

Ullapool



Location: 57° 53.70 'N 05° 09.20 'W
No. of Berths: 3
Berth details: Berth 2 Max LOA 100 m, Depth 3.5 m
Berth 3 Max LOA 80 m, Depth 3.5 m
Berth 4 Max LOA 110 m, Depth 7.2 m
Width of Ship: No restriction
Air Draft: No restriction
Anchorage: Yes

Anchorage Position: 57° 53.35' N 005° 09.30' W
Distance to Landing Stage: 0.1 NM
Pilotage: No
Town centre: 1 km
Shuttle to town: Unnecessary
Nearest airport: Inverness 104 km

Carved out by glaciers during the last Ice Age, Ullapool boasts one of the best natural deepwater harbours in the country. With its dramatic backdrop of mountain ranges and picture-postcard setting, the village is the gateway to one of the most wild and vast remaining areas of true wilderness in Europe.

A warm Highland welcome awaits visiting passengers on the pier where a dedicated cruise pontoon leads to a marquee reception area with luxury restroom. Meet and greet personnel are available throughout the visit to share local information and distribute brochures and local maps.

Ullapool's surrounding natural beauty and laid-back atmosphere offers a true flavour of Highland life at its relaxing best.

The traditional and historic fishing village of Ullapool lies mere minutes from the pier. There are plenty of opportunities for browsing the local museum, art galleries and shops selling books, crafts and gifts. Passengers can relax in the many cafes, bars and restaurants sampling locally sourced excellent food or enjoying a dram of whisky.

More energetic visitors can enjoy a variety of local river walks while a moderate climb up Ullapool Hill affords fantastic views over the local area.

The local coastline is stunning with excellent opportunities for sea and wildlife-spotting. We enjoy regular visits from seals, porpoise, dolphins and whales. Magnificent sea eagles, kestrels, red-throated divers and puffins have made their homes here.

Boasting world-beating natural scenery, fascinating history and a proud Gaelic culture, Ullapool and the surrounding area is a perfect destination for passengers seeking a relaxing yet absorbing visit to a truly special place.

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Shore Excursions

The following is a list of popular shore excursions from Ullapool

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



North West Highlands Geopark and Knockan Crag

A visit to this Unesco-endorsed Geopark affords tantalising views of a last great European wilderness. The area offers the opportunity to explore and experience a flavour of over 2000km² of stunning mountain ranges, pristine sandy beaches, deep lochs, ancient settlements and thriving communities. Awe-inspiring rugged scenery lies around every corner of this magnificent North West Highland landscape. The turf-roofed Knockan Crag Visitor Centre is a great starting point from which to learn more about this precious area which also includes the ruins of Ardvreck Castle and fascinating Ice Age caves. Suitable for full and half-day trips with activities for all abilities.



Glen Ord Distillery

Founded in 1838 and situated on the edge of the Black Isle, west of Inverness, Glen Ord Distillery is one of the oldest in Scotland. The distillery continues to malt its own barley and uses the long fermentation and slow distillation methods that have been followed for generations. Take a tour and watch the distillers at work as they create a sweet, malty dry whisky and follow up with a browse through the distillery shop. This is a half-day trip but with many other points of interest and stopping-off places along the route, a full day trip is also possible.



Castle Leod

A half-day trip allows for a visit to the magnificent Castle Leod. Built around 1606, Castle Leod is the seat of Clan Mackenzie and is home to the current clan chief, John Mackenzie who offers personal tours of the castle and grounds. The gardens boast stunning tree species including Giant Sequoia and a Spanish Chestnut planted in 1550 for Mary of Guise, mother of Mary Queen of Scots. Refreshments can be enjoyed at the neighbouring picturesque Victorian spa town of Strathpeffer.



Inverewe Gardens

This lush tropical oasis set amidst the bare rocks of the rugged Highlands is regarded as one of Scotland's most beautiful gardens. This trip is a must for garden lovers with stop-off points en-route including Leckmelm Arboretum, the dramatic Falls of Measach and Corrieshalloch Gorge, Lael Forest and Gruinard Sands. Despite the northerly latitude, colourful and exotic plants such as Himalayan blue poppies, Tazmanian eucalyptus and Chinese rhododendron flourish at Inverewe Gardens thanks to the Gulf Stream's warm currents and 100 acres of specially planted wooded shelter. Suitable for both full and half-day trips.



Castle Urquhart – Loch Ness

This full day trip gives visitors the chance to explore the impressive ruins of Urquhart Castle which lie on a rocky promontory on the northern banks of Loch Ness. What was once an ideal fortress site now offers outstanding views of the world-famous loch and Great Glen. The castle's history is recounted in the exhibition and audio-visual display in the nearby visitor centre which also contains a tearoom. As a bonus, it's also the perfect look-out spot for monster spotting!