

DIVE LUNDY



Thank you for your enquiry about diving around Lundy. This information sheet should tell you all you need to know about diving on Lundy and planning your holiday.

Please note that the maximum speed limit for all vessels operating within 100m of the island is 5 knots.

WHY DIVE LUNDY?

The simple answer is because the marine environment around Lundy is spectacular and it provides divers with unique experiences that they will treasure. Lundy was established as a voluntary Marine Nature Reserve in 1971, this was followed with the first Marine Nature Reserve designation in 1986. Since then, the island's importance has been recognized through further designations as a Special Area of Conservation in 2000 and was nominated as the first Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) in 2010. Along with these designations an area to the east of the island has been declared as a No Take Zone since 2003¹, this means that no fishing or collection of sea life of any kind can take place in this area. We ask that you respect this and report any activities to the Warden.

The high level of protection at Lundy has ensured that our marine life is amazing and, along with spectacular scenery, will allow you to experience some of the most varied diving in the U.K. Many divers return to Lundy again and again to dive in the unique waters littered with wrecks and diverse marine life including our playful resident seals and beautiful anemones and corals.

Lundy's waters are home to two protected wrecks; the *Iona II* and the Gull Rock Wreck. Both wrecks are protected by the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 due to their significance and therefore cannot be dived without a licence. A new dive trail for the *Iona II* has been produced and received an award in September 2015. Further details on the trail and the history of the *Iona II* can be found through the Diving pages at www.lundyisland.co.uk

¹Please refer to the MCZ Zoning scheme chart for details.

DIVING AROUND LUNDY

Lundy's location, on the edge of the Atlantic, means that we enjoy unpolluted water which can have excellent visibility, particularly in the calm summer months. However, the position of the island means it can be subjected to very strong tidal currents so it is essential that you understand the tidal streams at each site. It is advisable to use one of the experienced dive charter boats as their skippers have excellent knowledge of the dive sites making the whole experience safer and more enjoyable. Shore diving is limited to only a couple of safe entry points from the shore.

The Lundy Warden oversees the management of the Marine Conservation Zone, No Take Zone and Special Area of Conservation including the day-to-day running of the dive facilities and is happy to advise you on any aspect of diving on Lundy. Please feel free to contact the Warden before your visit on warden@lundyisland.co.uk or come and say hello during your visit.

We encourage safe diving practices therefore each group should nominate a diving officer who is responsible for organizing and supervising the group's diving activities. The diving officer is also responsible for raising awareness of the group as regards the legal protection of Lundy's marine protected area and should ensure that all divers abide by the Code of Conduct²

Shellfish: Please be aware that the regulations surrounding diver-caught shellfish have changed and all those wishing to take shellfish (scallops, crabs or lobster) must apply for a license from the Devon and Severn IFCA. Please see their website for details and for an application form www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk.

However, many local charters operate a no take policy and their capture is not encouraged.

In December 2013, a new byelaw was passed stating that no crawfish (spiny lobster) can be taken by anyone from the Marine Conservation Zone at Lundy. To assess the state of the crawfish population at Lundy we are running a survey in which you can participate. Local charter skippers have copies of the survey sheets and further sheets are available from the Warden warden@lundyisland.co.uk.

“Take only photos, leave only bubbles”

Please be advised: Lundy is subject to fierce tidal races and sudden changes in weather which make it no place for inexperienced divers. The use of permanent surface marker buoys is strongly recommended. Persons diving off Lundy do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. The Landmark Trust and the Lundy Company accepts no responsibility or liability for injuries or accidents which occur when diving in the waters around Lundy.

²Please refer to the 'Lundy Codes' leaflet.

IONA II DIVE TRAIL

The Iona Dive Trail was opened in 2014. The *Iona II* is a paddle steamer which foundered off the east coast of Lundy after setting sail to assist in the American Civil War. There are four elements to the trail for you to immerse yourself in and assist in the monitoring of this protected wreck. Please be aware that as the *Iona II* is legally protected you are required to have a licence in order to dive her. All the details are available through the Diving pages on our website www.lundyisland.co.uk

DIVE FACILITIES ON LUNDY ISLAND

Please book facilities a minimum of one month prior to your visit to ensure that we are able to meet your needs and to receive your 10% discount on airfills. Please note that last minute requests may not be possible therefore please always book in advance to avoid disappointment.

The Beach Building has been built with divers in mind and offers:

- Basic lockable storage/changing areas for two dive parties (approx. six persons per party) free of charge. Please note that these must be booked in advance and are subject to availability.
- Dunk tank for washing kit. Please note that during dry spells, the water may not be refreshed as frequently due to water restrictions and that the indoor tap is not for washing kit.
- Air-fills the triple filter compressor can supply air up to 230bar and tanks will be filled for you by island staff, book airfills in advance to receive a 10% discount. Please ensure that tanks are in test with a visible test stamp (those without a visible in-date test stamp cannot be filled).

Twin-sets are made up of two separate tanks and will be charged as such.

The group leader must settle the account the day before departure.

Prices for fills are:	Up to 3 litres	£3
	4 litres – 15 litres	£7
	16 litres +	£9

ACCOMMODATION

Many divers come to Lundy for a weekend but for many this is not nearly enough to experience everything that Lundy has to offer. Staying on the island maximizes the time you spend diving and minimizes travel time. The range of accommodation includes self-catering properties and camping facilities. The Barn is our largest self-catering property and has space for up to fourteen people in two dormitory style rooms. It is advisable to book well in advance as island accommodation and facilities are limited. The full range of accommodation can be booked through our website www.lundyisland.co.uk or via the Lundy Shore Office 01271 863 636. Please note that the Warden cannot process accommodation bookings.

THE LUNDY GENERAL STORES

The Lundy Store carries an extensive range of fresh, frozen and canned food, along with toiletries, household goods and souvenirs. A range of wines, beers and spirits are available from the store and Marisco Tavern. There is a good supply of fresh produce which is replenished on sailing days. If you choose to bring your own groceries with you please ensure that they are in a sealed plastic container as open bags represent a hazard and must remain onboard your vessel.

Many divers find that on the first day they arrive outside of store opening hours due to their diving schedule. You can, however, make an advanced order which will be delivered to your property on the day, Advance Order forms must be received **at least two weeks** before your visit. For further information please look at the store's pages on our website

shop@lundyisland.co.uk or contact the store on 01237 431 831.

The store also stocks t-shirts/hoodies/hats etc. and souvenirs. Opening hours are displayed in the store window and on the Tavern notice board. If you enjoy eating outdoors there is a large gas BBQ available for hire (disposable BBQs are available to buy) and the store has an excellent range of BBQ foods.

If you prefer someone else cooking for you the Marisco Tavern provides a variety of delicious meals.

MARISCO TAVERN

The Marisco Tavern is the focal point of island life for everyone on the island. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served every day; please refer to the board in the Tavern for serving times and menus.

Packed lunches are available on request; please place your order with the Tavern staff the day before to ensure the kitchen has enough notice.

A variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available along with tea, coffee and soft drinks.

GETTING TO LUNDY

You can get to the island either on one of the charter boats, on your own boat³ or on our passenger and supply ship the MS Oldenburg.

Fares and sailing times for the Oldenburg can be found on our website. The ticket price is inclusive of the Lundy landing fee (£6 or free to National Trust members) and luggage transport fee (£10 minimum).

There is a luggage allowance of 20kg per person on the Oldenburg and anyone carrying luggage in excess of this will be charged accordingly. A charge of £16 is payable for carriage of personal diving equipment such as tanks, weights etc. and is not considered as excess luggage.

If you would like to use your own RIB or inflatable whilst you are here, this can be transported on the Oldenburg at the cost of £100 per boat and must be booked via the Shore Office on (01271) 863 636. Please note that we are not responsible for any damage or loss caused to boats or equipment during shipment or whilst on Lundy so please ensure your belongings are appropriately insured.

If you come to Lundy using one of the charter boat services please note that there is a luggage transfer service available at a cost of £3 per person (minimum £10), all luggage must weigh no more than 20kg (excess will be charged for) and all food must arrive in sealed plastic containers.

If you do decide to dive from your own vessel please be aware that conditions around Lundy can change very quickly and make sure that you carry all the appropriate safety equipment including a VHF radio or other means of communication.

Petrol is not available on Lundy. If you are bringing your own boat you must organize to bring sufficient fuel for your stay. If you are using the Oldenburg to transport your boat you need to advise us of any hazardous materials on board your boat, such as petrol etc. Diesel may be ordered in advance on the Dive Facilities Booking Form.

Please remember Lundy is a Marine Conservation Zone and you must exercise extreme caution when storing fuel and re-fuelling your boat.

There is one visitor mooring in the Landing Bay therefore please consult a member of Island staff on arrival to establish if it is available. Please note that mooring is undertaken at your own risk. The Landing Bay provides a sheltered anchorage when the winds are from the western quarter, but is vulnerable to winds from the East or North East. During adverse conditions inflatables can be hauled out of the water but this is not practical for RIBs there please consult a reliable forecast prior to your arrival.

Since 2006, Lundy has been rat-free for the benefit of the seabird populations. To ensure that we maintain our rat-free status, it is important that visitors to the island take extra precautions to reduce the risk of reintroduction. If you are bringing your own boat, please check it for rodents immediately prior to your visit and keep any food sealed or in sealed containers.

³Sometimes bad weather prevents small boats like the charter boats or RIBs from getting to the island, so please make sure you arrange your own travel insurance as we do not provide insurance to refund the cost of your accommodation should you have to cancel your trip.

BOOKING CHECKLIST

- Book your accommodation on the island by either contacting the Lundy Shore Office (01271) 863 636 or by visiting our website, www.lundyisland.co.uk
- Book a charter boat. There are a number of independent⁴ charter boats that operate around Lundy

Appledore charters: Lundy Castaway (max. 10 divers) – John Fanthorpe on 01598 740 198 or 07970 474273 or alternatively visit John’s website www.boattripstolundy.co.uk/

Ilfracombe charters: Obsession II and Silver Spirit, (max. 12 divers each) Andrew Benghey on 01271 866 032 or 07971 462024 or alternatively visit Andrew’s website www.lundydiving.co.uk/

Jay Jay, (max. 10 divers) – contact 01271 863 398 or 07827 679189 or alternatively visit their website www.bristolchannelcharters.co.uk/

Complete a Dive Booking Form and email it directly to general@lundyisland.co.uk with a completed Advance Order form for the store if required.

⁴ Please note that as these are independent operators; neither The Lundy Company nor The Landmark Trust can accept responsibility on their behalf.