

Lunga Island, Treshnish Isles, Scotland

The largest of the uninhabited Treshnish Isles delivers one of the UK's great wildlife encounters — Atlantic puffins so tame they perch at your feet, with guillemots, razorbills, and grey seals completing the spectacle.

-  Tender (Zodiac/small boat landing)
-  Typical call: 2–4 hrs on island
-  GBP — no shops on island
-  English
-  Puffin season: mid-April to early August

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — Zodiac or small boat to rocky shore; no pier

Best Time: May–July for puffins; landings weather-dependent year-round

Best For: Wildlife photography, puffin watching, raw Hebridean wilderness

Don't Miss: Harp Rock seabird cliffs — thousands of guillemots and razorbills

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Puffin Colony at Cruachan Hill** — A short climb up Lunga's grassy slopes brings you to the puffin colony on Cruachan, the island's modest summit.
- Harp Rock Seabird Cliffs** — Follow the clifftop path north to Harp Rock, a sea stack near the north end of the island where vast colonies of guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes...
- Grey Seal Watching** — Lunga's surrounding rocks and inshore waters are frequented by Atlantic grey seals.
- Staffa & Fingal's Cave Combo** — Many expedition cruises combine Lunga with a stop at Staffa, the basalt island roughly 5km (3 miles) south, famous for Fingal's Cave — the hexagonal...

BEST WALKS

- Landing Point to Cruachan Summit** 1.5 km round trip | Easy-moderate | 30–60 min — From the boulder landing at Corran Lunga, follow any worn track uphill through tussock grass to Cruachan Lunga (the island's modest highest point at 103m).
- Cliff Walk to Harp Rock** 2 km round trip | Moderate | 45–75 min — Head north along the clifftop from the landing area to Harp Rock near the island's north end.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Waterproof boots are non-negotiable. The landing involves stepping from a Zodiac onto wet, seaweed-covered rocks. Wellies or walking boots with gaiters are ideal. Trainers will be soaked immediately.
- Don't step on the hummocks. The grassy mounds all over the upper island are puffin burrows. Step only on bare dirt tracks — one wrong step can collapse a nest tunnel and kill chicks below.
- No toilets on the island. None at all. Use the ship's facilities immediately before boarding your tender. There is nowhere to go once ashore.
- Dress for Hebridean weather, not the forecast. Wind, rain, and sea spray can arrive with no warning. Full waterproof jacket and trousers, plus warm layers, even in July.
- No phone signal, no shops, no food. Lunga is genuinely off-grid. Bring water and a snack. Carry out all rubbish — there are no bins.
- Protect your camera from spray on the Zodiac. The puffins are so close you don't need a long lens, but the ride in can be wet. Use a dry bag or at minimum a waterproof case for electronics.

Lunga Island, Treshnish Isles, 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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Lunga Puffin Colony (Harp Rock)

Clifftop breeding colony where thousands of puffins nest within arm's reach of the path each summer.
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Corran Lunga

Boulder beach landing point on Lunga's northeast shore used by expedition ship tenders.
- 3

Deserted Village of Lunga

Ruins of a small crofting settlement abandoned in the mid-19th century during the Highland Clearances era.
- P

Cruise port / terminal