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"This was my fifth trip with the AIA and one of the best ever...I loved every minute of the trip [and I] cannot recommend it enough. No wonder it sells out each year."

- Leslie, California



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Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands

June 27 - July 7, 2020 (11 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Val Turner



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Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.

"I found the archaeology absolutely fascinating though I'm not an archaeologist. Each site we visited had its own unique character and interest."

- Nancy, New York

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Dr. Val Turner has been Shetland's Regional Archaeologist since the post was created in 1986, and she lives in Shetland on a small croft with her husband. She has Project Managed two big excavations and public access projects on behalf

of her employers, Shetland Amenity Trust: Old Scatness Broch saw the twelve-year excavation of an Iron Age Broch and Village, which has rewritten the story of Scotland's Iron Age; and Viking Unst saw the excavation of three longhouses and the construction of a replica longhouse and restoration of a replica Viking longship. Val is currently working on the nomination for Old Scatness, Jarlshof, and Mousa to become UNESCO World Heritage sites. She is a member of the Society of Antiquaries of London, a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and an Honourary Research Fellow at the University of Stirling. Her publications include a book about archaeology for children, accessible guidebooks and articles, as well as a wide range of academic publications about Shetland archaeology. Val writes an archaeology column regularly for the local paper and has presented, and currently co-presents, monthly programs about archaeology and the environment for BBC Radio Shetland. She loves surprising visitors with Shetland's wealth of archaeology and she has been guiding walks and tours in both Orkney and Shetland for over twenty years, including three previous departures of this very AIA tour since 2015.

This is the perfect opportunity to **explore all that Scotland's Northern Isles have to offer**: prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; quaint villages; huge seabird colonies; and remarkable plant life—all amidst dramatic landscapes. **This will be Scotland seen slowly, with time for in-depth exploration at each site.** The Orkney and Shetland islands have an amazing wealth of archaeological sites dating back 5,000 years. Together the islands have more than 18,000 known sites, with new discoveries being made every year. **This archaeological saga is worth the telling, and nowhere else can the evidence be seen in more glorious a setting.**

Highlights:

- The UNESCO World Heritage site on Orkney, which includes the chambered tomb of **Maeshowe**, estimated to have been constructed around 2700 B.C.; the **Stones of Stenness**; the 4,000-year-old **Ring of Brodgar**, one of Europe's finest Neolithic monuments; **Skara Brae** settlement; and associated funerary monuments and stone settings. These are unquestionably among the most important Neolithic sites in Western Europe.
- "The Crucible of Iron Age Shetland"—including **Mousa Broch**, the best-preserved known broch in the world, **Old Scatness**, and **Jarlshof**—where the lack of intensive modern farming means that the preservation of these sites and their landscapes is exceptional.
- The Isles are a birdwatcher's paradise, and **one of the major seabird breeding and feeding areas in the North Atlantic**. More than a million birds breed in very large colonies.
- **All meals are included, and you will enjoy comfortable accommodations**: four nights at the elegant [Lynnfield Hotel](#), a comfortable overnight ferry from Orkney to Shetland and from Shetland to Aberdeen, a night at the [Scalloway Hotel](#), and two nights at the remote and charming [Busta House Hotel](#).



Cover: AIA Tours travelers explore the Isle of Mousa; Left side: (top to bottom) travelers walk in the fields of Scotland, seals on the shore, sunset in Lerwick, puffins.

This unique tour is more active than our usual land tours and features daily hikes that are easy to moderate in difficulty. To fully enjoy and visit all the sites on this itinerary one should be in good walking condition and, obviously, enjoy walking!

Two minibuses, each with a local driver/guide, will accompany our group, which is limited to only fifteen participants. Our guides will explain in advance the difficulty of each day's walk(s) and, if you prefer, you can opt out of any walking excursion and be driven to the next stop; but, bear in mind that some sites can only be visited if you walk to them. The distance of and height climbed during each walk is estimated within the following itinerary.

Itinerary

(B)= Breakfast • (L)= Lunch • (D)= Dinner

Saturday, June 27, 2020: Depart home

Sunday, June 28: Aberdeen, Scotland | Ferry to Kirkwall, Orkney

Upon your arrival at Aberdeen International Airport (ABZ), at no later than 2:00pm, you will be met and transferred to the ferry terminal in Aberdeen, where our group will board the ferry to Kirkwall, Orkney. We will have dinner aboard the ferry, arrive in Kirkwall at about 11:00pm, and transfer to our hotel. *Overnight at [The Lynnfield Hotel](#) for four nights.* (D)

Monday, June 29: Skara Brae | Broch of Borwick | Ring of Brodgar | Stones of Stenness | Maeshowe | Welcome dinner

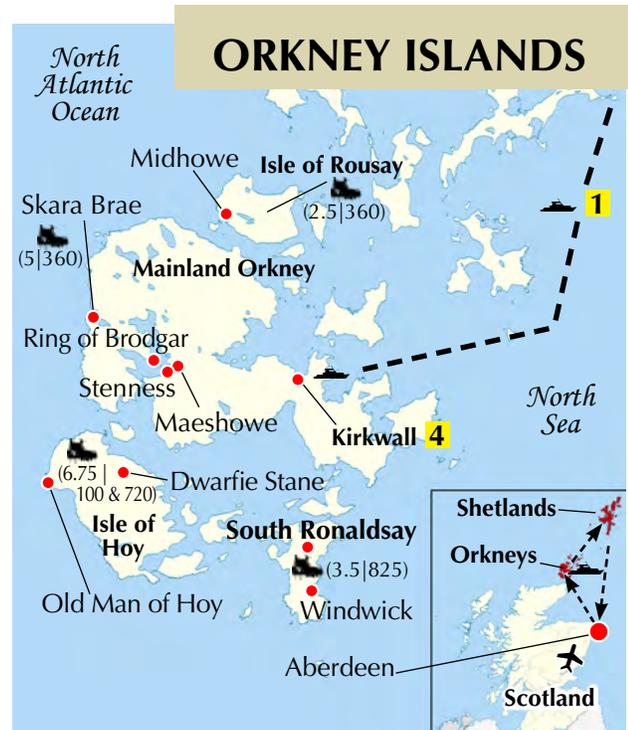
Distance total: 5 mi. Height climbed: 360 ft.

We start the day with a visit to Skara Brae, possibly Orkney's most exciting archaeological site, which was buried by a sandstorm in about 2450 B.C. It was well preserved and then revealed by another storm in 1850. This, the "Heart of Neolithic Orkney," which also includes the Ring of Brodgar, the Stones of Stenness, and Maeshowe (sites we will visit this afternoon), was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1999. Walk south along the spectacular coast with geos, natural arches, caves, and sea stacks, visiting en route the Broch of Borwick, perched high on a headland. In the afternoon, we will walk from the Ring of Brodgar to the Stones of Stenness and Maeshowe, which is Britain's largest chambered cairn. Return to our hotel in Kirkwall and gather for a welcome dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 30: Isle of Rousay

Distance: 2.5 mi. Height climbed: 360 ft.

Today we will take the ferry to the Isle of Rousay, where we will wander the most important archaeological mile in Scotland, through 5,000 years of history, visiting a number of burial cairns including Midhowe, Pictish brochs, Viking settlements, and remains of the period of the Earls and the troubled crofting times. Excavations will be in progress at the Knowe of Swandro, and we will get a private tour of the site. Return by ferry to Kirkwall and gather for dinner at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)



of Hotel Nights
 Hiking Location
 (miles/elevation climbs in feet)
 Ferry



Above: Skara Brae, a late Neolithic settlement. Below: The Ring of Brodgar, a stone circle that is 341 ft. in diameter, is the third largest in the British Isles.



SHETLAND ISLANDS

Wednesday, July 1: Isle of Hoy

Distance total: 6.75 mi. Heights climbed: 100 & 720 ft.

Take a morning ferry to Hoy, the highest and wildest of all Orkney Islands. Our walk will take us to the 5,000-year-old monument known as the Dwarfie Stane, an immense block of sandstone lying within a natural amphitheater. This is the only example in northern Europe of a rock-cut tomb similar to the chamber tombs of the Mediterranean. Drive through a glen, along what could be burial mounds, to Rackwick, from where we will walk to the world famous sea stack (at 450 ft.) known as The Old Man of Hoy. Return by ferry to Kirkwall this afternoon and gather for dinner at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 2: South Ronaldsay | Windwick | Ferry from Kirkwall to Shetland

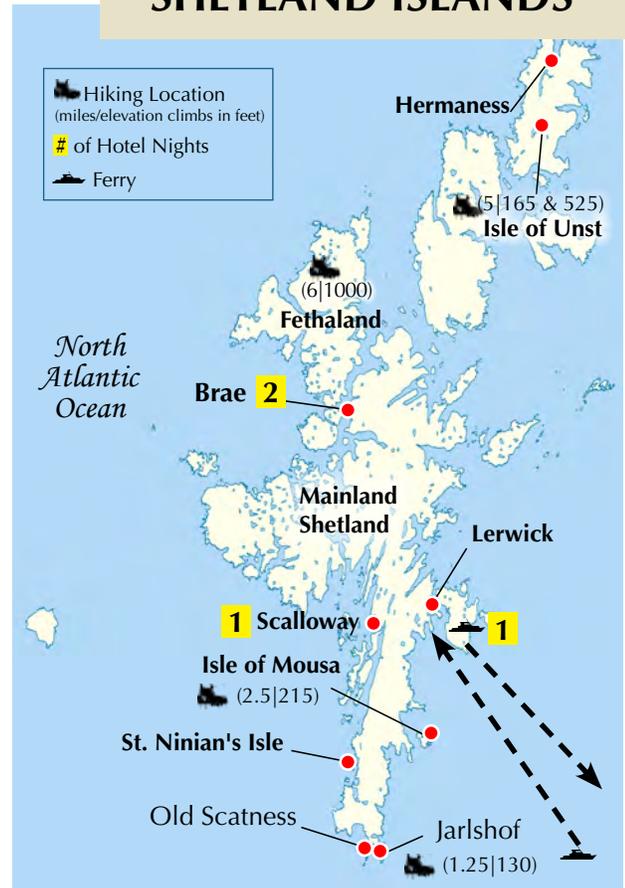
Distance: 3.5 mi. Height climbed: 825 ft., lots of ups and downs

This morning we will check out of our hotel and travel across the Churchill Barriers—a series of causeways built during the Second World War by Italian prisoners of war to defend the naval base at Scapa Flow from attack from the east—to South Ronaldsay. Our first stop is at the Tomb of the Eagles, a 5,000-year-old Neolithic tomb that was discovered in 1958. From here we will walk along the coast, with some fine coastal cliff scenery, to Windwick. The route leads around the back of several geos and a massive, fenced gloop (collapsed sea cave). In Windwick we will visit the Cairns excavation, an Iron Age settlement on the hillside overlooking the bay. The site includes buildings and evidence of use surrounding a large broch, which has been the main focus of excavations for the past decade. After a private tour of the excavations we will return to Kirkwall, stopping along the way at the Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war. Dinner tonight will be at *The Lynnfield Hotel* in Kirkwall, before we take the *overnight ferry from Kirkwall to Shetland at about 11:00pm*. (B,L,D)

Friday, July 3: Lerwick, Shetland | Old Scatness | Isle of Mousa | Scalloway

Distance: 2.5 mi. Height climbed: 215 ft.

We arrive in Lerwick this morning, after breakfast on the ferry. Travel south today, visiting Old Scatness Broch and Iron Age village. This is part of the crucible of Iron Age Shetland, also including Mousa Broch and Jarlshof (a site we will visit on July 6th), that was added by UNESCO in 2012 to the Tentative List of cultural World Heritage sites. In the afternoon we will take the boat to the uninhabited island of Mousa, which is famous for its Iron Age broch—the world's best-preserved Pictish broch. It rises to 40 feet, and the skill and accuracy of its builders has resulted in a 2,000-year-old construction that appears today as though the builders have just laid the last stone and gone home for the night. Back on mainland we will transfer to our hotel in Scalloway. *Overnight at the Scalloway Hotel*. (B,L,D)



Above: Old Scatness on south mainland, Shetland.
Below: Hermaness, Isle of Unst.



"Every moment of this trip was interesting and illuminating!"

- Jane, Virginia

Saturday, July 4: Fethaland | Brae

Distance: 6 mi. Height climbed: 1,000 ft.

Fethaland is the northernmost part of Shetland's mainland. We walk to a ruined haaf ("open sea") fishing station dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. The ever-enterprising lairds established this and other haaf fishing stations on remote northwestern parts of Shetland to profit from the catch of ling and cod during the summer months. Extremely brave fishermen ventured out (50 miles) into the Atlantic Ocean in open boats called sixareens. Set within the fishing station are a large, circular Neolithic house and a ruined Iron Age broch. Another place of interest that we will encounter during our walk is a Viking soapstone quarry. *Overnight at the [Busta House Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Sunday, July 5: Isle of Unst | Farewell dinner

Distance total: 5 mi. Heights climbed: 165 & 525 ft.

This morning we will take the ferry to the Isle of Unst, where the excavation of three Viking/Late Norse settlements forms the center of the much larger, multi-faceted Viking Unst project. A replica longhouse has been constructed, adjacent to which is the *Skidbladner*, a replica of the 9th-century longship *Gokstad* that was discovered in Vestfold, Norway. We will also visit Hermaness, the northernmost cliffs of the British Isles, which is home to over 100,000 breeding seabirds. Return by ferry to the mainland and gather this evening for a farewell dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Monday, July 6: Jarlshof | St. Ninian's Isle | Lerwick | Ferry from Lerwick to Aberdeen

Distance: 1.25 mi. Height climbed: 130 ft.

This morning we will check out of our hotel and travel south for a visit to Jarlshof, an archaeological site that was occupied for more than 4,000 years. There is a remarkable sequence of stone structures: late Neolithic houses, a Bronze Age village, an Iron Age broch and wheelhouses, a Norse longhouse, a medieval farmstead, and a 16th-century laird's house. Our next stop is St. Ninian's Isle, which is connected to the mainland by a tombolo (a bar of sand, or shingle). St. Ninian's was settled in pre-Norse times, and the remains of an old chapel are still visible. We will walk across the tombolo and visit the site of the chapel. Back on the mainland we will drive to Lerwick, where you will have some free time to explore its shops and/or the excellent Shetland Museum & Archives, before we take the *overnight ferry to Aberdeen at about 5:30pm*. Dinner is aboard the ferry this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, July 7: Aberdeen | Fly home

Arrive in Aberdeen this morning, and transfer to Aberdeen International Airport (ABZ) for independent flights homeward. Flights should depart no earlier than 11:00am. (B)



The Old Man of Hoy stands 450 ft. high in the Orkney Islands.



Jarlshof, Shetland



Travelers on the tombolo to St. Ninian's Isle.

Accommodations



Lynnfield Hotel, Kirkwall, Orkney (4 nights)

(www.lynnfield.co.uk) The Lynnfield is centrally-located and in an ideal position to tour Orkney. Adjacent to the world famous Highland Park Distillery, it has spectacular views looking out over Kirkwall to the north isles. The restaurant's excellent menus change daily to accommodate deliveries of fresh local ingredients.



Scalloway Hotel, Scalloway, Shetland (1 night)

(www.scallowayhotel.com) A family-run hotel, bar, and restaurant on the waterfront of Shetland's former capital, just six miles from Lerwick. Twenty-three en-suite rooms, several of which look out over the harbor, are simply decorated with sheepskin rugs, soft furnishings of Shetland tweed from Jamiesons Mill in the village of Sandness, and local art.



Busta House Hotel, Brae, Shetland (2 nights)

(www.bustahouse.com) The oldest part of the house was built in 1588, and it was extended in the 17th and 18th centuries. All of the bedrooms are named after islands around mainland Shetland and are individually decorated to give each a unique character. The cuisine features lots of local produce.



Cabin on overnight ferry (2 nights)

(www.northlinkferries.co.uk) Travelers will overnight in two-berth, outside cabins, and single travelers will have a two-berth cabin for single occupancy. We will have access to the comfortable Magnus Lounge during all the crossings, including the Aberdeen to Kirkwall journey on June 28th. Meals will be served.

NOTE: All the other ferry crossings will be short (between 10 and 30 minutes each). On those ferries passenger lounges and rest rooms are available.

What to Expect

This is a good introduction to hiking in Scotland for people with basic fitness, combining hiking and visits to archaeological sites. Daily walking distances will not exceed 6.75 miles, with varying amounts of ascent, and we do not expect to hike for longer than four hours at a time. Most hiking will be on paths, tracks, or quiet roads, although the surfaces can be wet and rough. There will be some steep sections along the way, but no climbs greater than 1,000 feet, even in total. The actual itinerary is subject to variables such as the abilities and interests of the group and the weather conditions. The local guides know the area very well, and an easier alternative hike is possible on most days. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot participate in a hike or visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Lunches will be packed and eaten (mostly outside) at appropriate points during excursions/hikes. There will be two local guides with the group, and a minibus for those who choose to skip a walk/hike. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Average daytime temperatures at the time of our visit will range from the low 50s to mid-60s F, with a fair chance of some precipitation and an average breeze of 14mph.

Air Arrangements & Transfers

Round-trip airfare between home and Aberdeen, Scotland (ABZ), is not included. Complimentary transfers between Aberdeen (airport, hotel, or train station) and the ferry terminal on group arrival and departure dates are included, but you must arrive in Aberdeen no later than 2:00 pm on June 28th and depart Aberdeen no earlier than 11:00 am on July 7th. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets. *For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. An application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.*

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Tour Prices Per Person (9 Nights)

Double Occupancy (13 to 15 participants).....\$6,245

Double Occupancy (10 to 12 participants).....\$6,445

Single Supplement.....\$815

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).

With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include:

- Leadership of AIA lecturer/host **Val Turner** and services of two professional, **English-speaking guides/Tour Manager**
- **Round-trip transfers** between Aberdeen (airport, hotel, or train station) and the ferry terminal on group arrival and departure dates
- **Seven nights' accommodations** in finest available hotels, as per the itinerary
- Two nights aboard an **overnight ferry**
- **All meals** (including water, and welcome and farewell dinners with drinks)
- **All excursions and entrance fees** as per the itinerary
- Surface transportation by **air-conditioned minibuses**, with filtered water provided
- **All gratuities** to tour manager, driver/guides, hotel and restaurant staff, and porters
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Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; inoculation fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; alcoholic or other beverages (except as noted); taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour.

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Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-AIA NorthScotland6/20." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Lerwick



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RESERVATION FORM

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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

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ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

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