

# Oban



**Location:** 56° 25' N 005° 29' W  
**No. of Berths:** 1  
**Berth details:** North Pier, Depth 3 – 5 m  
**Anchorage:** Yes

**Anchorage Position:** 56° 25.8' N 005° 30.0' W (Outer)  
56° 24.95' N 005° 28.75' W (Inner)  
**Distance to Landing Stage:** 1.0 NM (Outer) 0.3 NM (Inner)  
**Tidal range/movement:** 3.8 m  
**Pilotage:** No compulsory pilotage  
**Town centre:** Adjacent to landing stage  
**Shuttle to town:** Not required  
**Nearest airport:** Oban 8 km

Early contact with the Harbour Master for all cruise vessels is essential to discuss any tidal restrictions on proposed berthing dates.

Cruise vessels wishing to land or collect passengers for larger vessels anchored in the bay can use the Oban Times Slip.

The pier and slipway are ISPS approved.

Oban lies on the West coast of Scotland, approximately 120 miles north of Glasgow and at the heart of Argyll. The 'gateway to the isles', with its ferries to the western islands, and the seafood capital of Scotland, Oban offers visitors the opportunity to see the glorious gardens of Argyll such as the spectacular woodland garden at Crarae or the coastal garden at Arduaine. There is the conservation village of Inveraray, with its fairy tale castle, or distilleries where visitors can sample the delights of malt whisky.

Coaches can be marshalled to take passengers from a point directly adjacent to the port.

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## Shore Excursions

The following is a list of popular shore excursions from Oban

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 Oban as part of a cruise. Cruise Scotland cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of this information.

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### Arduaine Gardens – Half Day

Travel through stunning coastal scenery on the way to the National Trust for Scotland Gardens of Arduaine, situated on a south-facing slope overlooking Asknish Bay and the Sound of Jura. The Gulf Stream creates a micro-climate along this coast, enabling rare plants to survive and offering delights for garden aficionados. Arduaine is best known for the wonderful collection of rhododendrons which has been built up here over a period of eighty or ninety years, but this atmospheric 20-acre garden is home to a diversity of plants with something from every continent with the exception of Antarctica.



### Inveraray Castle – Half Day

Enjoy the drive through dramatic scenery with lochs, magnificent mountains, ancient woodland and stunning castles. Situated on the loch-side and laid out in the 18th century, Inveraray remains one of the most complete and picturesque towns in Scotland with its imposing black and white houses. Stretch your legs here before visiting the nearby castle which is the home of the Duke of Argyll. The present Castle was built in the 18th century and its impressive edifice perfectly complements the grandeur of the surrounding scenery. The magnificent interiors were completed between 1770 and 1789 to the design of Robert Mylne for the 5th Duke of Argyll and are home to magnificent displays of weaponry, tapestry and art.



### Neolithic Scotland – Half Day

Travel back over 3,000 years to discover the mystery of the ancient Neolithic monuments of Kilmartin Glen. There are an incredible 350 ancient monuments within six miles of the village of Kilmartin, 150 of which are prehistoric. Your tour begins with a visit to the Kilmartin House Museum which will give you an insight into the life of the inhabitants of the Glen. You will then enjoy a guided walking tour to three of the most dramatic monuments in this remarkable area.



### Scottish Highlands and Glencoe – Half Day

Travel north through the impressive scenery of the Scottish Highlands with mountains, sea lochs and islands and arrive in majestic Glencoe – scene of the infamous 1692 massacre. The glen provides some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery and is a paradise for climbers, walkers and skiers. Visit the award-winning Glencoe visitor centre to learn more about the history, geology and nature of this region. Continue your journey through Glencoe and over Rannoch Moor on the way back to your ship.



### Dunstaffnage Castle – Half Day

Built before 1275 on a huge rock overlooking the Firth of Lorn, just outside Oban, Dunstaffnage was the mighty stronghold of the MacDougalls. The castle, with its huge curtain wall, was captured by Robert the Bruce in 1309 and remained in royal possession for some years. Dunstaffnage became the temporary prison of Flora MacDonald in 1746. Enjoy a guided visit and learn the story of this dramatic castle which looks out to the Inner Hebrides.