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Lundy Island

Visual Guide



General Information



Lundy Island is a small island 12 miles off the North Coast of Devon and is the first Marine Conservation Area in the UK.

The main attractions on the island are;

- The Marisco Tavern
- Victorian church and 13th-Century Marisco Castle
- Bronze-age remains
- The Old Lighthouse and two active lighthouses
- Wide variety of wildlife on the island and in the sea

You can visit Lundy for the day, or book a variety of accommodation and stay on the island. For more information go to the [website](#). The phone number of the Lundy Shore Office is **01271 863636**.

No pets are permitted on the island, apart from assistance dogs.

Be prepared for all weathers, and wear good shoes or boots for walking.

Guided tours of Lundy are also available, to find out more go to: [Guided Tours](#).

Travelling to Lundy island

During the summer you can travel by ship from either Bideford or Ilfracombe. There are no day trips in the winter, but those staying on the island can travel by helicopter from Hartland Point.



MS Oldenburg sails at least three times a week from the ports at Bideford and Ilfracombe, from the end of March to the end of October.

The crossing takes about 2 hours each way.

You can be a day-tripper or stay on the island by booking accommodation in advance.

For the latest timetable and costs for the **MS Oldenburg** [visit the website](#).

Tickets for the day visits must be bought a minimum of 14 days before departure by telephoning the Lundy Shore Office on **01271 863636**.

Contact the information line (**01271 863636**) after 8 pm the evening before departure, as the weather may sometimes force changes to departure times (and occasionally departure points).

Travelling from Bideford



Long stay parking at Victoria Park, Bideford

There are several car parks within walking distance of Bideford Quay.

The nearest long-stay car park is 300 meters, level walk from the Shore Office.

All-day parking can be as low as £3, but check the [council website](#) for current tariffs.



You must arrive **one hour before departure** and check-in at the Shore Office.

The **Shore Office** is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, and every sailing day.

It may be busy and noisy when queuing to board the ship.

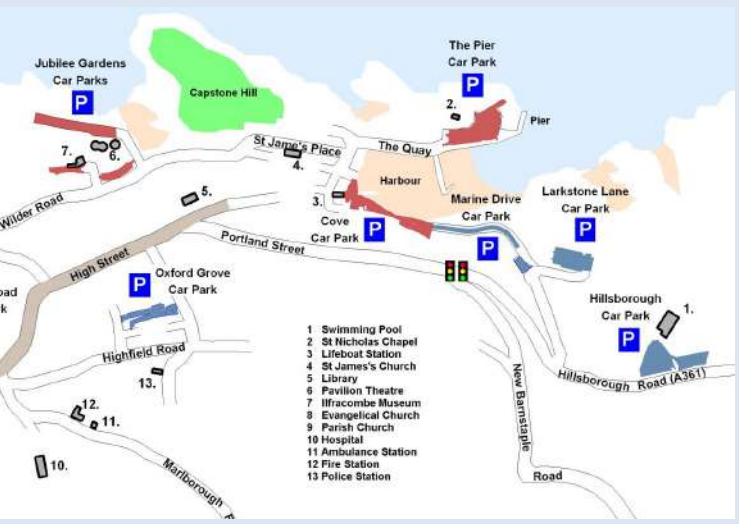


To board MS Oldenburg, you cross a gangway with handrails on both sides.

This is too narrow for a wheelchair. Wheelchair users will need to transfer out of their wheelchair and to walk across the gangway. You need to be able to step up and down from your chair (18cm).

The movement of the ship on the water can cause the gangway to move. Step carefully!

Travelling from Ilfracombe



The nearest long-stay parking is 500 meters from the **Harbour Master's Office**. There are no specific accessible spaces there.

However, there are three accessible spaces in the short stay car park around 30 meters from the **Lundy Shore Office**.

Ensure you bring cash to pay for parking.



Once you've parked, you will need to report to the **Lundy Shore Office** before boarding the ship.

Passengers can wait in the waiting room, which can get busy and noisy on wet days.

You will then be escorted from the waiting area, safely to the landing/boarding point.

There are three different landing points, depending on the tide height:

- 1. Landing Point 1 – Accessed down a slope.
- 2. Landing Point 2 – Two sets of nine steps.
- 3. Landing Point 3 – Accessed through a small gate, down the steps and underneath the jetty, on the lower platform.



Landing Point 1



Landing Point 2



Landing Point 3

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If you would like to know which landing point you will be sailing from, contact the **Shore Office** who will consult the **Captain** – call **01271 863636** in advance.

On the Ship



As there is only one crossing a day, the ship can be busy and noisy during the summer season.

If the weather is rough or windy, the ship will rock, so it may be better to sit down.

Be aware there are no lifts on board MS Oldenburg; all decks are accessed by stairs.



On the **Top deck**, there are areas to stand, as well as covered and uncovered seating.

Be careful in wet weather as the deck may become slippery.

Do not lean over the railings as it is possible to fall overboard.



Towards the front of the ship, down one level (inside), is the **Lobby**.

Here you will find the **Information Desk**, where staff will answer any questions you may have.

There is a Saloon and Licensed Bar on the **Forward Deck**, where you can buy drinks and refreshments. It also has a mix of seating.





From the Forward Saloon, there are steps down to the **Aft Saloon, Buffet and Shop.**

In the Buffet you can buy food and drink.

Eating areas and seated areas become quite busy during the crossing and will be noisy.



Male and female **toilets** are on the deck next to the Information Desk.

There may be a queue for toilets, as there is a limited number onboard.

Please be aware there are **no accessible toilets** on board the ship.

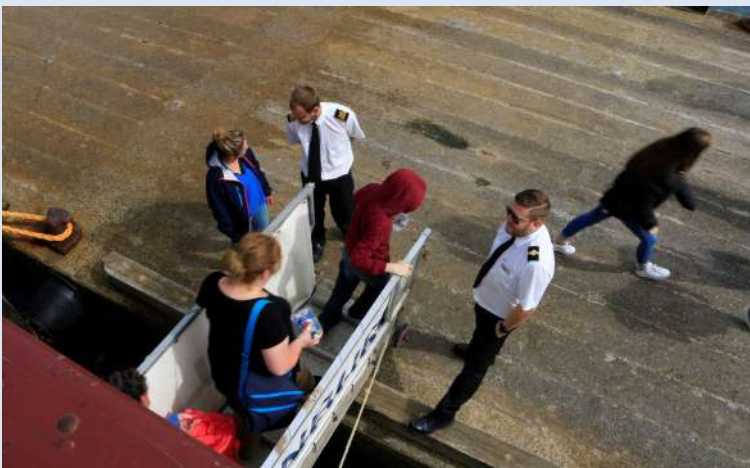
There are no hand dryers on the ship. Disposable paper towels are used.

Announcements are made by the crew on a Tannoy System. They will tell you information and give instructions.

If you sit too close to the speakers, this may be quite loud.



The crew will assist all passengers off the ship on arrival at Lundy.



Arriving on the island by ship



As you disembark MS Oldenburg, you walk onto a concrete jetty.

This then leads to a track that slopes upwards towards the village and main facilities.



The track to the village is stoned and is worn down and uneven in places.

Be warned this is quite a steep walk and may take up to 30 mins!



If you require **assistance** to reach the top of the island, a Land Rover is available to take people up to the top, and it's free.

You may have to queue, as this service can get busy during peak times.

Please ask the **Information Officer** if you require assistance to get up the hill.

Traveling to Lundy by Helicopter



In the winter months, **if you are staying overnight on Lundy**, you can travel by helicopter.

The helicopter service operates between Hartland Point (about 20 miles West of Bideford) from November until mid-March, on Mondays and Fridays.

The flight takes **approximately 7 minutes**.

Be aware you have to step up into the helicopter for the trip. Seat belts are worn during the journey.

The flight will be very noisy.

The trip may be bumpy if the weather is bad.



When the helicopter arrives at Lundy, you will land on the helipad near the village where the main facilities are.

You will need to step down from the helicopter, onto a grassy area, before taking the short path to the village.

The path is uneven underfoot, as the picture shows.

Mobility on the island



For people with limited mobility staying on the island, you can become a member of the **Countryside Mobility** scheme and hire an all-terrain mobility scooter (Tramper).

If you are a day-tripper, the Tramper can only be booked on Bideford sailing days, and only if you're an existing member of the Countryside Mobility scheme.

There is a cost for hiring the Trampers; please call Lundy before your visit to find out more. For more information on the scheme and becoming a member, visit the [Countryside Mobility Website](http://www.countrysidemobility.org).

You are welcome to bring your own manual wheelchairs to the island, but please call the shore office in advance to advise them.

First Aid



The island team are coastguards and trained to respond to any emergency.

If you do require any first aid treatment, just ask any member of staff (wearing blue shirts). They will be able to assist you.

Facilities



Reception

The island facilities are located in the main village.

There is a **reception, Village store, and local pub.**

If you are staying overnight on Lundy, please check in with reception on arrival, and they will advise you if your property has been serviced and ready for you.

The road outside the reception building is cobbled and uneven, and will be slippery when wet.



The **General Store** on Lundy sells a wide range of groceries and souvenirs.

The path into the store is broken and uneven, with 2 small steps up to enter. By the counter there is a third small step.

The flooring inside is vinyl. It is not accessible for wheelchairs users as it is quite cramped inside.



The **Marisco Tavern** is the local village pub, which dates back to the 1860s.

The Tavern provides refreshments for those staying on the island and day-trippers.

The tavern **will be busy and noisy** on the days the MS Oldenburg travels to Lundy. If you are staying overnight on Lundy, the Tavern will be quieter after the day-trippers leave.

The Tavern can be quite dark inside, with a mix of artificial light and natural light from the windows. The flooring is made of stone and is uneven and well worn, meaning it may be slippery when wet.

The use of mobile telephones, personal electronic devices and laptop computers **are not allowed in the Tavern** (ask the staff where they can be used). There is a **fine of £1** which goes towards the Lundy fund if your device is heard in the Tavern!

Toilets

The **toilets** are located outside the Marisco Tavern, and opposite the big black shed.



The Marisco Tavern toilets are immediately outside the pub. The path outside is cobbled (stone) and is uneven in places, so be careful in the dark.

The **female toilets** are in front of you, inside the old stone building. There are two cubicles, both with tiled stone floors.

There is artificial lighting, but may be a little dark at times.

During busy periods such as lunchtimes and in the evening, you may need to queue.

The **gents urinals** are open to the weather, but are screened from public view. There are hand washing facilities (but no hand dryer) and one cubical. The floor is made of concrete. There is also minimal external lighting so it will be dark in places, especially in bad weather and at night.



Opposite the big black shed, there are male and female toilets, and each has two cubicles.

The floors are tiled stone flooring, which may be slippery when wet.

The toilets are well lit inside, with mostly artificial lighting, but also some natural lighting from the windows.

They can be busy on days when the ship visits, so there may be a queue. If there are a lot of people waiting, it can get noisy.

Currently there are no accessible toilets on the island.

Things to see



St Helen's Church contains a great deal of information, including the history of the island, the wildlife you may see, and what community life is like on Lundy.

The church is open 24/7.

St Helen's Church is quite dark inside. The floor is made of tiles, which will be slippery when wet.

Please be aware as this is a place of worship, you will **need to be quiet**. Noise will echo around due to its high ceilings.



Marisco Castle was built in the 13th century.

The keep has been converted into holiday cottages for people staying on Lundy. You can still look around the outside and see the remains of the castle keep.

Please be aware, the ground is very uneven around the castle and may not be accessible by wheelchair.



There are Bronze-age remains on Lundy. There are several barrows, such as Middle Park and Tibbetts Hill.

Over the northern parts of Lundy, the remains of small, circular, stone houses are visible, and pottery from some at the North End dates them to the Middle Bronze Age (from between the 18th and 11th centuries BC).

This may not be accessible for those with mobility issues, as they are off road.

The Old Lighthouse



The Old Lighthouse was built in 1819. However, It is no longer in use, as it was replaced in 1897 by the more modern North and South Lighthouses.

In the cemetery alongside the Old Lighthouse, some graves date back to AD500 and AD700.

You can go inside the Old Lighthouse and look around. The staircase is very narrow and steep, and you may meet people coming the other way.

It is possible to look out from the lantern at the top. This area has great views, but may make you feel dizzy.

The Old Lighthouse is open to visitors 7 days a week.

The new lighthouses were built in 1897 to replace the original, are still in use today. Both were automated in 1985 so are no longer manned.

They are not open to the public, but you can look around the outside.





The island has a small herd of around 20 wild **Lundy ponies**.

The ponies are a semi-feral (wild) herd, meaning that aside from veterinary care, they receive little attention. Sponsorship and donations help to pay any vets bills if you would like to donate, visit the [website](#).

Do not approach or feed the ponies as they are wild and have little contact with people and may bite or kick.

There are 6 Highland steers on the island.

They were brought to the island in September 2012 as part of the island's conservation programme,

The Highland cattle and ponies can be found between Quarter and Halfway walls. (See the map on page 15).



Soay sheep can also be seen on the island. They are often mistaken for feral goats.

The population of Soay, live north of Quarter Wall.



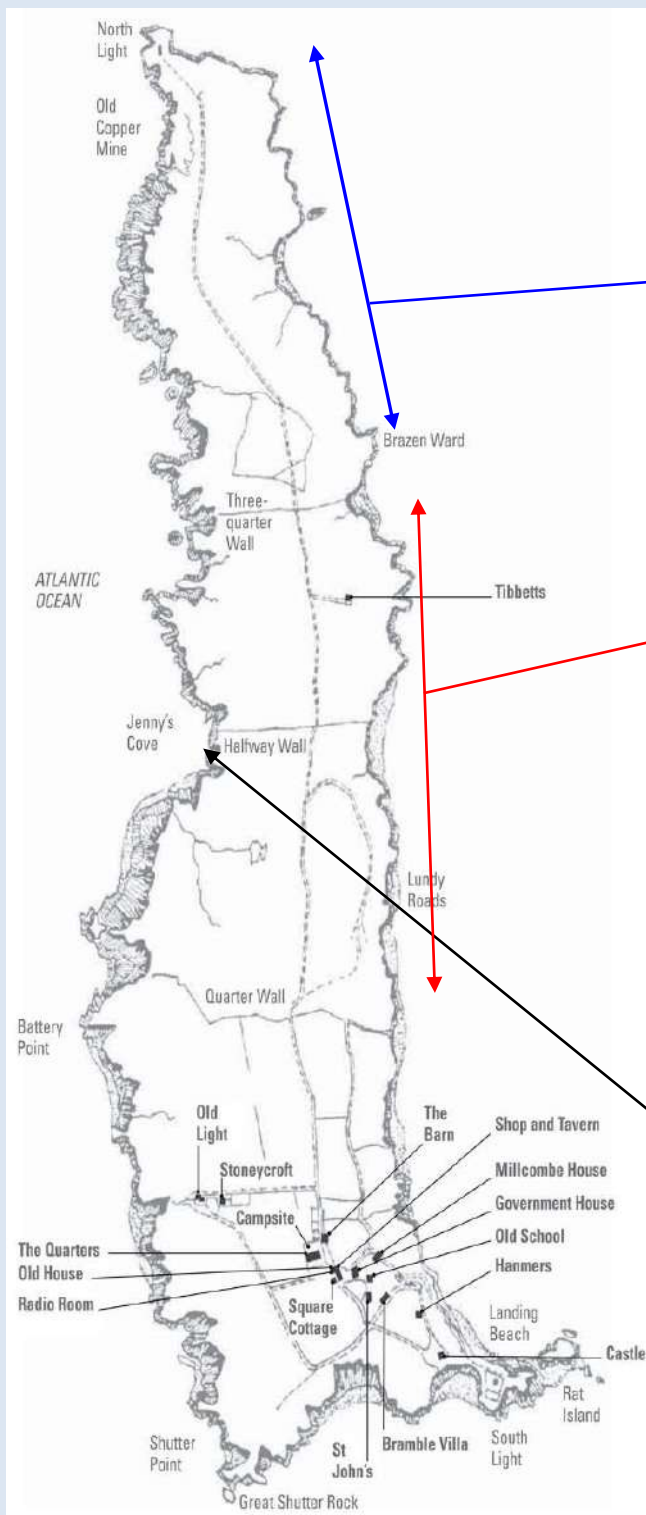
There are over 300 sheep on Lundy, which you may see during your trip.



Many visitors come to the island to see the wide range of birdlife that nest on the island.

One of the popular visitors that can be seen on Lundy are **puffins**.

The nesting period for puffins on Lundy is between **April and July**, although sightings outside of this time are not uncommon.



Soay Sheep.

Highland cattle and Lundy Ponies.

Puffins can be seen on the North and West Coast. However the best spots are Jenny's Cove and St. Phillip's Stone.

We hope you enjoy your visit.



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