

Isle of Coll, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

One of Scotland's most unspoiled islands — turquoise bays, RSPB corncrake habitat, and skies dark enough to stun. Expedition ships only; crowds never.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Currency: GBP

English (Scottish Gaelic heritage)

RSPB nature reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Arinagour pier — no cruise berth

Best For: Beaches, birdwatching, cycling, dark-sky stargazing

Walk to village: 0.6 miles (10-15 min) from tender landing

Don't Miss: Tràigh Hagh beach and the Coll Hotel's local seafood

Getting around: Taxi Price on inquiry · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Tràigh Hagh & Feall Bay Bike Ride** — Cycle 3-5 miles through flower-studded machair to Coll's best beaches — vast Atlantic sweeps of white sand backed by dunes, often completely empty.
- RSPB Corncrake & Bird Walk** — Coll holds one of the UK's last corncrake populations.
- Breachacha Castles** — Two castles stand side-by-side at the island's south end — a 15th-century medieval tower house and an 18th-century laird's mansion.
- Arinagour Village Wander** — Explore the island's only village: whitewashed cottages, the award-winning eco-community hall An Cridhe (free Wi-Fi + restrooms), and the local hotel...
- Sea Kayaking & Coastal Wildlife** — Paddle the sheltered bays around Arinagour and Loch Eatharna, spotting grey seals, herons, and — in summer — possibly basking sharks offshore.

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Arinagour Village** 0.6 mi / 15 min / flat — Follow the single-track coastal road from the tender landing into the village.
- Village to Cliad Beach** 3.5 mi one-way / ~75 min / minor road — Head north from Arinagour along the island road to reach Cliad, a quiet north-facing beach with dramatic Atlantic views.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	50°	43°	14d
Jun	58°	52°	16d
Aug	60°	55°	20d
Sep	58°	54°	19d
Oct	55°	50°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:18AM–8:34PM · Jun 4:34AM–10:18PM · Aug 5:55AM–9:04PM · Sep 6:57AM–7:43PM · Oct 7:59AM–6:23PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack layers and waterproofs. Hebridean weather changes in minutes. Even in summer, a warm windproof jacket is essential ashore.
- Pre-book your bike. Coll Stores has limited rental bikes. Contact them before your cruise if your ship calls here — demand spikes on call days.
- Bring midge repellent. June–August on calm, damp days, Highland midges can be fierce. Smidge spray or Avon Skin So Soft are favoured locally.
- Book the Coll Hotel early. The pub restaurant fills fast when a ship is in port. Local lobster and hand-dived scallops are worth planning around.
- Bring small cash. Cards work at the hotel and Coll Stores, but honesty-box stalls selling crafts and local produce around the island are cash only.
- Dark sky island. If your ship anchors overnight, step on deck — zero streetlights means extraordinary stargazing. Coll is an officially recognised Dark Sky Community.

Isle of Coll, Inner 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.



P Cruise port / terminal