

Cruising destinations

At Whitehaven Marina we want you to get the most fun out of your boat. We believe that includes getting out on the water and exploring the ports and harbours within relative easy reach of Whitehaven.

We have put together a selection of our favourite destinations, from day sails to longer cruises. Ask at the Marina Office if you need any more information and we'll do our best to help. Don't forget to let us know if you're heading off cruising for more than a couple of days and please remember to look at the forecast and satisfy yourself it is safe to leave; ensure your boat is properly prepared and equipped before you depart the marina.

Whitehaven sits on the southern shore of the Solway Firth with both Scotland's beautiful Galloway coast and the rich cruising destination of the Isle of Man within twenty five miles. In addition there are plenty of other closer options and longer cruises such as Ireland, which is approximately fifty miles to the west.

Going West

The Isle of Man provides plenty of lovely places to explore. **Port Douglas** have a lot to offer with an array of pubs, clubs and restaurants. The electric tram goes to the top of Snaefell where you can enjoy a 360° vista.

Heading south on the island towards **Calf**, you will experience its magical beauty and bountiful wildlife. From dolphins and porpoises, to basking sharks, seals and birds there is so much to see and visitors can spend the night in the gamekeeper's house.

The south of the island has plenty of other stop over opportunities too, including the very quaint and quiet Ports of St Mary and Erin.



Calf



Howth

Ireland

Don't miss Ireland with its superb cruising grounds and atmosphere. Malahide provides both excellent facilities and a buzzing night life. From here you can take the DART (rapid transit train) into Dublin.

An alternative stopover is **Howth** and a trip around Ireland's Eye. Sample the night life here with a collection of folk pubs and restaurants, before heading south to **Dun Laoghaire** on the other side of Dublin Bay.



Dun Laoghaire



Maryport



Port Logan

Going West/North West

Heading north from Whitehaven, there are the Solway ports: Kipford, Kirkcudbright and Whithorn; all only a few hours sail away. For the more adventurous, The Rhins of Galloway coastline boasts many pretty little ports and villages like **Port Logan**, Portpatrick and Sandhead. There are stunning cliff top views from the Mull of Galloway, across to the Isle of Man and the Irish coast.

Kirkcudbright is a pleasant river port on the opposite shore of the Solway Firth; only thirty miles away. Workington and **Maryport** are both only short hops away on the English side of the Firth - ideal for a day trip!



Port Douglas



Walney & Piel Island

Going South

Cruise the Cumbrian coast towards **Walney Island** and Barrow-in-Furness; Ravenglass offers a stopover point en route but make sure you've checked the tides and charts beforehand!

Beyond Barrow there is plenty on offer, including the delights of Morecambe Bay, Glasson Dock, and the Lancashire ports of Preston and Fleetwood. Further south still, explore the maritime city of Liverpool before heading west across to North Wales. Visit the walled town of **Conwy**, dominated by its castle; Holyhead, or the beautiful **Menai Strait**.



Conwy



Menai Strait