

HOW TO GET HERE

If you're berthed in **Kirkwall Anchorage** there will be a series of launches to take you to and from the town.

If you're at **Hatston Pier**, a free shuttle bus service runs regularly to and from the Kirkwall Travel Centre. You can walk to town if you prefer. The distance from Hatston Pier to the town centre is 4kms or 2.5 miles.

If you're berthed at **North Pier** a short stroll takes you into the centre of Kirkwall.

Orkney is famous for its ancient sites – Skara Brae, Ring of Brodgar, Standing Stones of Stenness, Maeshowe – but there are many others to enjoy and our towns are full of history, interest and fabulous eating, drinking and shopping opportunities, so we hope you have time to explore some of these. This leaflet gives you a flavour of what you can expect from Kirkwall.

Don't forget to check out orkney.com/today or enquire at VisitScotland Visitor Information Centre to find out more about what's going on in Orkney on the day of your visit.

Or ask the locals who will be happy to help.



Welcome to Kirkwall

Kirkwall, a city and royal burgh, is the capital of Orkney, and its largest town. First mentioned in the Orkneyinga Saga in 1046, the town today is home to around 9,000 people and its narrow main streets boast an unrivalled selection of independent shops, cafés, restaurants, hotels and bars as well as a rich history.

Capital of Orkney



WHAT TO SEE

Make your first stop the **Kirkwall Travel Centre** if you need ideas about what to do and where to go.

Here you'll find the **VisitScotland** Visitor Information Centre

visitscotland.com

Kirkwall@visitscotland.com

01856872856 where you can

find out about all things Orkney, particularly about the sites of

interest, nature, the environment, and much more. This is also the

main bus terminal for bus transport across the Orkney mainland.

Listed below are some highlights of Kirkwall but there are many more for you to discover.

St Magnus Cathedral

stmagnus.org

Founded in 1137, with its distinctive sandstone hues, this

stunning building is one of Orkney's most significant landmarks. It is

owned by the people of Orkney and in regular use so please respect

other users.

St Magnus Centre

stmagnus.org

A meeting place, visitor centre and arts venue where (Apr-Sept) you

can view the short film 'The Saga of St Magnus' which explains the

history of the cathedral.

Orkney Library and Archive

orkneylibrary.org.uk

The best library in the world

along to the library if you want to

discover more about Orkney's past

– and maybe your Orkney ancestry.

Tankerness House Gardens

orkney.com/groatiehouse

These gardens, home to the

Graeie Hoose, offer an attractive

and quiet contemplative space

behind the Orkney Museum with

carefully tended plants providing

year-round colour.

Orkney Wireless Museum

orkney.com/orkneywirelessmuseum

A tiny space for an eclectic

collection of domestic and rare

wartime communication equipment,

staffed by enthusiastic volunteers.

Orkney Museum

orkney.com/orkneymuseum

The home of the collected artefacts

of Orkney life over the past 5,000

years. You can lose yourself here in

Orkney's rich and varied history.

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STAYING CONNECTED

Free Wi-fi is available in various locations including most cafés, restaurants, hotels, bars and the library, so why not take the time to relax and enjoy your browsing time while sampling our local produce.

ONLINE INFORMATION

cruise-orkney.com kirkwallbid.co.uk orkney.com

COME BACK SOON!

If you enjoy your short time in Orkney we'd love to welcome you back. At orkney.com and visitscotland.com you can find out more about how to get here and places to stay. You can also learn more about all the wonderful things you can see and do on your next visit.

Safe travels and see you again soon!





To Hatston Pier
Cruise Berth
4km / 2.5 miles
from travel centre



North Pier

Shuttle Bus Service:
A free Shuttle Bus service is provided between Hatston Pier and the Kirkwall Travel Centre from 08:30 until either 18:00 or 1 hour prior to your vessel departure, whichever is the earliest. These times will be displayed on the shuttle buses and you can ask our helpful staff if unsure of the last bus time.



The Basin



SHUTTLE BUS

WALKS

Coast and harbour

From Kirkwall Marina all the way back to Hatston Pier, the main waterfront is an ideal way to view some of the town's more recent history.

Peedie Sea

A stroll out of town around the model boat sailing pond along the Peedie Sea paths gives you the chance to see a variety of birds feeding in the sheltered waters.

Heritage and shops

Our magnificent St Magnus Cathedral stands as a proud reminder of our Norse heritage dominating the main thoroughfare of town. Welcoming independent shops form the heart of Kirkwall, ensuring you will find a memorable gift to take home. As you wander around the Royal Burgh, keep an eye out for information plaques which mark historical places of interest.

Our streets can be busy so please use the pavements where possible.

To Hospital
approx 500m, 547yds

To Kirkwall Airport
approx 6km,
3.5miles

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| | Travel Centre | | Tankerness House Gardens | | Toilets |
| | St Magnus Cathedral | | Orkney Library and Archive | | Water bottle refill station |
| | St Magnus Centre | | Post Office/Currency exchange | | Supermarkets |
| | Bishop's Palace | | Bank | | Taxi rank |
| | Earl's Palace | | Police Station | | Parking |
| | Orkney Museum | | Pharmacy | | To Airport |
| | Wireless Museum | | To Hospital | | |

