

Kyle of Lochalsh, Scottish Highlands, Scotland

A small Highland village with an outsized doorstep — the Isle of Skye is literally steps away across the iconic Skye Bridge, with the world-famous Eilean Donan Castle just 8 miles down the loch.

 Tender (small ships may dock)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 British Pound (GBP)

 English / Scottish Gaelic

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender for most ships; small expedition vessels can dock at Lochalsh Railway Pier

Best For: Isle of Skye day trips, Eilean Donan Castle, scenic railway to Plockton

Walk to centre: 2–5 min flat walk from tender pontoon to village shops and station

Don't Miss: Walking the Skye Bridge and a Seaprobe Atlantis glass-bottom boat tour

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ £7–£15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Isle of Skye Highlights Tour** — Cross the Skye Bridge and explore Skye's dramatic landscapes — the Old Man of Storr, Trotternish Ridge, Portree...
- Eilean Donan Castle** — Eight miles east in Dornie, this photogenic 13th-century castle sits where three sea lochs meet.
- Seaprobe Atlantis Glass-Bottom Boat** — Board Scotland's premier semi-submersible right from the Kyle Pontoon for views of kelp forests, seals, otters, and the...
- Scenic Railway to Plockton** — Jump on the Kyle Line — one of Britain's most beautiful railways — for a 15-minute ride to Plockton, a picture-perfect...
- Walk to Kyleakin & Castle Moil** — Cross the Skye Bridge on foot (free, ~45 min one-way) to Kyleakin village on Skye.

BEST WALKS

- The Plock Viewpoint** 1.5 km round-trip | Easy–Moderate | 30–40 min — From the village centre, a 10–15 minute uphill walk brings you to The Plock, a community-owned headland with panoramic views of the...
- Skye Bridge Walk** 2.4 km one-way | Easy | 30–45 min one-way — Walk the full length of the Skye Bridge on its dedicated pedestrian path.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	40°	15d
Jun		60°	50°	18d
Aug		61°	52°	21d
Sep		58°	50°	19d
Oct		53°	46°	22d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:13AM–8:33PM · Jun 4:26AM–10:21PM · Aug 5:49AM–9:03PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:40PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:18PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book transport or join a ship tour. Local taxis are nearly non-existent dockside. Buses to Eilean Donan run every 2–3 hours. If you want flexibility, book a private driver...
- Dress for all seasons in one day. Northwest Highland weather is famously fickle. Waterproof jacket, warm layers, and sturdy shoes

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 **Castle Moil** Historic ruined castle on an island near Kyleakin.
 - 2 **Balmacara Estate Visitor Centre (National Trust for Scotland)** Visitor centre for a scenic National Trust for Scotland estate.
 - 3 **Otter Hide** A sheltered spot for observing wild otters.
 - 4 **Loch Alsh Viewpoint** Designated spot offering panoramic views of Loch Alsh and Skye.
 - 5 **Calum's Seal Trips. (Free if no seals)** Boat trip to see wild seals in their natural habitat.
 - P **Cruise port / terminal**