

Lundy MPA Snorkel Safari FAQs

Lundy is Britain's first Marine Protected Area (MPA) and plays host to thriving marine environment, from colourful sea slugs boasting chemical weapons through to 300 kg Atlantic grey seals. Our Warden-led Snorkel Safari event programme provides a unique insight into our magnificent world below the waves, and ensuring the safety of our customers, staff and wildlife is paramount.

Do I need to book?

Yes, snorkel safaris are limited to six people per session. Due to popular demand, we strongly recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. To book, please email completed booking forms to reception@lundyisland.co.uk or visit reception during your stay.

How to pay?

Snorkel Safari sessions cost £20 per person. This is charged to your Tavern tab which can be settled at the end of your stay. If you wish to pay in a different way, please let us know.

Where do the sessions take place?

The snorkel sessions take place in the shallow waters of the Landing Bay. We meet at the Beach Building to 'kit up', please arrive promptly to ensure a full session in the water. On the morning of your session, please check the tavern noticeboard to confirm whether conditions are suitable for the session to go ahead.

What do I need to bring?

Wetsuit, snorkel, mask, and fin hire is all included, along with shore cover and safety equipment. Simply bring your swimsuit, towel, warm change of clothes and a drink of water.

Can I use my own wetsuit or other kit?

Of course! We provide 5mm thick wetsuits for all participants, however you are welcome to use your own gear. Please note that we can be in the water for up to 45 minutes with little movement - this requires a thicker wetsuit than typically used for surfing or swimming. We also do not recommend using full face neoprene masks as these are more prone to steaming up.

What happens if my session is cancelled?

Sessions are subject to change according to weather conditions, sea state and availability. We only charge for sessions that go ahead! If a session is cancelled, we will endeavour to offer a free rockpool ramble alternative, weather permitting. On the morning of your session, please check the tavern noticeboard to confirm whether conditions are suitable for the session to go ahead.

Can I swim with seals?

Seals are wild mammals, and we like to keep them that way! They are a key feature species of our strict marine protections, and we go to great lengths to safeguard our important seal population. Our Snorkel Safaris follow the Marine & Coastal Code and do not initiate interactions. However, seals are naturally curious, and may investigate our snorkel session. We will cover how to act safely and responsibly around seals during the pre-snorkel briefing at the beginning of the session.