

Britain's Most Popular Cruise Ship Destination

At 59 degrees north, and embracing British, Scottish, Orcadian and Viking Heritage and Culture, The Orkney Islands are a must see destination on any Around Britain, Scandinavian or northern European Cruise.



The diversity of itineraries encompassing 500 years of history, relics of two World Wars, Britains most northerly Cathedral, Castle, Distillery and a globally reknowned Word Heritage Site all contribute to a wealth of choice in deciding how to spend your time in Orkney.

Scotland's longest deepwater, commercial berth can accommodate some of the world's largest cruise liners, and there is additional capacity for other berthing and anchorage locations in Kirkwall and Stromness. Over 300 calls are booked for 2018 and 2019.

Cruise ship visitors are given a Welcome Brochure and street map with all the main tourism points of interest highlighted in eight international languages, and a complimentary shuttle bus service transports passengers from the main terminal at Hatston Pier into Kirkwall. It is worth noting that despite the progressive vibrancy and bustling commercial activity of this island group, there are not any trains, dual carriageways, shopping malls or traffic lights in Orkney which makes the visit experience all the more unique.

Top Five Facts About Kirkwall, Orkney

1. Kirkwall is the United Kingdom's most popular cruise ship destination
2. Kirkwall has witnessed over 240% growth in passenger numbers in the last 5 years
3. Orkney's 5000 year old historic sites are totally accessible and are not security fenced or untouchable
4. Many of Orkney's historic sites are free of charge at the point of entry
5. Orkney's most popular visitor attraction is the Italian Chapel, hand built by Italian Prisoners of War

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Port Info

Time Zone : GMT

Operational Hours : 24/7/365

Latitude & Longitude : Hatston Pier. Kirkwall. Lat. 59° 00' 01" N, Long. 002° 58' 29" W.
Prevailing Weather : variable according to season
Berth Information : Hatston Pier 385 metres LOA 10.5 metres draft
Vessel Length : Over 385 metres. risk assessment required
Vessel Width : Unrestricted
Air Draft Restrictions : Unrestricted
Vessel Draft : 10.5 metres
Depth on Berth : 10.5 meters at chart datum
Largest ship to call : MSC Meraviglia
VTS - Channel : VHF Channel 11
Max Ship Dimension : Draft restricted berthing at 10.5 metres
Pilotage : Compulsory for passenger vessels over 65 metres
Tugboat : 3 x 55 tonne bollard pull ASD tugs available (pre booking required)
Security Facilities : Full ISPS accredited port
Gangway : 10 metre and 15 metre gangways available with PRM facilities
Fresh Water : Available at 50 tonnes per hour flow rate
Power Supply : 120 amps
Fuel Supply : MGO bunkers available subject to pre notification
Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : Permits required in advance via the Harbour Authority
Waste Handling : All waste handled apart from liquid waste and grey water waste

Facilities

Cruise Terminal Building : Reception building at Hatston terminal
Currency Exchange : Available via ATM's and local post office
Internet Access : Available free of charge at the cruise terminal and throughout Kirkwall.
Telephones : Public telephones available in Kirkwall.
Mailbox : Mailboxes and local post office close to the main visitors arrival point.
Taxi Rank : Several in the centre of Kirkwall.
Distance to Railway Station : n/a
Distance to Airport : 5 miles/8km
Banks / ATM Machines : In the centre of Kirkwall
Restaurant/Café : In the centre of Kirkwall

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