

Isle of Noss, Shetland, Scotland

A roaring, teeming wall of seabirds on sheer sandstone cliffs — Isle of Noss is a National Nature Reserve with no shops, no restaurants, and absolutely no equal for raw wildlife drama in British waters.

 Anchor / Zodiac landing (expedition ships)

 Typical call: 4-6 hrs

 Currency: British Pound (GBP)

 Language: English

 Prime season: May–July

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No pier — expedition ships anchor; Zodiac landing at Gungstie jetty (weather permitting)

Best For: Seabird photography, gannet colonies, wildlife boat tours, remote Shetland scenery

Walk to cliffs: ~1.5 mi / 2.4 km from Gungstie landing to Noup of Noss clifftop

Don't Miss: The Noup of Noss — 181m sandstone cliffs with 25,000+ breeding gannet pairs

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Varies by distance ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Zodiac Cliff Cruise** — Cruise the base of the Noup of Noss in an inflatable Zodiac — 181m of sheer sandstone packed with 25,000 gannet pairs...
- Noss Circular Walk** — From the Gungstie landing, hike the circuit of the island: up through bonxie (Great Skua) nesting grounds to the...
- Seabirds & Seals Boat Tour (from Lerwick)** — Depart Victoria Pier, Lerwick on a local wildlife tour boat that circles Bressay and Noss.
- Bressay & Noss Ferry Day** — Independent option: Lerwick–Bressay car ferry (7 min), walk or taxi across Bressay (3 miles), then the small NatureScot...

BEST WALKS

- Noss Circular Walk** ~5 mi | 2.5-3 hrs | Moderate-strenuous | Start: Gungstie jetty — From the landing at Gungstie, head east past seal haul-outs, climb through the bonxie nesting grounds (hold a stick above your head...
- Gungstie Shore Walk (short)** 0.5 mi | 15-20 mins | Easy | Start: Gungstie jetty — A short walk from the landing to the seal haul-out rocks and the warden's cottage.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	40°	12d
Jun	55°	49°	13d
Aug	57°	52°	17d
Sep	55°	50°	16d
Oct	51°	47°	19d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:46AM–8:22PM · Jun 3:39AM–10:30PM · Aug 5:18AM–8:56PM · Sep 6:32AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:44AM–5:53PM

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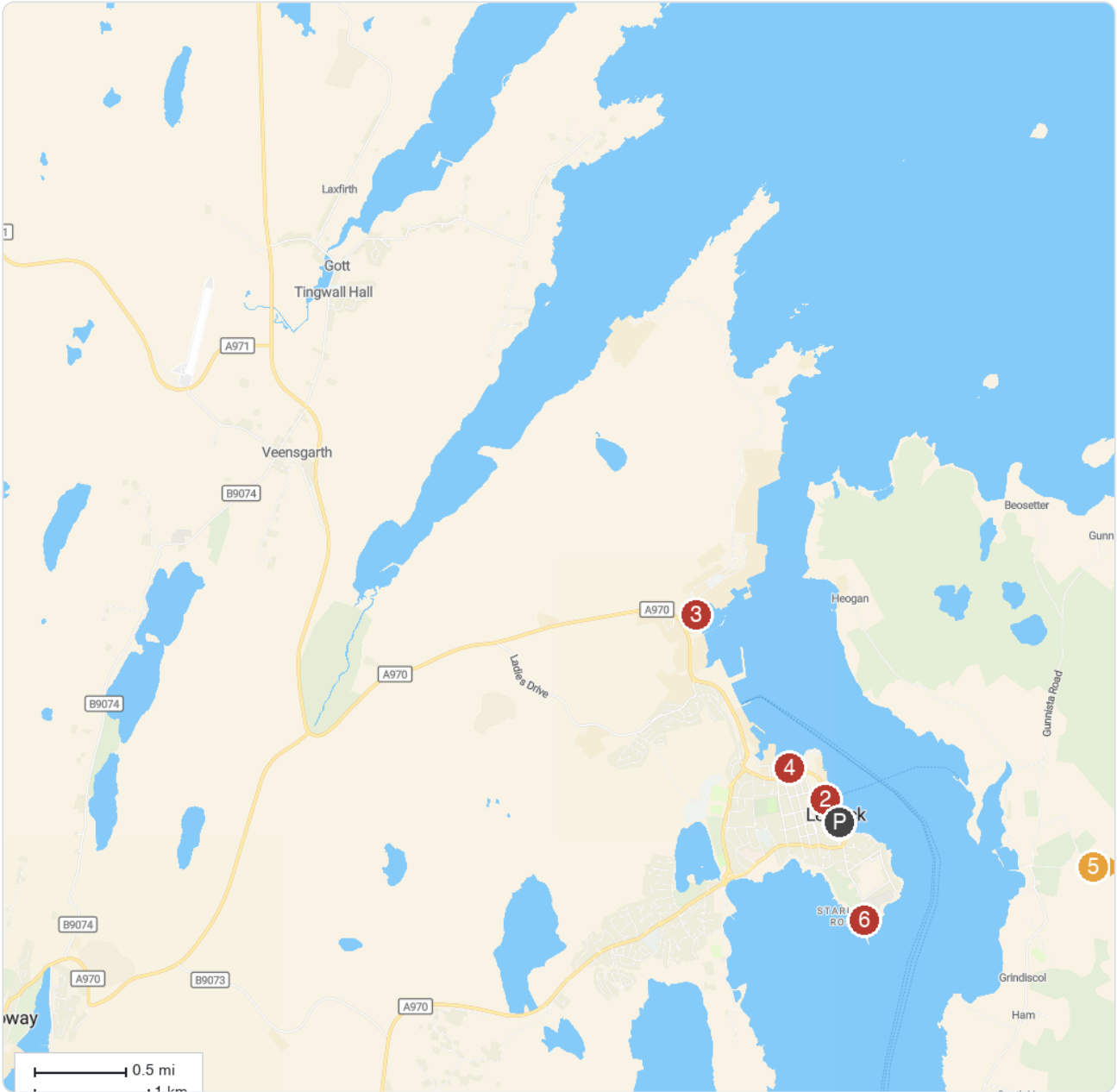
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bonxie defence: Great Skuas nest on the central moorland and will dive-bomb your head. Carry a walking pole, stick, or umbrella and hold it above head height — they target the...
- Dress for Shetland: Even in July, expect cold wind and rain. Bring waterproof jacket and trousers, fleece layers, and waterproof

Isle of Noss, Shetland, 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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| 1 | Seabirds-and-Seals - THE ORIGINAL & NO.1 NOSS BOAT - EST 1992 | Boat tour for viewing Noss's seabirds and seals. | 2 | Fort Charlotte | Historic 17th-century five-sided artillery fort in Lerwick. |
| 3 | Shetland Textile Museum | Museum showcasing Shetland's rich textile heritage and crafts. | 4 | Shetland Museum & Archives | Museum detailing Shetland's history, culture, and natural heritage. |
| 5 | Noss National Nature Reserve | Island nature reserve famous for its spectacular seabird cliffs. | 6 | The Knab | Scenic coastal headland offering panoramic views of Lerwick. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |