

Holy Loch Port



Location: 55° 59' N 004° 56' W
No. of Berths: 1 (Max LOA 120 m) (By 2014)
Depth: 4.0 m (Minimum)
Width of Ship: 26.0 m
Anchorage: Yes

Anchorage Position: 55° 59.51' N 4° 56.31' W
Distance to Landing Stage: 0.1 NM
Tidal range/movement: 3.4 m
Pilotage: Compulsory
Town centre: Dunoon
Shuttle to town: Available on request
Nearest airport: Glasgow, by road and ferry, 30 km (18.9 miles), ferry (25 mins)
By road only, 105 km (65 miles)

Holy Loch Port is a family run business located on the Cowal Peninsula on the West Coast of Scotland. It is situated amongst some of the most spectacular and picturesque scenery in Scotland. With its deep anchorage it allows immediate entry into lovely Argyll. As "Marine Gateway to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park", Holy Loch is within easy reach of castles, mountains and charming villages and is the ideal starting point for a variety of fascinating and enjoyable full and half day shore excursions.

Holy Loch Port is already introducing Cruise Ships to the area, with visits from MV Quest, Princendam, Minerva and Hebridean Princess. Small Cruise vessels up to 90 m in length and 4 m draught can berth at the pier. With a very short tender trip ashore, larger ships anchor off and tender to a custom built large pontoon. With Free WIFI, toilets and an undercover waiting area for passengers and crew to use ashore, along with a spacious clean hard standing area for 20+ coaches, and an on-site cafe. Dunoon and Benmore Botanical Gardens are only 2.5 miles from the Port.

Shuttle buses can be arranged to shuttle passengers between the pier and Benmore Gardens and nearby Dunoon. Dunoon offers a museum as well as a fascinating selection of craft shops, galleries, cafes and restaurants. Along with a warm friendly welcome for each and every passenger from the second they step ashore.

With its exceptionally sheltered waters Holy Loch Port represents scenic Scotland, where seascape meets landscape. Where else can passengers open their curtains to the beauty and wonder of scenic Scotland than the Holy Loch.

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Shore Excursions

The following is a list of popular shore excursions from Holy Loch

It should be noted that these details are not definitive but are intended to demonstrate the range of excursions and activities available to cruise passengers visiting Holy Loch Port as part of a cruise. Cruise Scotland cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of this information.



Benmore Gardens

With its magnificent mountainside setting, Benmore Gardens, just 2 miles away, is a joy to behold. Its 140 acres, entered via the spectacular Giant Redwood Avenue, boasts a famous collection of flowering trees and shrubs, including over 300 species of Rhododendron. Trails through the gardens lead to amazing viewpoints where passengers can view the ship from high on the mountainside. You can also enjoy the café, shop and exhibitions in the Courtyard Gallery.



Quadmania

Quadmania offer a great outdoor experience. Only 9 miles from the Port, set within a 2,000 acre estate, you can enjoy quad biking, archery, clay shooting or a team challenge course. Adults of any age and ability and children from age 8 can spend an hour or more on one sport or try multi-activity packages, which will provide you with a truly unforgettable day. Quadmania guarantee an exhilarating outdoor adventure in Scotland any time of the year. Everyone can have a fabulous time, whether it is simply to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the stunning views, or by taking on the ultimate quad bike challenge.



Inveraray Castle

Built for 5th Duke Argyll in 1789 from an initial drawing by Sir John Vanbrugh and developed by Roger Morris and William Adam.

The colourful gardens, park and woodland, featuring spectacular Rhododendrons, Azaleas and conifers, offer a selection of walks and glimpses of local wildlife and beautiful scenic views. Fieldsports are also available and a gift shop and tearoom complete the Inveraray castle experience.



Seaplane Tours

Passengers can board the seaplane from the landing pontoon at Holy Loch with no need to travel to Glasgow or Loch Lomond. The plane can be waiting as guests leave the ship. The seaplane can whisk guests away to Loch Lomond, Oban, Mull, Jura and many more, allowing passengers to experience Scotland's amazing beauty from the air. The options open to guests are endless.



Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

Loch Lomond is only 45 minutes drive by coach from Holy Loch where you can view Scotland's scenery at its most magnificent. Loch Lomond shores with its aquarium, shops, cruises and woodland trails is a great full day excursion, with the most amazing drive through the National Park. Loch Katrine lies at the heart of the wild beauty of the Trossachs and was the inspiration for Sir Walter Scott's famous poem "Lady of the Lake".