



**GRAND TOUR OF SHETLAND & ORKNEY**  
 Plus the islands of Hoy, Yell and Unst sailing over Scapa Flow.  
 11 days - 2024 + 2025

**TOUR PRICE: £3,655** per person  
 Single Supplement: £485

No price increase for 2025

PRICE INCLUDES ALL LISTED ON THIS PAGE:

**TRANSPORT:**

Return flights: in the UK to and from Aberdeen  
 Aberdeen to Shetland: Night ferry in cabins and dinner.  
 Shetland to Orkney: Evening ferry, dinner on board.  
 Loganair flight from Kirkwall Orkney to Aberdeen. Plus ferries to Isle of Hoy, Yell and Unst. Private coach and driver plus guide each day throughout the tour.

**ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:**

4 star hotels, rooms en-suite, 10 full Scottish breakfasts, 10 light lunches and 10 x 3 course evening meals.



**ALL EXCURSIONS, VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES:**

- Light lunch at Sumburgh Hotel
- Sumburgh Head RSPB
- Jarlshof
- Clickimin Broch
- St Ninian's Isle
- Hoswick Visitor Centre
- Old Scatness
- Scalloway for a light lunch
- Shetland Bus Museum
- Eshaness
- Beswick Community Centre Arts and Crafts
- Lerwick Museum
- Lunch at Hay's Dock Cafe
- Ring of Brodgar
- Maes Howe and Ness of Brodgar burial tombs
- Stenness Standing Stones
- Barnhouse Village
- Skara Brae
- Churchill Barriers
- Hoxa Tapestry Studio
- Traditional Music Evening
- Wartime talk on Scapa Flow
- Dwarfie Stane
- Scapa Flow War Museum with lunch
- Midhowe stalled burial cairn and Midhowe Broch



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Jóna Sparey has been organising and personally conducting some tours to Iceland and other countries since 1985, with every aspect of each holiday being carefully planned. 57% of members now return again for more adventures.

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**2024: 11 to 21 July + 31 Aug to 10 Sept**  
**2025: 1 to 11 May + 19 to 29 June + 6 to 16 Sept**



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Experience an exclusive discovery of these fascinating Scottish islands. This exceptional, informative and comprehensive all-inclusive 11 day island hopping tour conducted by your private guide who will give you a remarkable insight into these beautiful islands. You will discover their history, archaeology, bird and plant life along with its customs and traditions, as well as plenty of opportunities to enjoy their wonderful landscapes and coastal vistas.



We will hear of the exciting on-going excavations at Ness of Brodgar, already re-writing the history of the Neolithic in Western Europe. Close by is the 5,000 year old village of Skara Brae, occupied before the Great Pyramids of Egypt were built! Alongside Maes Howe and enigmatic standing stone circles.

After our 3 nights on Shetland and 5 nights on Orkney we fly back to Aberdeen and visit Crathes Castle and Gardens. Then back to the airport hotel for our last night's stay.

We have an overnight cabin and dinner on route to Shetland then breakfast on board before we begin our adventures.

Shetland and Orkney had a pivotal role to play during wartime. At Scapa Flow a local wartime historian shares incredible stories of WWI and WWII during our visit. We will hear of the daring exploits of the Shetland bus. On Orkney, we will sail through Scapa Flow to visit the Visitor Centre on Lyness. The naval cemetery is the resting place for victims of the Battle of Jutland, HMS Royal Oak and HMS Hampshire, sadly Lord Kitchener's body was never recovered. We will drive over the Churchill Barriers and marvel at the Italian Chapel beautifully crafted out of 2 Nissan huts by WWII prisoners.



Jona's Tours are fully guided by an expert and offer a unique blend of exploration, education, adventure, enjoyment and congenial company. All meals included.



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## PROPOSED ITINERARY

NB: Subject to change, for your benefit.

### Day 1

Flight to Aberdeen, with a drive to the port to board the Northlink night ferry to Lerwick, Shetland.

### Day 2

After breakfast on board we disembark, and start the day with a leisurely sightseeing drive north where a hoard of Pictish silver was found by a schoolboy in 1958. Onwards to Busta House Hotel a former Laird's house and our home for 3 nights.

### Day 3

Northwards and island hopping today to visit the Islands of Yell and Unst. We travel to the most northerly point in the British Isles to see Muckle Flugga Lighthouse before lunch in Victoria's Vintage Tearoom. Time to visit the boat haven, board a Viking longship and a short visit inside a Viking longhouse and a quick look at Munes Castle, the most northerly fortalice in the British Isles before taking two ferries back to Busta House Hotel for our second night.

### Day 4

Southwards to the tip of Shetland today to visit Sumburgh Head, where the North Sea meets the Atlantic and a wealth of marine and bird life and a vital Radar Station which potentially influenced the outcome OF WW2. Lighthouse and photo opportunities. After lunch, an afternoon of archeology exploring Jarlsof with over 4,000 years of settlement from the Neolithic to the 17th C. We will also see the Iron Age settlement of Old Scatness discovered while extending the airport runway. A visit to the Shetland Bus Museum in Scalloway, not buses as you may expect, this refers to the dangerous clandestine operations between Shetland and Norway during WW2. Back to Busta House Hotel for our 3rd night.

### Day 5

Check out Busta House. Northwards towards Eshaness for fantastic photo opportunities, sea stacks, high cliffs and rock formations. Some free time in Lerwick for lunch then a visit to 5-star Award Winning Shetland Museum in Hay's Dock.



### Day 6

Sightseeing - The Heart of Neolithic Orkney is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and includes Maes Howe, the finest 5,000 year old burial tomb in Northern Europe with 12thC Viking graffiti. New discoveries at Ness of Brodgar, massive 2.5 hectare site still under excavation and likely to rewrite prehistory. Ring of Brodgar, Stenness Standing Stones, Barnhouse Village and

Skara Brae, a Neolithic village older than Great Pyramids of Egypt with stone furniture still intact. Scenic drive towards Brough of Birsay, ancient capital of Orkney. Kirkwall Hotel for 2nd night.

### Day 7

Southwards today over the Churchill Barriers to the Italian Chapel and a visit to the famous Hoxa Tapestry Studio. The afternoon, explore Kirkwall, St Magnus Cathedral, the Earl's Palace, the Bishop's Castle or Tankerness Museum. Time to browse the numerous shops and sample the delicious Orkney ice cream. Kirkwall 3rd night.

### Day 8

Ferry over Scapa Flow to the Island of Hoy. A visit to the Lifeboat Museum and a chance to board the modern Lyness Lifeboat. Lunch and Wartime talk followed by a visit to the newly renovated Scapa Flow Museum in Lyness. Kirkwall 4th night.

### Day 9

A visit to Orkney's second largest town of Stromness once the recruiting office for the Hudsons Bay Company. An opportunity to visit the harbourside Pier Art Centre established in 1979 to provide a suitable home for an important collection of fine art by peace activist and philanthropist, Margaret Gardiner. Some free time and lunch in Stromness. An optional visit to Highland Park Distillery on our return to Kirkwall for our last night.

### Day 10

Check out of Kirkwall Hotel. A visit to Sheila Fleet Gallery, before checking into Kirkwall airport for flight to Aberdeen. Then a visit to Crathes Castle for lunch and gardens, last night at our Airport Hotel.

### Day 11

Depart from Aberdeen for flight home.

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