

Isle of Iona, Inner Hebrides, Scotland

A car-free island the size of a small village, Iona holds the graves of medieval kings, the roots of Celtic Christianity, and beaches that glow turquoise on a clear Hebridean day.

 Tender only (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 5–7 hrs

 Currency: British Pound (GBP)

 Language: English (Scottish Gaelic signs)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Baile Mòr slipway — no cruise pier on island

Walk to Abbey: ~12–15 min from the landing slipway (0.5 mi, flat road)

Best For: History, pilgrimage, scenic walks, unspoiled beaches

Don't Miss: Iona Abbey & Museum, Reilig Odhráin (kings' graveyard), North End beaches

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Varies (by arrangement) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Iona Abbey & Museum** — The spiritual heart of Scotland, founded by St.
 - Reilig Odhráin & St. Oran's Chapel** — Adjacent to the Abbey, this is the graveyard of 48 medieval Scottish kings — including Macbeth and Duncan — as well as...
 - North End Beach Walk** — Walk north along the island's single track road to Tràigh Bhàn nam Monach — a sweep of brilliant white shell sand with...
- St. Columba's Bay (South End)** — A pebble beach at the island's southern tip where St.
 - Iona Heritage Centre** — A compact community museum in the old Thomas Telford-designed manse, covering crofting, fishing, the local marble...

BEST WALKS

- Slipway to Iona Abbey** 0.5 mi | ~15 min | Easy | Paved — Follow the single paved road north from the Baile Mòr slipway, passing the Nunnery ruins and MacLean's Cross en route to the Abbey.
- Abbey to North Beach** 1.5 mi one way | ~35 min | Easy–Moderate | Mostly track — Continue north past the Abbey along the island's western track to reach the white-sand beach at the north end.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	50°	43°	14d
Jun	58°	52°	16d
Aug	60°	55°	21d
Sep	58°	53°	19d
Oct	54°	50°	21d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:19AM–8:33PM · Jun 4:36AM–10:16PM · Aug 5:56AM–9:02PM · Sep 6:57AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:23PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up, always. Hebridean weather flips between sunshine and driving rain within an hour. Pack a waterproof jacket and sturdy footwear even in summer.
- Tenders can be cancelled. Atlantic swells occasionally make the Sound of Iona impassable for tenders — it happens. Check

Isle of Iona, 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 Iona Abbey and Nunnery
Iona Abbey: ancient monastery, birthplace of Scottish Christianity.

P Cruise port / terminal