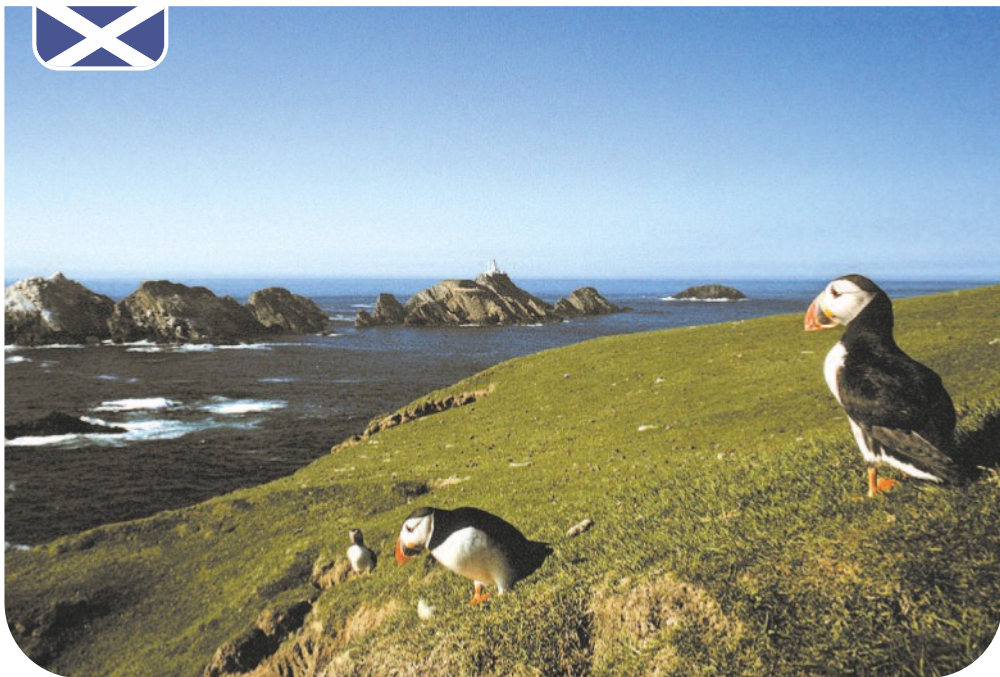


Northern Delights *Shetland & Orkney*

9 – 16 June



Come with us on a voyage of discovery to the Northern Isles of Shetland & Orkney. Enjoy the breathtaking natural unspoilt beauty and tranquillity of these unique islands. You will not only be greeted by the warmest of welcomes but also with some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery. Follow in the footsteps of the Vikings, as we marvel at the standing stones and ancient villages, steeped in Nordic Culture. Explore the most fantastic land and seascapes, which are bound to take your breath away. Book early for a holiday to remember...

SATURDAY 9 JUNE Departing Oxted we head northwards and, making comfort stops en route, arrive at our overnight hotel in Darlington.

SUNDAY 10 JUNE After breakfast we head towards the Scottish capital and over the Forth Road Bridge, then strike north east through Perthshire up the attractive coastal road for our late afternoon sailing from Aberdeen. Check into your cabin, freshen up then enjoy dinner on board with an overnight sailing to Lerwick, Shetland.

MONDAY 11 JUNE Following breakfast on board in

Lerwick we disembark and meet a local guide for a guided tour of Shetland, visiting the outstanding site of Jarlshof (one of Europe's largest archaeological sites spanning over 4000 years of history), Hoswick Visitor centre and Shetland's famous ponies. We board the 17.30 Northlink Cruise Ferry from Lerwick to Kirkwall, Orkney. Dinner is included on board ship. At 23.00 we arrive in Kirkwall and travel the short distance to our hotel.

TUESDAY 12 JUNE Today, with a local guide we shall visit the World Heritage sites of Skara Brae, an



amazing Neolithic village that lay buried by sand for 4000 years; Stones of Stenness, the stone Ring of Brodgar, Skail House, Churchill Barrers, the delightful chapel built by Italian POWs and the remains of battleships scuppered at Scapa Flow. We shall also have a tour of St Magnus' Cathedral in Kirkwall where we shall have time at leisure to find lunch and explore, before returning to our hotel late afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE Departing mid morning we board the Northlink Cruise Ferry sailing past Britain's highest vertical cliffs and Orkney's Old Man of Hoy en route to the port of Scrabster. After disembarkation we drive due south along the beautiful coastal road past Helmsdale, Brora and Dornoch to our hotel in the foothills of the Cairngorm mountains.



What's included

THE BLACKWELL GRANGE HOTEL

Darlington

KIRKWALL HOTEL, KIRKWALL

Orkney

MACDONALD FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

Aviemore

BEST WESTERN SHAP WELLS HOTEL

Shap, Penrith

THURSDAY 14 JUNE A day at leisure in Aviemore. Maybe take a ride on the Strathspey Steam Railway: the railway takes a 20 mile round trip along part of the original Highland Railway from its base at Aviemore Station through Boat of Garten and on to Broomhill. As the train passes over moorland, through woodlands and by great sweeps of the River Spey, the Cairngorm Mountains provide a backcloth to the scenery.

FRIDAY 15 JUNE Departing after breakfast we head south through the central Scottish Highlands and Stirling then onto the Scottish Borders before reaching our overnight hotel near Penrith.

SATURDAY 16 JUNE Continuing our journey home and making stops en route, we arrive early evening.

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

A total of 7 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, including one night on ferry.

Guided tour of Shetland

Time to explore Lerwick, Kirkwall & Aviemore

Guided tour of Orkney

£865.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £131.00