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Welcome, Willkommen Benvenuti, Velkommen, Bienvenidos



# WELCOME

Information for cruise visitors





## Welcome ashore!

Lerwick, the main town and capital of Shetland, dates from the 17th century. Sheltered by the neighbouring island of Bressay to the east, it has an excellent natural harbour attracting visitors from all over the world.

Our experienced, dedicated local meet and greet team are ready to assist with all your questions and provide a warm and friendly welcome on arrival.

You may see young musicians from super group Hjaltibonhoga providing a quayside taster of the isles' lively traditional fiddle music. In Norse language, "Hjalti" means Shetland and "bonhoga" my spiritual home. As Shetland Fiddlers of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the group has appeared in international performances in addition to the annual Edinburgh event. [www.hjaltibonhoga.co.uk](http://www.hjaltibonhoga.co.uk)

If you are lucky you may even catch a glimpse of a Viking!

### Cruise berths (and distance from Town Centre):

Depending on vessel size and harbour traffic, cruise ships berth at one of the following locations:

**Victoria Pier** – at the heart of Lerwick's historic town centre, easy striding distance to local shops.

**Holmsgarth No. 5** – 1 mile, or 20-30 minute walk, there is a supermarket and shopping centre nearby. Free shuttle bus service available to Town Centre.

**Mair's Pier** – 1.2 miles, or 30-40 minute walk, passing Lerwick Ferry Terminal. Free shuttle bus service available to Town Centre.

**Anchorage** – 0.3 miles (or 1.3nm) tender distance to our modern pontoons at Victoria Pier in the town centre.

### Information

**VisitScotland's Lerwick iCentre** is the ideal location to begin your Shetland adventure, with knowledgeable advisors ready to help you plan your visit. The centre also stocks a range of Shetland's finest locally made crafts, from Fair Isle knitting to silver jewellery.

Open: Mon-Sat 0900-1700, Sunday 1000-1600.

### Getting Around

There are several options available to passengers seeking an independent tour:

**Taxis** (including 7- seater taxis) tailored to your time and budget.

**Public Bus Service** – an extensive local network offering inexpensive access to some of Shetland's

most attractive areas. Timetables available on all bus shelters and from the Lerwick iCentre or [www.zettrans.gov.uk/bus](http://www.zettrans.gov.uk/bus).

**Car hire** – can be pre-arranged for your visit from local operators.

**Bicycle hire** – enjoy interesting cycle routes on Shetland's good quality roads; a range of options are available.

See back page for useful contacts.

**Boat tours** – guided wildlife tours depart Victoria Pier daily for trips to enjoy Britain's best seabird cliffs at Bressay and Noss.

### Interesting walks

Lerwick is a very picturesque town to explore on foot, we can recommend the following easy walking routes:

**Knab coastline** – mostly paved but coastal areas are narrow in some sections; all or parts of the walk can be done in this circular route around passing historic buildings and churches, sea cliffs, wild mammals and seabirds.

**Clickimin Broch** – On the shore of Clickimin Loch is an outstanding example of a broch, a sophisticated type of stone-built round house found only in Scotland. Clickimin Broch has evidence of settlement spanning over a thousand years. The broch tower still stands to an impressive height and the whole promontory is enclosed by a stout wall. Once inside, the enigmatic blockhouse rises up in front of the broch itself. To the west of the broch



tower are the remains of a number of different structures dating from around 1000 BC to 500 AD.

**Clickimin Loch** – paved multi-use circular route around a freshwater loch for all abilities passing the sports facilities and the new Anderson High School.

## Shopping

Directly inland from Victoria Pier is the Esplanade and, just beyond that, lies Commercial Street where you will find many interesting shops selling fine art, jewellery, authentic Shetland & Fair Isle knitwear, local arts and crafts, hand-made confectionery, books, postcards, traditional and contemporary Shetland music as well as high street essentials.

Toll Clock Shopping Centre, near Holmsgarth, houses a Post Office and shops selling items such as artisan produce, wholefoods, electric items, garden equipment, gifts, cards, jewellery and clothes.

Local shop opening times are generally 0900-1700 Monday to Saturday and occasionally Sundays. Lerwick's two main supermarkets are open early to late daily.

## Eating Out

From fantastic fish and chip shops to high class cafés and restaurants, Lerwick is full of great places to eat.

## Interesting places to visit

Historic Hay's Dock is where you will find **Shetland Museum & Archives**, a Five Star, award winning, multifunctional visitor attraction providing an interactive visitor experience and world renowned collections.

**Mareel** a quayside music, cinema and creative industries centre is also located at Hay's Dock offering a stunning setting for performance, production or study.

Both places offer quality cafés for relaxing with a coffee to enjoy watching seals and seabirds and panoramic harbour views.

A stroll along the south end of the waterfront, past

the Queen's Hotel, is where you will find some of the old traders' homes with attached stores, known as **Lodberries** and more recently the on-screen home of Jimmy Perez, detective from the famous 'Shetland' television series.

Lerwick's claim to fame in the cruise world is as being the birthplace of Arthur Anderson, co-founder of P&O and credited with inventing cruising. His home, the **Bôd of Gremista**, is now a Textile museum, housing interesting artefacts from his life.

**Shetland Library** is on Lower Hillhead, and contains almost all books published in or about Shetland, micro film browsers for old newspaper editions and literature on Shetland genealogy & family history. There is free wi-fi and 16 public access computers.

**Fort Charlotte** – Wander among the massive walls of an artillery fort built to protect the Sound of Bressay from the Dutch. Construction of Fort Charlotte began – though was not completed – in 1665, during the Second Dutch War. It was rebuilt more in 1781, during the War of American Independence, but the newer fort never saw military action. Today, the fort is presented much as it would have looked in the 1780s.

**King George VI Park** – a peaceful reflective place to take a break and walk among well-tended seasonal floral displays.

**Lerwick Town Hall** With its prominent clock tower, Lerwick's Town Hall from the nineteenth century is Shetland's main civic building, standing prominently over the town and open to visitors. It was designed to dominate the surrounding townscape from its setting on the ridge of the Hillhead. Its impressive stained glass windows are intended to convey powerful images of Shetland's heritage and Lerwick's civic pride.

Ask the meet and greet team about open days at local churches to find a welcoming rest stop with free coffee and wi-fi.

Shetland is a member of the UNESCO Global Geoparks network.



## Currency Exchange

Available at the main Post Office on Commercial Street and the Toll Clock Shopping Centre.

## ATMs

Widely available although charges may apply at some machines.

## Shuttle Bus

Free shuttle bus service operates from both Holmsgarth and Mair's Pier berths directly to the town centre, at regular intervals with the last shuttle departing the town centre 45 minutes prior to cruise departure.

## Find out more

[www.shetland.org](http://www.shetland.org)

[www.shetlandvisitor.com/see-and-do](http://www.shetlandvisitor.com/see-and-do)

[www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/shetland](http://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/shetland)

## Discover Living Lerwick

Using the GPS facility on your iPhone or iPad you can find nearby Points of Interest easily. Download the app and learn as you walk around each of the locations and compare the then and now. You'll be amazed at the wealth of history which surrounds you.



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## Useful Contacts

### Tourist Information

Lerwick iCentre ..... +44 (0) 1595 693434

### Taxis

Allied Taxis ..... +44 (0)1595 690069  
King's Taxis ..... +44 (0)1595 696500  
Sinclair's Taxis ..... +44 (0)1595 696060

### Bicycle Hire

Grantfield Garage ..... +44 (0)1595 692709  
Shetland Community Bike Project  
..... +44 (0)1595 690077

### Car Hire

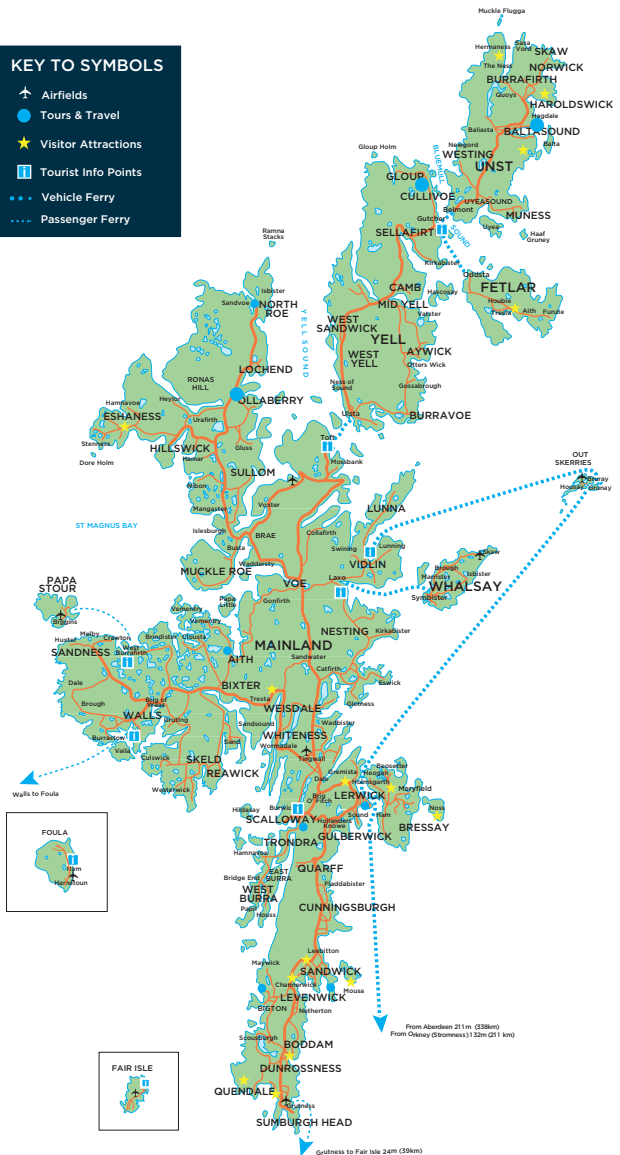
Star Rent-A-Car ..... +44 (0) 1595 692075  
Bolts Car Hire ..... +44 (0) 1595 693636

### Medical Assistance

Lerwick Health Centre ..... +44 (0) 1595 693201  
Lerwick Dental Practice ..... +44 (0) 1595 690265  
Dental Shetland ..... +44 (0) 1595 695553  
Family Dental Clinic ..... +44 (0) 1595 695225  
Police Scotland ..... 101  
Emergency ..... 999

### KEY TO SYMBOLS

- ✈ Airfields
- Tours & Travel
- ★ Visitor Attractions
- Tourist Info Points
- ... Vehicle Ferry
- ... Passenger Ferry



[www.lerwick-harbour.co.uk/cruise](http://www.lerwick-harbour.co.uk/cruise)





## Map Key

- ATM
- Wi-fi
- Pharmacy
- Popular Walks
- Commercial Street
- Tender Arrival Point

## POINTS OF INTEREST

1. St. Magnus Episcopal Church
2. St. Columba's Church of Scotland
3. Knab coastal walk
4. Home of fictional detective Jimmy Perez
5. Bain's Beach / Lodberries
6. Old Tolbooth
7. Post Offices
8. Methodist Church
9. Gilbert Bain Hospital
10. Clickimin Broch
11. Clickimin Loch
12. Clickimin Leisure Complex
13. Shetland Library
14. King George VI Park
15. Anderson High School
16. Tourist Information Centre
17. Lerwick Town Hall
18. County Buildings/Sheriff Court
19. Up Helly Aa Exhibition
20. St. Margaret's Catholic Church
21. Bressay Ferry Terminal
22. Fort Charlotte
23. Toll Clock Shopping Centre
24. Viking Bus Station
25. Shetland Museum and Archives
26. Mareel (Cinema & Arts Venue)
27. Shetland Textile Museum