

## Popular Excursions

### • ANCIENT TREASURES OF ORKNEY HALF DAY TOUR



Skara Brae

This tour passes through the gentle rolling landscape of Orkney and into the Neolithic Heartland of Orkney; an area designated as a World Heritage Site due to its wealth of pre-historic archaeology. This tour will stop at the Ring of Brodgar; a huge ceremonial circle of stones dating back almost 5000 years before continuing on to the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae. See the remarkable dwellings revealed from beneath the sand dunes by storms only 150 years ago and also visit the nearby manor house of Skail House, built in 1620 on top of an ancient graveyard.

This tour then concludes by following the coastline of Scapa Flow, made famous for its role in both World Wars.

### • DISTILLERY & CHURCHES OF SOUTH ISLES HALF DAY TOUR



St Magnus Cathedral

Leave Orkney's largest island and follow the coast of Scapa Flow to the smaller South Isles. Driving over the Churchill Barriers, built during the Second World War to protect Scapa Flow, we visit the beautiful, hand-painted Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war who were interned on this small island during World War Two.

The tour then continues to Highland Park distillery to discover Orkney's highly acclaimed 12-year-old malt whisky at the world's most northerly whisky distillery. This tour also visits the beautiful 12th century sandstone St. Magnus Cathedral, built by the Vikings and allows time to explore Kirkwall's exciting craft and knitwear shops.

## • CRAFTSMEN OF THE SOUTH ISLES HALF DAY TOUR

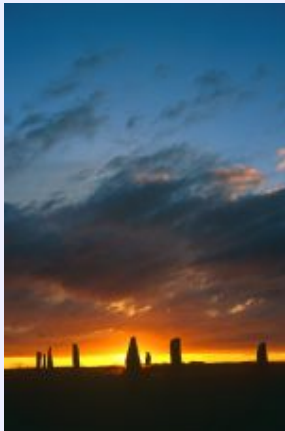


Crafts from Bill Corin

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Next this tour stops at Hoxa Tapestry Gallery where we can view the beautiful large hand-woven tapestries before continuing to Sheila Fleet Jewellery. Sheila's collection of gold, silver and enamel jewellery is crafted in this country workshop where you will be shown the processes involved in crafting one of her highly acclaimed pieces.

## • NORTH ORKNEY EXPLORATION HALF DAY TOUR



Rings Of Brodgar At Sunset

This tour takes a leisurely drive through the rolling countryside of the islands and enjoys superb views towards the Northern Isles of Orkney. We will pass Eynnhallow Sound: a dramatic stretch of water where the Atlantic Ocean meets the North Sea and then pause at the small tidal island at the Brough of Birsay to view the dramatic scenery before continuing on to a local tearoom to enjoy refreshments.

Next we journey into the Neolithic Heartland of Orkney, stopping at the Standing Stones of Stenness, a 5000-year-old circle of stones, before returning to your ship along the north shore of Scapa Flow, where we hear some of the wartime stories which make this one of the most well known stretches of water in the world.

## • KIRK WALL ON FOOT HALF DAY TOUR



### Palaces

We depart on foot with our guide from the picturesque harbour and stroll along the ancient shoreline of Kirkwall that dates back to when the town was first founded by the Vikings. En-route we shall hear stories of times gone by in Kirkwall.

Arriving at St Magnus Cathedral, a beautiful red and yellow sandstone building which dominates the skyline of Kirkwall, we will tour the interior of the Cathedral. Next, we visit the neighbouring Earl's and Bishop's Palaces, once belonging to Earl Patrick Stewart, who had the Earl's palace built using forced labour. Our walking tour ends at the Orkney Museum and there is free time to visit the museum, browse the shops and stroll back to your ship at your leisure.