



Go Explore!

From only £27, The Orkney Explorer Pass gives you access to all our attractions – a great value way to discover Scotland’s history.

Ask our staff about this great value option, or visit historicenvironment.scot/explorer

Access

For details about travelling around Orkney visit orkney.com

- Many of our Orkney sites are exposed to the elements so dress appropriately
- For ferry information please call Orkney Ferries Ltd on **01856 872 044**
- Tide times for Birsay available at all Historic Scotland staffed sites

Opening times

Summer (1 Apr to 30 Sept) open seven days 9.30am to 5.30pm.
Winter (1 Oct to 31 Mar) open seven days 10am to 4pm.

For details of late night opening hours in the summer season and for our Christmas and New Year opening hours, please visit historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place

Opening times and admission prices are correct at time of publication, but may be liable to change.

Historic Environment Scotland
Longmore House
Salisbury Place
Edinburgh EH9 1SH

0131 668 8999
customer@hes.scot



Historic Environment Scotland
Scottish Charity No. SC045925



HISTORIC SCOTLAND
ALBA AOSMHOR

Part of Historic
Environment
Scotland



ORKNEY ISLANDS

Explore a breathtaking landscape
and discover rich World Heritage sites



- Car parking
- Bus parking
- Toilets
- Visitor Centre
- Disabled toilets
- Shop
- Display on history
- Children's quiz
- Restaurant/café
- Dogs not permitted
- Accessible by public transport
- Mobility scooter available
- Picnic area
- Bicycle rack
- Strong footwear recommended
- Site or parts of site may be closed at lunch time - please call in advance
- Water refill scheme

★ VisitScotland Quality Grading

Gold Green Tourism Award

Silver Green Tourism Award





Skara Brae
Occupied from 3100 to 2500 BC



Maeshowe
Built before 2700 BC



Broch of Gurness
Built around 200 BC



Brough of Birsay
Pictish and Viking settlement



Bishop's Palace, Kirkwall
12th century (sometime after 1137),
1263 King Hakon dies in the hall



Earl's Palace, Kirkwall
Around 1605, built by Earl Patrick Stewart



Hackness Martello Tower
Built between 1813 and 1815

Stonehenge erected
2600 BC

Birth of Christ
0 AD

Robert Bruce crowned
King of Scotland, 1306

James VI succeeds
Elizabeth I, 1603

Taj Mahal, India
Built 1630s to 1650s

The White House, USA
Built 1792 to 1800

EXPERIENCE 5,000 YEARS OF ORKNEY'S HISTORY

Visit the Orkney Islands and discover how Neolithic people, the Picts, Vikings and Renaissance Earls all left their mark on this breathtaking landscape.

World Heritage Site Rangers

Explore the heart of Neolithic Orkney and its beautiful surroundings with the World Heritage Site ranger service. The rangers run a variety of events to help you learn more about Orkney's vibrant and unique prehistory – including Skara Brae, the Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and the ongoing archaeological investigations at Ness of Brodgar. They also provide information about the wealth of birds, animals, plants and geology of Orkney's landscape.

For more information regarding our ranger events please call
01856 841 732



SKARA BRAE AND SKAILL HOUSE

This world-famous village offers the chance to see superbly preserved Neolithic houses with fine stone furniture. Visitors can admire the jewellery, tools and unexplained ritual objects the villagers left behind and explore a modern replica to discover what the houses were like to live in. Skaill House, a fine mansion with gardens, sits adjacent to Skara Brae.

- 19m NW of Kirkwall on the **B9056**
- Postcode **KW16 3LR**
- Telephone **01856 841 815**
- Open all year

- Summer (1 Apr to 31 Oct):
Adult £9 Child £5.40
Concession £7.20.
- Winter (1 Nov to 31 Mar, Skara Brae only): Adult £7
Child £4.20 Concession £5.60
- Last ticket sold 45 mins before closing
- Joint ticket with Skaill House available 1 Apr to 31 Oct
- Book online in advance at historicenvironment.scot/skara-brae
- Café open in summer, reduced service in winter – café closes 45 mins before the site closes
- Coaches must book in advance to guarantee entry
- Evening tours available in Jul and Aug – check website for details



MAESHOWE CHAMBERED CAIRN

An impressive 4,700-year-old chambered stone tomb, built so the midwinter sun shines along its entrance passage. This is one of Europe's finest Neolithic buildings. It also contains remarkable Norse runic carvings.

- 9m W of Kirkwall on the **A965**
- Postcode **KW16 3LB**
- Telephone **01856 851 266**
- Visits are by guided tour only, leaving from the Visitor Centre in Stenness village, and must be booked online in advance at historicenvironment.scot/maeshowe
- Adult £9 Child £5.40
Concession £7.20



THE BISHOP'S AND EARL'S PALACES, KIRKWALL

Majestic ruins, boasting medieval and Renaissance architecture, standing near St Magnus Cathedral. The notorious Earl Patrick Stewart built the 17th century Earl's Palace.

- In Kirkwall on the **A960**
- Postcode **KW15 1PD**
- Telephone **01856 871 918**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60
Concession £4.80



BROUGH OF BIRSAY

A tidal island with Pictish and Norse settlements, including a medieval church, the remains of a Norse sauna and a Pictish stone.

- On a tidal island at Birsay, 20m NW of Kirkwall off the **A966**. Check tide tables at Skara Brae
- Postcode **KW17 2LX**
- Telephone **01856 841 815**
- Open when tides allow mid-Jun to 30 Sept
- Adult £6 Child £3.60
Concession £4.80



BROCH OF GURNESS

A noted icon of Orkney's rich heritage, this is one of the finest examples of a broch, an Iron Age building style that is unique to Scotland.

- At Aikerness, 14m NW of Kirkwall on the **A966**
- Postcode **KW17 2NH**
- Telephone **01856 751 414**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6.00 Child £3.60
Concession £4.80



HACKNESS MARTELLO TOWER AND BATTERY

Built between 1813 and 1815 to provide defence for British convoys against French and American privateers. See evidence of life at the barracks.

- At the SE end of Hoy
- Postcode **KW16 3PQ**
- Telephone **01856 701 727**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60
Concession £4.80