

Isle of Eigg, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

A community-owned Hebridean island powered entirely by renewables, where dramatic pitchstone ridges, singing sands, and dark cave history make every small-ship call unforgettable.

Tender only (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: British Pound (GBP)

Language: English (Scottish Gaelic spoken by some)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Galmisdale Pier — ships anchor in the bay

Walk to centre: 0 min — An Laimhrig hub is at the pier

Best For: Hiking, geology, wildlife, unique Scottish history

Don't Miss: An Sgùrr ridge hike and the Massacre Cave

Getting around: **Taxi** ~£15 pier to Cleadale · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hike An Sgùrr — Europe's Largest Pitchstone Ridge** — The island's iconic 393m ridge is the largest exposed pitchstone lava flow in Europe.
- Massacre Cave & Cathedral Cave** — On the south coast, these two caves hold centuries of island history.
- Singing Sands & Laig Bay** — The Singing Sands (Camas Sgiotaig) in the island's northwest are named for the quartz grains that emit a musical squeak underfoot when dry.
- Wildlife & Ranger Walks** — Eigg hosts golden eagles, sea eagles, hen harriers, puffins, and otters year-round, plus dolphins, minke whales, and seals offshore (best...)
- Community Buyout Story & Eigg Electric** — In 1997 Eigg's residents bought their own island from an absentee landlord, pioneering land reform in Scotland.

BEST WALKS

- Galmisdale to An Sgùrr Summit** 8 km return | 3–4 hrs | Strenuous — From the pier, follow the single-track road southwest, then take the signposted hillside path up the pitchstone ridge.
- Galmisdale to the Caves** 5 km return | 2–2.5 hrs | Moderate — Head west along the coastal path from the pier, crossing boggy moorland to reach first Cathedral Cave then Massacre Cave on the rocky south shore.
- Cleadale & the Northern Beaches (by bike)** 14 km return | 1.5 hrs by e-bike | Easy on road — Follow the single-track road north through the crofting township of Cleadale to reach Laig Bay, then continue over the headland to the Singing Sands.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	42°	15d
Jun	57°	51°	17d
Aug	59°	54°	21d
Sep	57°	52°	19d
Oct	53°	48°	22d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:16AM–8:33PM · Jun 4:30AM–10:19PM · Aug 5:52AM–9:03PM · Sep 6:56AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:21PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch your tender time. Eigg's paths are longer than they look. Set a phone alarm 90 minutes before your tender recall time and head back early.
- Book a bike before you arrive. Eigg Adventures (eiggadventures.co.uk) rents mountain bikes and e-bikes at the pier — they sell out the moment a ship docks. E-bikes let you reach the northern beaches within a normal call.
- Proper boots are essential. Every path beyond the pier is boggy, rough, or rocky. Trainers will be soaked within minutes. Waterproof walking boots are non-negotiable.
- Bring midge repellent (June–September). Scottish midges are ferocious on calm days. Avon Skin So Soft or DEET repellent is essential — the pier shop may stock it, but don't rely on that.
- Cards accepted but carry cash. The shop and cafe take card payments, but the satellite reader can lose signal. A few British pounds ensures you can still buy lunch and gifts. There is no ATM on the island.
- Download offline maps before leaving the ship. Mobile coverage disappears once you head inland. Maps.me or OS Maps with an offline Eigg download will keep you orientated.

Isle of Eigg, 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