

Orkney & Shetland Minicruise

Saturday 24th - Friday 30th July 2010

Saturday Depart Bradford 08.00 with a stop en route, and time in **Glasgow** to explore this vibrant city, we overnight at East Kilbride.

Sunday We travel through the stunning scenery of the Highlands with calls at **Pitlochry** and **Inverness** en route to **Thurso**, the most northerly town in the UK, and our base for the next two days.

Monday A day of rest to explore the local surroundings.

Tuesday This morning we visit the **Castle of Mey**, former home of the late Queen Mother, before boarding the lunchtime 90 minute sailing from **Scrabster to Stromness**. Soup and sandwiches on board, and we will be met by a **local guide** on **Orkney**, who will show us round some of the best preserved archaeological sites in Europe. We begin at **Skara Brae** and **Skail House**, then travel to the main town of **Kirkwall** and **St Magnus Cathedral**. This is followed by a visit to **Scapa Flow** where relics of two world wars are still around to be seen including the amazing **Italian Chapel**. We have dinner at a local hotel, and still have time to visit the standing stones of the **Ring of Brodgar**, before we say farewell and board the late overnight sailing to the **Shetlands**.

Wednesday Breakfast onboard before arrival in **Lerwick** and meet our **local guide** for the day, who will find the best spots for us to admire the dramatic "Shetlandic" scenery. We will visit **Jarslof** showcasing 5,000 years of civilisation, before we have time for lunch and exploration of **Lerwick**. We re board our ferry for evening meal and overnight sailing to **Aberdeen**.



Thursday Breakfast on board in Aberdeen. Then commence the journey south with stops planned at **Braemar**, the friendly village with the Royal connection, and the city of **Perth**. Overnight stay at East Kilbride as outward.

Friday Final leg home with a call at the Farm Shops of the Westmoorland Services, through the Shap Fells and Yorkshire Dales to be back home late afternoon.

The Hotel

Hotels used include the **Holiday Inn East Kilbride** and the **Royal Hotel Thurso**.

All rooms include en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities, TV etc.

There will also be 2 nights on **Northlink Ferries**. Onboard are comfortable lounges, restaurants, a shop, Cinema lounge, Bars, Sun deck, Games room and well-appointed cabins - all en-suite with hairdryers, shaver points and air conditioning. NB No doubles on boat, but all low berth cabins.

Hotel: Holiday Inn East Kilbride, Stewartfield Way, East Kilbride, Glasgow, G74 5LA 01355 236 300
Royal Hotel, Traill St, Thurso, KW14 8EH 01847 893191
NorthLink Ferries Ltd, Stromness Terminal, Ferry Road, Stromness, Orkney, KW16 3BH 01856 885500



This 7 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Free time to explore Thurso
- ☞ Visits to Glasgow, Pitlochry, Inverness, Braemar & Perth.
- ☞ Guided tours on Orkney & Lerwick + visit to Castle of Mey
- ☞ 6 nights dinner, bed & Scottish breakfast

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£635.00
Per person in single	£780.00
Insurance	£25.55

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