water — with stunning...

BEST WALKS

- Handa Island Circular Trail** 3.7 miles (6 km) · 2–2.5 hrs · Moderate · ~100 m elevation — From the landing beach, the path heads inland across heather moorland on a raised plastic-mesh boardwalk, then climbs to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:08AM–8:34PM · Jun 4:14AM–10:28PM · Aug 5:43AM–9:05PM · Sep 6:50AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:14PM	
Apr	50°	41°	17d		
Jun	58°	50°	17d		
Aug	60°	53°	21d		
Sep	58°	51°	20d		
Oct	53°	47°	22d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Waterproof boots are essential. The Zodiac landing puts you ankle- to calf-deep in the Atlantic. The boardwalk can be muddy at the edges. Gaiters are a bonus.
- Beware the bonxies. Great Skuas will dive-bomb walkers near their nests. Hold a walking pole or hand raised above your head — they target the highest point. Don't run; just keep...
- Bring binoculars or a telephoto lens. Naked-eye sightings are good, but binoculars transform puffin-watching and stack

Handa Island, Sutherland, Scotland — Port Map

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1 Scourie Beach

Relax on the beautiful white sands of Scourie Beach.

P Cruise port / terminal