



Kirkwall—Orkney

“Something Magical”

The capital, Kirkwall, is vibrant, busy and the islands' largest town. With great shops, restaurants and bars, it is popular with visitors eager to experience Orkney's unique culture, heritage and traditions.



Stromness Harbor, with the *mv Hamnavoe* docked. It sails up to 3 round trips per day on the 90 minute crossing, between Stromness and Scrabster on the Scottish Mainland, passing the Old Man of Hoy.

1. Churchill Barriers—Lamb Holm
2. Earl & Bishops Palace—Kirkwall
3. Highland Park Distillery—Kirkwall
4. Italian Chapel—Lamb Holm
5. Maes Howe—Stenness
6. Ring of Brodgar—Stromness
7. Scapa Flow
8. Skara Brae—Sandwick
9. St Magnus Cathedral—Kirkwall
10. Tankerness House, Orkney Museum—Kirkwall

1. Churchill Barriers

Built to protect the Navy anchorage following the sinking of HMS Royal Oak in 1939. Paved over after the war to form part of the island road network, linking Lamb Holm, Glimps Holm, Burray and South Ronaldsay with mainland Orkney.



2. Earl's & Bishop's Palaces

These ruined palaces near St Magnus Cathedral are regarded as two of the finest examples of architecture in Scotland and highlight Orkney's strong Norse and ecclesiastical links. Construction began in 1607 and was largely undertaken with forced la-



3. Highland Park Distillery

For over 220 years, barley has been smoked over 4,000 year old peat cut 7 miles from the distillery. Completely woodless, this dense heathery peat burns slowly with intensity to create a complex floral aroma that delivers the intensely balanced smoky sweetness found only in Highland Park.



4. Italian Chapel

A highly ornate Catholic chapel on Lamb Holm Island. Built during World War II by Italian prisoners of war, who were housed on the previously uninhabited island while they constructed the Churchill Barriers to the east of Scapa Flow.



5. Maeshowe

Managed by Historic Enterprise Scotland. Stand in awe of one of Europe's finest chambered tombs, built some 5,000 years ago. Incredibly, the entrance passage to Maeshowe is aligned with the setting of the midwinter sun, so that the light illuminates the tomb's interior.



6. Ring of Brodgar

Managed by Historic Enterprise Scotland. Walk among the enigmatic stones of one of the most spectacular prehistoric monuments in the British Isles. The Ring of Brodgar Stone Circle and Henge is an enormous ceremonial site dating back 5000 years, rivaling Stonehenge.



7. Scapa Flow

A large natural deep water harbor, where the German Fleet scuttled instead of surrendering at the end of WW1. The harbor is now a very popular destination for "wreck diving".



8. Skara Brae

Managed by Historic Environment Scotland. Europe's most complete Neolithic village, with a cluster of 8 houses. Occupied from about 3180 to 2500 BC.



9. St Magnus Cathedral

The most northerly cathedral in Britain. Known as the 'Light in the North', was founded in 1137 by the Viking, Earl Rognvald, in honor of his uncle St Magnus who was martyred in Orkney. The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its doors are open to all.



10. Tankerness House - Orkney Museum

Tells the story of Orkney from the Stone Age, to the Picts and Vikings, up to the present day. There is a large collection of old photos and activities. The collection is of international importance and has a changing temporary exhibition program.

