

Isle of Colonsay, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

One of Scotland's last truly unhurried islands — 135 residents, no traffic lights, and some of Europe's finest Atlantic beaches. Colonsay rewards slow explorers with dramatic coastal walks, a centuries-old priory, local gin, and a silence you'll remember.

 Tender (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 5–8 hrs

 Currency: British Pound (GBP)

 Language: English (Gaelic spoken by some)

 Best explored by bike

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Scalasaig Pier — no deep-water berth for cruise ships

Best For: Wild beaches, coastal walks, birdwatching, distillery visits

Walk to village: 5 min flat from pier to Scalasaig general store and café

Don't Miss: Kiloran Bay — one of Scotland's finest white-sand beaches, 3.5 miles from pier

 Getting around:  **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kiloran Bay & Coastal Walk** — Cycle or shuttle 3.5 miles to Kiloran Bay, widely regarded as one of Scotland's finest beaches — a wide crescent of...
- Oronsay Priory (Tidal Island)** — At low tide, walk the sandy Strand causeway to Oronsay — a separate island with the ruins of a 14th-century Augustinian...
- Colonsay Brewery & Wild Island Gin** — Colonsay Beverages produces Wild Island Botanic Gin and runs the Colonsay Brewery — the smallest island in the world...
- Colonsay House Gardens** — About 1.5 miles (a 30-minute walk) north of the pier, these historic woodland gardens hold one of Scotland's finest...
- Birdwatching & Wildlife Walk** — Colonsay is home to 150+ bird species including the rare corncrake, red-billed chough, and golden eagle.

BEST WALKS

- Scalasaig Village Stroll** 30 min | Easy | All flat — From the pier, walk past the Colonsay Pantry café, up to the general store and post office, then continue to the Colonsay Hotel pub...
- Colonsay House & Gardens Walk** 1.5–2 hrs | Easy | ~3 miles round trip — Head north from Scalasaig along the main road through open farmland to Colonsay House and its celebrated woodland gardens.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	44°	13d
Jun	56°	52°	15d
Aug	59°	56°	19d
Sep	58°	55°	18d
Oct	55°	51°	21d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:18AM–8:31PM · Jun 4:37AM–10:13PM · Aug 5:56AM–9:00PM · Sep 6:56AM–7:41PM · Oct 7:56AM–6:23PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender conditions matter: Colonsay is exposed Atlantic — tender operations can be cancelled in poor weather or swell. This is an

Isle of Colonsay, 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.



1 Kiloran Bay
Colonsay's stunning sandy beach, perfect for walks and views.

P Cruise port / terminal