

Key Information for Schools and Colleges visiting Lundy

The guidance below outlines the essential information for all education groups visiting Lundy. **Please make sure that all adults accompanying your group have read this.** Further information can be found, with our current Terms and Conditions, in our comprehensive guide to educational visits that can be downloaded from our website <https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/lundyisland/discovering-lundy/education/> For questions regarding your itinerary or activities during the visit please email schools@lundyisland.co.uk

Staffing Ratios – Because a visit to the island includes travel over open water we require the following adult to child ratios, in line with current outdoor educational recommendations:

Year Groups:	Adult to Child Ratio:
3 and 4	1:6
5, 6 and 7	1:8
8 to 11	1:10
Post 16	1:10

Accompanying adults need to be of a reasonable level of physical fitness. There will be a significant amount of walking during the day and the first part of the visit is a walk of approximately 25-minutes up the steep beach road from the jetty. Please note that any staff member whose role is 1:1 supervision should not be included in these staffing ratios for your group, in case they need to leave the main group for any reason.

Group size – for safety the maximum size for educational groups, *including supervising adults*, is 37.

Extra Adults - Any parent who decides to travel to the island on the same day as their child's school trip, and in addition to the supervisory ratios above, should be made aware that they will not be included in the educational activities for the day and should board the ship separately from the group.

Supervision and Behaviour - Our staff and volunteers will do their best to provide an inspiring and memorable experience of Lundy but ***the primary duty of care for your group remains with the school/college at all times. Your group should be kept under control and always show good behaviour.*** This includes the sailing to and from the island during which your students ***must never be left without an adult from your school. Responsibility for ensuring this lies with you as the group leader.*** Given the rugged and wild terrain of the island, it is essential that children know to stick to the paths, not to run, and to follow instructions from the Lundy team at all times. We may need to end the trip if any behaviour causes us concern or becomes dangerous.

We ask that the children are assigned to an adult before departure and that each adult carries a list of the children in their care. The children should know before sailing who their adult is. This helps us organise the children during their activities as well as in case of an emergency.

Mobility and Access - Please contact us if any of your students have mobility issues. We will do our best to adapt the programme to their needs, but we cannot guarantee that they will be take part in every activity. We have a Land Rover that can transport people to the village, but students will need to be accompanied by a supervising adult. ***Please factor this in when working out your staffing ratios, to ensure that the rest of the group are appropriately supervised at all times.***

What to Bring

'Lundy Superheroes' postcards – For KS2 groups this activity will have been introduced to you during your outreach talk. If your group have prepared these, please remember to bring them with you to be posted back to you.

Seasickness - Anyone who suffers from travel sickness should bring appropriate anti-seasickness medication to be administered in line with your school's policies and procedures. We will seat your group together on deck of the ship to help minimise any feelings of sickness.

Clothing - Warm and waterproof layers of clothing are advisable, particularly for the sea crossing. Hats and sun cream are also advised as sunlight can be reflected off the sea in even overcast weather. Robust and, ideally, waterproof footwear will be needed. Exploring the island includes walking over rough terrain where a good grip is needed.

Food - A trip to Lundy is a long and active day so please ensure that members of your group bring a generous packed lunch that includes sensible snacks for the boat journeys to and from the island. Students should also bring water in a refillable bottle, which they will be able to refill on the island.

Personal Possessions - We advise that children do not bring non-essential items as they will have to carry them with them throughout the day. Children may wish to bring cameras; this is at the discretion of the school. Children may want to bring a small amount of money to spend in MS Oldenburg's on-board gift shop. They will have time to visit this on the return journey.

Please remember to ring the Lundy Information Line after 8.00pm, on 01271 863636, the evening prior to sailing to obtain an update on sailing conditions and time.

On the day:

Arrival at your port- Please make sure all the adults in your group arrive at your port of departure an hour before the scheduled departure time (Ilfracombe - 9am, Bideford – 1 hour before sailing - please check the sailing timetable) to allow time to check off your students as they arrive. You will be met at the port by your volunteer Lundy Ambassador, who will support you and your group during your day. Your tickets will be ready for collection in the Shore Office. ***Please inform the office if there are any changes to your group, such as absentees or substitutions of supervising adults.*** Check off the children/students as they arrive and inform the shore office immediately if anyone is absent. It is a legal requirement that the passenger list for the sailing is accurate.

For Ilfracombe sailings - Students being dropped by parents should be dropped in the Pier Carpark (post code EX34 9EQ) and then make their way to the schools' muster point which is the waiting room next to the shore office. Children must arrive by 9.15am at the latest. Anyone wishing to park for the day is advised to use Larkstone Lane Long Stay car park (EX34 9QG) – please allow at least 25 minutes to walk to the ship from here. The Pier and Cove/Marine Drive Car Parks are Short Stay only and very expensive.

For Bideford sailings - Students can be dropped in the short stay car park just after the Shore Office/Toilet building, on the left at the far end of the quay if you're coming from the main A39 roundabout (postcode EX39 2EY). ***Please do not drive onto the quay alongside the ship*** They should then walk to the muster point for school groups which is the steps nearest to the Shore Office. Children must arrive no later than 45 minutes before sailing time. Anyone wishing to park for the day should use Riverbank Car Park on Kingsley Road (EX39 2QS). You must park in the long stay section located at the far end of the car park, beyond machine '3'.

Facilities on Lundy – ***We recommend that everyone uses the toilet facilities on board MS Oldenburg before they arrive at Lundy*** as it may be some time until you pass through the village where Lundy's only toilet facilities are found. Lunch will usually be a picnic outdoors, in the camping field in the village where there are toilets and a tap for refilling drinking water bottles. For some groups, particularly when having sailed from Bideford, lunch may be further away from the village. This will be shown on your itinerary. ***Please note:*** Due to the limited time on the island educational activities are given priority and a visit to the shop on the island will probably not be possible. There is a small shop for souvenirs on board MS Oldenburg.

A visit to Lundy is essentially an outdoor experience. We will undertake activities in most weather conditions (except extreme and dangerous weather conditions e.g. high winds). We do, however, have indoor space in the St Helen's Centre should the conditions become unsuitable for outdoor activities during your visit.

For questions about your sailing or booking, contact the Shore Office on 01271 86363 or email ilfracombeso@lundyisland.co.uk