

Ilfracombe, Devon, England

A Victorian resort town pinned between slate cliffs and the Bristol Channel, where Damien Hirst's colossal harbour statue sets the tone for a place that's simultaneously traditional and delightfully odd.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: British Pound (GBP)

Language: English

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Bristol Channel; 10–15 min ride to the Old Harbour

Best for: Scenic walks, public art, Victorian history, seafood

Walk to centre: 0 min — tender lands right in the harbour heart

Don't miss: Verity statue, Tunnels Beaches, Lantern Hill chapel views

🚗 Getting around: **Taxi** ✅ £5–£10 · **Rideshare** ✅ Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Verity & the Harbour Art Walk** — Start at Damien Hirst's 66-foot bronze pregnant figure at the pier entrance — one side reveals raw anatomy.
 - **Tunnels Beaches** — Four tunnels hand-quarried by Welsh miners in the 1820s lead to sheltered coves and a Victorian tidal bathing pool.
- **Capstone Hill & South West Coast Path** — A distinctive dome rising directly from the seafront.
 - **St Nicholas Chapel (Lantern Hill)** — A 14th-century chapel perched high above the harbour that doubles as the UK's oldest working lighthouse.
 - **Lundy Island Day Trip** — Boat trips depart from Ilfracombe harbour to Lundy Island, a remote granite island in the Bristol Channel.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbour to Lantern Hill Loop** 1.5 miles · 45–60 min · Easy-moderate — From the harbour tender landing, pass Verity on the pier, then loop up through town to St Nicholas Chapel on Lantern Hill for harbour...
- **Capstone Hill & Wildersmouth Beach** 1 mile · 30–45 min · Moderate — From the harbour, walk along the seafront to Wildersmouth Beach (shingle, good for rock-pooling), then climb Capstone Hill for a...
- **Town to Tunnels Beaches** 0.8 miles each way · 25 min · Easy — Mostly flat walk through town along Wilder Road to the famous hand-carved tunnels.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	55°	45°	11d
Jun	65°	55°	14d
Aug	66°	59°	18d
Sep	64°	57°	14d
Oct	59°	53°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:21AM–8:12PM · Jun 5:00AM–9:33PM · Aug 6:03AM–8:37PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:30PM · Oct 7:40AM–6:22PM

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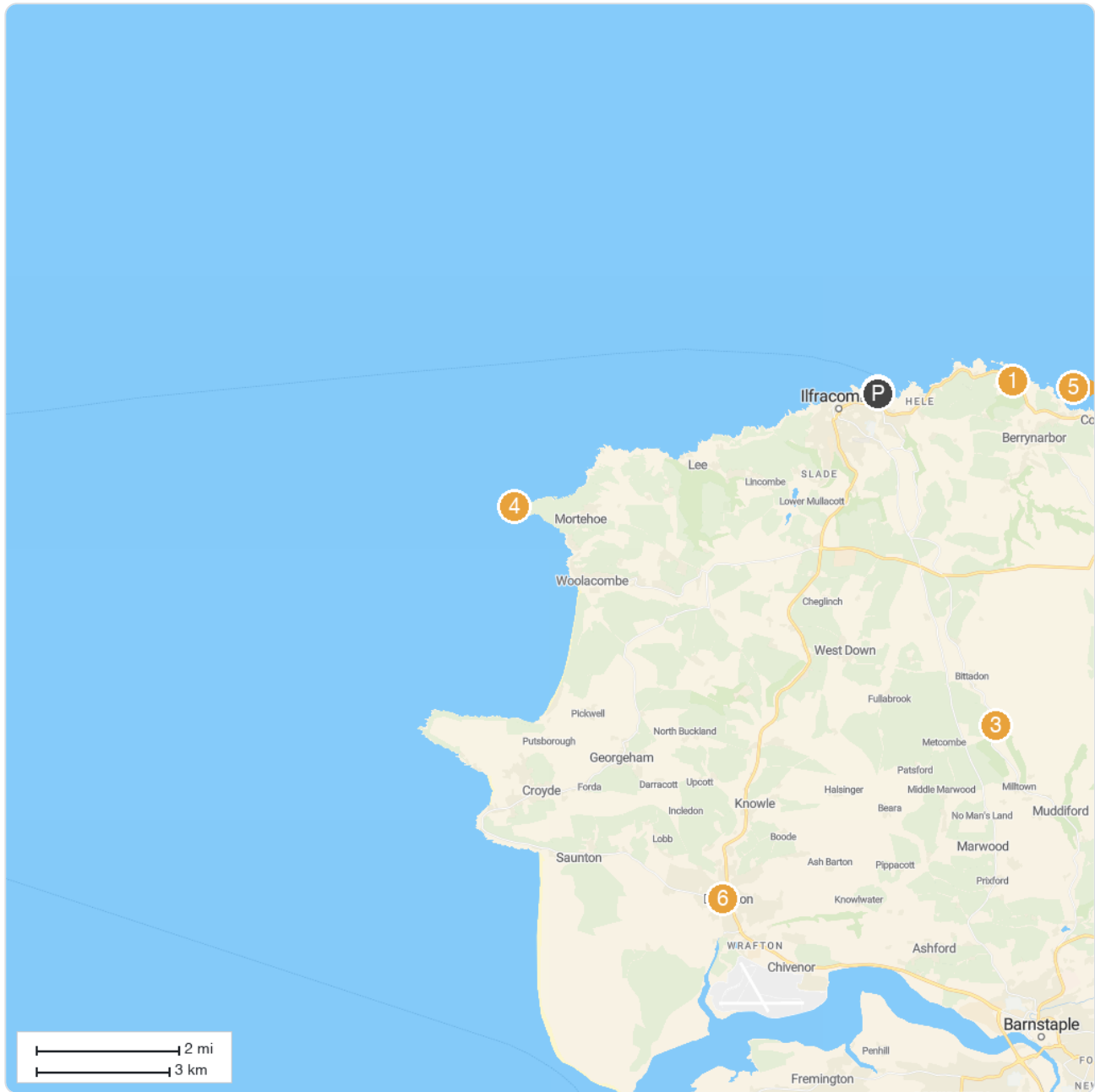
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Book layers and a rain jacket. North Devon weather shifts fast — sunbathing and sea mist can occur within the hour. Comfortable

Ilfracombe, Devon, England — 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 Watermouth Castle Victorian castle with rides, gardens, and family attractions.

3 Nelson's Distillery & School Learn to make and taste gin at this distillery.

5 Holdstone Down High moorland offering panoramic views and walking trails.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Chapel of St Nicholas Historic chapel and lighthouse on Ilfracombe pier.

4 National Trust - Morte Point Dramatic coastal headland offering stunning walks and wildlife.

6 Braunton & District Museum Local museum showcasing Braunton's history and heritage.