

Isle of Barra, Outer Hebrides, Scotland

A pocket-sized Hebridean gem where scheduled flights land on a tidal beach, a medieval castle floats in the bay, and the scallops are hand-dived this morning. Barra is small, remote, and utterly unforgettable.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

GBP (British Pounds)

English & Scottish Gaelic

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Castlebay pontoon — ships anchor in the bay

Best For: Scenic Hebridean landscapes, Gaelic culture, fresh seafood

Walk to centre: 0 min — tender drops at Castlebay village

Don't Miss: Kisimul Castle & watching a plane land on Traigh Mhòr beach

Getting around: Taxi £10–£25

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kisimul Castle Boat Trip** — A short boat ride from the Castlebay jetty lands you on the rocky islet where the Clan MacNeil's medieval fortress...
 - Traigh Mhòr Beach Airport** — The only scheduled airport in the world where planes land on a beach.
 - Vatersay Island & Twin Beaches** — Cross the short causeway to Vatersay and walk the double crescent of white-
- sand beaches — Bagh Bhatarsaigh — with...
 - Dualchas Heritage Centre** — Castlebay's small but excellent museum covers the social history, fishing heritage, and Gaelic culture of Barra and...
 - Heaval Hill Hike & Our Lady of the Sea** — A steep grassy climb from Castlebay to Barra's highest point (383 m) passes a striking white marble statue of the...

BEST WALKS

- Castlebay Harbour Loop** 1–1.5 km · Easy · 20–30 min — From the tender pontoon, walk along the waterfront past the CalMac terminal, up to St Brendan's Church for views over Kisimul Castle...
- Castlebay to Vatersay Causeway** ~8 km return · Moderate · Allow 2+ hrs — Walk or cycle the main road south from Castlebay across the Vatersay causeway to the twin Atlantic beaches.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		48°	45°	12d
Jun		55°	52°	14d
Aug		58°	56°	18d
Sep		57°	55°	17d
Oct		54°	51°	22d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:21AM–8:39PM · Jun 4:35AM–10:25PM · Aug 5:58AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:01AM–7:47PM · Oct 8:03AM–6:26PM

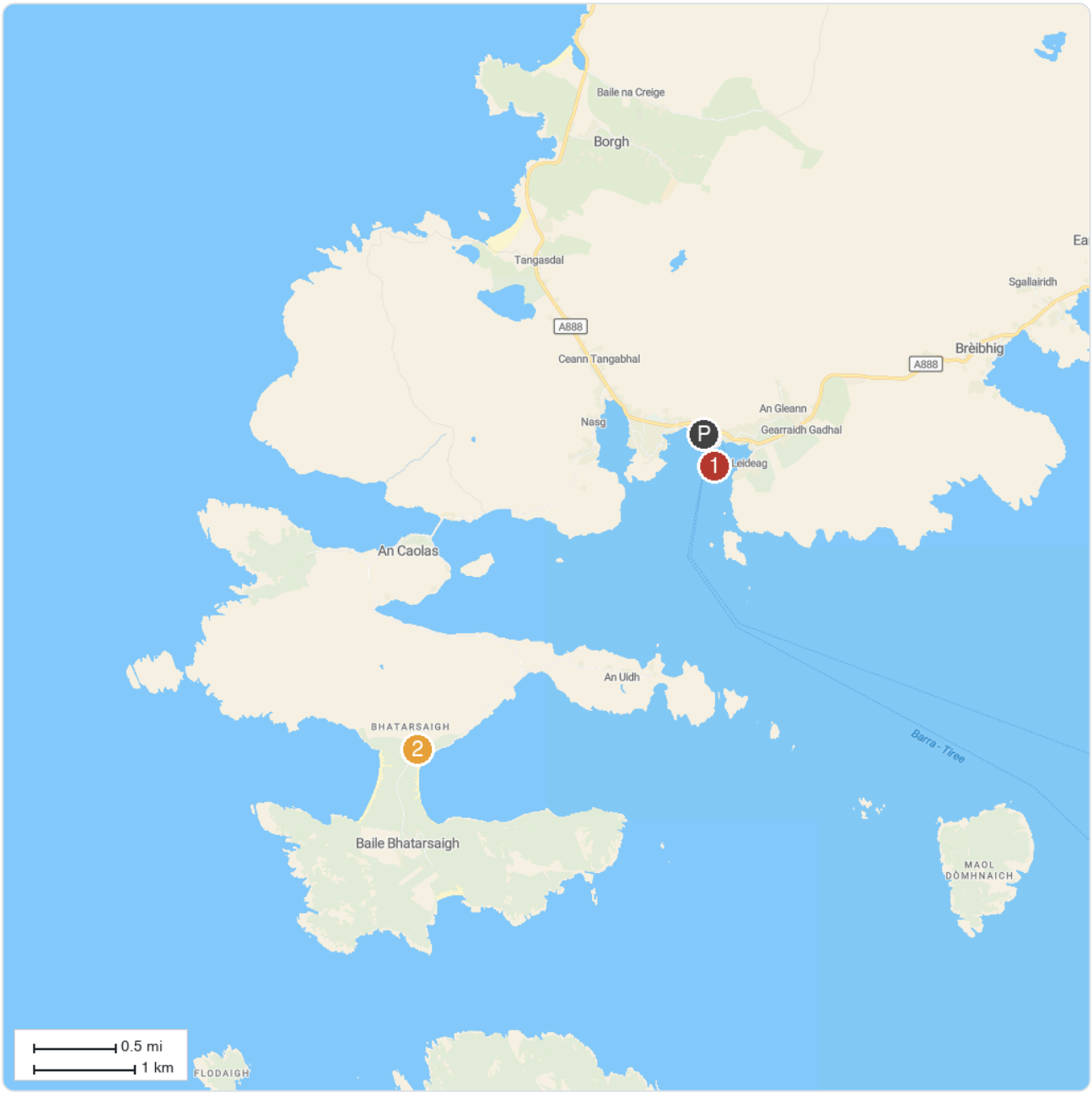
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book transport before you cruise. Barra has only a handful of taxis. Email or call ahead, or book an excursion — transport fills up the moment a ship anchors.
- Eat the scallops. Barra hand-dived scallops and langoustines are world-class. Café Kisimul's scallop pakora is the island's cult

Isle of Barra, Outer Hebrides, 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.



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Kisimul Castle

Medieval island castle, ancestral home of Clan MacNeil.

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The Hebridean Way Start Point

Official start of the Hebridean Way walking and cycling route.

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Cruise port / terminal