



# Orkney and Shetland

## Closer than you think

*Far isn't far*

A guide to getting to  
Scotland's Northern Isles



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**The Northern Isles** are a breathtaking and wild place, they're rich in Scottish and Nordic history, wildlife, unique folklore, music, poetry and prose. They're a million miles from what people imagine a part of the UK and Scotland to be. The islands may feel a long way away but with NorthLink Ferries they're closer than you might think.

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Your journey with NorthLink Ferries will be the start of your experience of the life, culture and history of the Northern Isles. Magnus is the face of our new logo, he is inspired by our viking ancestry and on board you will find that our services help you get in the mood for exploring the history of the isles. Children will enjoy the Viking's Den and everyone can tuck in to great local food in The Feast.

Serco is delighted to operate NorthLink Ferries on behalf of the Scottish Government. These are lifeline ferry services for islanders, ensuring that people and goods can get to and from the mainland. However, the ferries also provide the gateway for tourists and business to access the islands, and we aim to provide you with a comfortable crossing, great services on board and value for money.

We have made a number of changes on board to improve the service we offer. Key improvements include:

- Sleeping pods providing an alternative to a cabin
- New menus and Meal Deals
- Improved WiFi
- Magnus' Lounge – an exclusive area to relax
- Public showers

To make the most of your visit to either Orkney or Shetland please visit [www.northlinkferries.co.uk](http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk) for further information about our services or to inspire you with ideas for an exciting holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you on board soon.

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**Ever wondered if you have some Viking in you?**

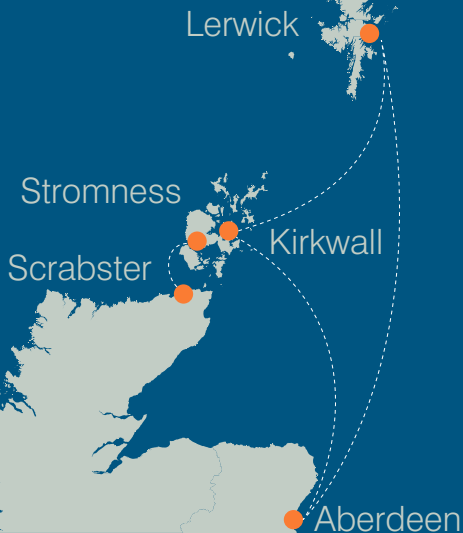


Visit our Facebook page and answer a few simple questions to find out just how Viking you are. You will also have a chance to enter a competition to win some ferry tickets.

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NorthLink Ferries provides a number of options to get to the Northern Isles.

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We have three passenger ferries, the MV Hjaltland and MV Hrossey serving Kirkwall and Lerwick, and the MV Hamnavoe sailing between Scrabster and Stromness.

### **From Aberdeen**

Aberdeen is well connected to the rest of Scotland and the UK by road, air and rail. The ferry terminal is located in the heart of the city, next to the rail and bus stations, making it easy to get to the north for your onward trip by ferry.

#### **To Lerwick**

NorthLink Ferries operates a daily service to Lerwick, leaving Aberdeen early in the evening and arriving the following morning in Shetland's capital.

#### **To Kirkwall**

We also operate a direct link to Orkney from Aberdeen. The service to Kirkwall departs on a Tuesday\*, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evening, arriving in Kirkwall at 2300.

### **From Scrabster**

Scrabster is in the far north of mainland Scotland near Thurso. There are rail and bus connections to Scrabster from Inverness, and a regular air service from Edinburgh to nearby Wick.

#### **To Stromness**

We operate a 90 minute return service three times a day in the peak period between Scrabster and Stromness. In the off peak and at weekends we provide two return crossings a day.

Take the MV Hamnavoe to Orkney to enjoy the spectacular view of the famous rock stack, the Old Man of Hoy, and the red sandstone of St John's Head, which was chosen as one of National Geographic's Top Ten Ocean views of the world.

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\* No Kirkwall call from 2 Jan - 31 Mar and 1 Nov - 30 Dec

## Services on board

### Cabins

Our Aberdeen – Kirkwall – Lerwick services sail overnight with the journeys lasting just a matter of hours. Choose a cabin to suit your needs - we offer a number of options including two and four berth cabins for exclusive use, to share with friends or family, a berth in a shared cabin with other passengers, and cabins for those with restricted mobility.

We also offer Executive and Premium Cabins, giving you a little more space and comfort. The cabins feature satellite TV, in-cabin films, internet access, luxury towels, beautiful Shetland Wool blankets and local newspapers. All our Executive and Premium Cabins provide you with complimentary access to Magnus' Lounge.

All cabins have en-suite washbasin, toilet and shower; tea and coffee making facilities and are linked by telephone to the ship's reception desk. Please book early to get the cabin of your choice.

### Sleeping Pod\* £18

If you want a good night's sleep without the cost of your own cabin then try our new exclusive use sleeping pods. They come with a large table, adjustable lighting and a USB socket to charge your mobile device. The seat includes a blanket and pillow and access to shower facilities exclusively for those purchasing a Sleeping Pod. Book early to confirm availability.

### Reclining seats\*

Reclining seats are now available in the Longship Lounge and on the portside of the vessel beside the shop. A blanket and pillow can be hired from the shop. You can reserve your seat in advance.

### Magnus' Lounge\* £18.50

Peace and quiet to work or unwind – this is Magnus' Lounge. Enjoy complimentary tea, coffee, soft drinks, snacks and two vouchers for beers or wine. You can also enjoy our table dinner service in the Lounge. Open until 0130, Magnus' Lounge reopens for breakfast when more tea, coffee and a selection of bakery products are served.

### Showers\* £3

Four showers are available on deck 6. Tokens cost £3 and if you require a towel this can be hired for £2 plus a £5 returnable deposit.

### Cinema\* Adults £6 Children £4

Our cinema gives access to the very latest film releases. Up to three films screened on every crossing and our ticket includes headphones which plug into the recliner seats to give airline style high quality viewing from suspended screens. Film listings are displayed outside the cinema and on the screen in the lobby on deck 6.



## Food and drink

We have a brand new menu with lots of locally sourced food. There are now a number of options for eating and drinking on board – you can order our full menu from our main restaurant The Feast or the Midship Bar.

Why not save money with our Meal Deal options? Pre-book your three course dinner or your dinner and breakfast in our exclusive “buy before you board” package

<b>All inclusive breakfast</b>	<b>£9.95</b>
<b>3 course dinner</b>	<b>£18.50</b>
<b>Dinner and breakfast*</b>	<b>£27.50</b>

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast. There is no need to rush off the ship in the morning. While car drivers need to be up and ready to disembark their vehicle on docking, it is possible for other passengers to stay on board and for drivers to return after unloading. Breakfast is served until 0900 and you can stay on board until 0930.

## Midnight snacks\*

If you've got the midnight munchies we have installed new vending machines on board offering tea, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and snacks throughout your journey.

## Shopping

We sell a range of quality items in the shop including snacks, local crafts, fragrances, jewellery, books, newspapers, music and travel products.

## WiFi

Free WiFi is available throughout most of the vessel.

## Games Room\*

A new games room has been installed complete with the latest electronic games consoles.

## Children's play area

The Vikling's Den – a dedicated place for little Vikings to play in safety. Toys, games, activities and a television showing cartoons or other children's programming.

## B&B before you sail

### £46 per two and four berth cabin

If you are booked on the 0630 sailing from Stromness to Scrabster why not check in the night before and enjoy a relaxed evening and sleep on board the Hamnavoe in one of our comfortable en-suite cabins. Have a leisurely start and breakfast\*\* as we set sail for Scrabster. Check in for this service opens at 2130 and closes at 2330.

\*\* Includes up to two vouchers per cabin only.

**Stuart Garrett, Managing Director of NorthLink Ferries wants to hear from you direct.** Email him at [speaktostuart@northlinkferries.co.uk](mailto:speaktostuart@northlinkferries.co.uk)

\* Only available on Aberdeen-Kirkwall-Lerwick service.

# 2013 Scrabster - Stromness

Timetable and standard fares. For more information go to [www.northlinkferries.co.uk](http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk)

## Sailing your way

With daily services to Orkney and Shetland, we're ready to set sail when you are. For regular service updates visit: [www.northlinkferries.co.uk](http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk)

### Checking in

Final check-in is 30 minutes prior to published departure.

### Concessions

Concessions – 10% discount available on standard fares to senior citizens (aged 60 years and over), those in full-time education and disabled passengers.

### Goods vehicles

Private light goods vehicles, or car derived vans carrying goods, tools or equipment for commercial use must contact 0845 6060 449 for enquiries and bookings. Coaches price on application.

### Hamnavoe B&B offer

Overnight accommodation is available on board for passengers sailing on the 06:30 from Stromness to Scrabster. See website for details.

PEAK	DEP	ARR
Stromness – Scrabster	06:30	08:00
Scrabster – Stromness	08:45	10:15
Stromness – Scrabster	11:00	12:30
Scrabster – Stromness	13:15	14:45
Stromness – Scrabster	16:45	18:15
Scrabster – Stromness	19:00	20:30

OFF PEAK	DEP	ARR
Stromness – Scrabster	06:30	08:00
Scrabster – Stromness	08:45	10:15
Stromness – Scrabster	16:45	18:15
Scrabster – Stromness	19:00	20:30

WEEKEND	DEP	ARR
Stromness – Scrabster	09:00	10:30
Scrabster – Stromness	12:00	13:30
Stromness – Scrabster	16:45	18:15
Scrabster – Stromness	19:00	20:30

See website for details of Peak and Off Peak dates.

(Prices in £'s) All fares single passage	Low	Mid	High
<b>PASSENGERS</b>			
Adult Single	15.95	17.30	18.65
Child Single (age 5 – 15yrs)	8.05	8.65	9.40
Infant (age 0 – 4yrs)	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>VEHICLES</b>			
Car (<6m)	51.00	52.00	56.00
Motorhome (<6m)	51.00	52.00	56.00
Long and Towed Vehicles (>6m) (supplement per m)	9.40	11.00	12.05
Bicycle	FREE	FREE	FREE
Motorcycles/Scooters	15.35	17.30	19.35
<b>Accommodation</b>			
Premium Outer 2 berth	61.00	61.00	61.00
Outer 2 berth	46.00	46.00	54.00
Outer 4 berth	46.00	46.00	54.00
Daytime Cabins	27.00	27.00	27.00
<b>EXTRAS</b>			
Kennel Small	7.05	7.05	7.05
Kennel Large	9.40	9.40	9.40

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# 2013 Aberdeen - Kirkwall - Lerwick

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ABERDEEN - KIRKWALL - LERWICK (NORTHBOUND)							
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
DEP ABERDEEN	19:00	17:00 <sup>1</sup>	19:00	17:00	19:00	17:00	17:00
ARR KIRKWALL	—	23:00 <sup>2</sup>	—	23:00	—	23:00	23:00
DEP KIRKWALL	—	23:45	—	23:45	—	23:45	23:45
ARR LERWICK <small>(Following day)</small>	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30

LERWICK - KIRKWALL - ABERDEEN (SOUTHBOUND)							
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
DEP LERWICK	17:30 <sup>1</sup>	19:00	17:30	19:00	17:30	19:00	19:00
ARR KIRKWALL	23:00 <sup>2</sup>	—	23:00	—	23:00	—	—
DEP KIRKWALL	23:45	—	23:45	—	23:45	—	—
ARR ABERDEEN <small>(Following day)</small>	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00

1 Departure Aberdeen 19:00 from 2 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 30 Dec

2 No Kirkwall call from 2 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 30 Dec

1 Departure Lerwick 19:00 from 2 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 30 Dec

2 No Kirkwall call from 2 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 30 Dec

(Prices in £'s) All fares single passage	Aberdeen-Lerwick			Aberdeen-Kirkwall			Lerwick-Kirkwall		
	Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High
<b>PASSENGERS</b>									
Adult Single	26.00	33.00	39.50	19.65	24.60	30.00	16.70	19.65	23.65
Child Single (age 5 – 15yrs)	12.85	16.35	19.65	9.90	12.35	15.05	8.35	9.90	11.85
Infant (age 0 – 4yrs)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>VEHICLES</b>									
Car (<6m)	105.00	133.00	141.00	78.00	101.00	107.00	60.00	87.00	98.00
Motorhome (<6m)	105.00	133.00	141.00	78.00	101.00	107.00	60.00	87.00	98.00
Long and Towed Vehicles (>6m) <small>(supplement per m)</small>	11.35	14.00	16.70	10.40	12.35	14.00	10.00	12.05	13.40
Bicycle	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Motorcycles/Scooters	21.90	24.00	27.00	17.30	20.60	24.00	17.30	19.95	22.65
<b>Accommodation</b>									
Premium Outer 2 berth	96.00	123.00	133.00	96.00	123.00	133.00	96.00	123.00	133.00
Executive Cabins	96.00	123.00	133.00	96.00	123.00	133.00	96.00	123.00	133.00
Outer 2 berth	70.00	96.00	107.00	70.00	96.00	107.00	70.00	96.00	107.00
Inner 4 berth with TV	77.00	103.00	114.00	77.00	103.00	114.00	77.00	103.00	114.00
Inner 4 berth	67.00	93.00	104.00	67.00	93.00	104.00	67.00	93.00	104.00
Single berth in shared outer 2	35.00	48.00	53.50	35.00	48.00	53.50	35.00	48.00	53.50
Single berth in shared inner 4	22.65	32.00	35.00	22.65	32.00	35.00	22.65	32.00	35.00
Sleeping Pods	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
<b>EXTRAS</b>									
Kennel Small	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05
Kennel Large	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
Valet Parking	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.05

 Low season: 9 Jan – 23 Mar, 1 Nov – 18 Dec

 Mid season: 2 – 8 Jan, 24 Mar – 14 Jun, 1 Sept – 31 Oct, 19 – 30 Dec

 High season: 15 Jun – 31 Aug

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