

Lerwick



Location: 60° 09' N 001° 08' W
No. of Berths: 3
Berth details: Holmsgarth No.5, Max LOA 205 m Depth 9.2 m
Victoria Pier (East), Max LOA 145 m
Depth 6.8 m – 9.2 m
Victoria Pier (West), Max LOA 90 m
Depth 6.0 m – 8.4 m
Anchorage: Yes

Anchorage Position: 60° 09.34' N 001° 07.66' W (Inner),
60° 08.28' N 001° 08.28' W (Outer)
Distance to Landing Stage: 0.4 NM (Inner), 1.3 NM (Outer)
Tidal range/movement: 1.7 m
Pilotage: Compulsory
Town centre: Adjacent and 1 km
Shuttle to town: Yes
Nearest airport: Sumburgh, 40 km

Lerwick, Britain's most northerly cruise destination, with its own intrinsic beauty and deep water sheltered harbour is located midway between Faroe, Norway and mainland Scotland.

Cruise ships up to 205m can berth alongside and larger ships are accommodated at anchor with passengers only minutes away via tender to a modern landing stage and dedicated welcome pavilion at the heart of Lerwick's town centre.

A warm and friendly Meet and Greet service provides local flavour with a personal onboard and onshore welcome for passengers and crew members complemented by traditional Shetland music played quayside.

Shetland offers visitors a unique blend of both Scandinavian and Scottish culture, world-class natural scenery, extraordinary archeological sites and encounters with vast seabird colonies, diverse marine life and distinctive native breeds.

The islands are renowned for their Viking heritage and are also home to the world famous Shetland Pony.

Key attractions include Mousa, an island boasting the best-preserved Iron Age broch in Scotland and Jarlshof, one of the most remarkable archaeological sites ever excavated in the British Isles. Shetland Museum, a five-star visitor attraction, provides a fascinating insight into Shetland's diverse heritage.

Shopping in Lerwick is close by and passengers can easily access a variety of local shops hosting a collection of high quality exclusive gifts including Shetland knitwear, ceramics, jewellery, confectionery and crafts.

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Shore Excursions

The following is a list of popular shore excursions from Lerwick

It should be noted that these details are not definitive but are intended to demonstrate the range of excursions and activities available to cruise passengers visiting Lerwick as part of a cruise. Cruise Scotland cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of this information.



Jarlshof, Knitwear and Tammie Norie Vista – 4 Hours 30 Minutes

Meander through Lerwick, dating from the 1600s, en route to the most Southerly tip of the Shetland Mainland. View the world's best preserved 2,000 year old **Iron Age Broch** on the Island of Mousa. In Hoswick, visit **Laurence Odie Knitwear** and the **Hoswick Visitor Centre** or wander along the **peaceful foreshore**. Then cross the 60 degrees North to enjoy the **rugged Atlantic coast** and a vista of **St Ninian's Isle**, white sandy beaches, and possibly seals, from the cliff road. Travel through 5,000 years of Shetland history at **Jarlshof**, an archaeological site, ranging from the New Stone Age up to the 1600s. Then climb up towards **Sumburgh Head RSPB Reserve**, seabird colony (May – July) and **Shetland's first lighthouse** built by Robert Stevenson in 1821. Hear more of Shetland's culture and heritage from your qualified local guide, on your return journey to Lerwick.



Silver and Stone Vista – 3 Hours 30 Minutes

Meander through Lerwick, dating from the 1600s, en route to the **Central & West Mainland**. In Scalloway, the former Shetland capital, visit **Scalloway Castle**, built in 1600 by the tyrant Earl Patrick Stewart and **Scalloway Museum**, which houses a special "Shetland Bus" exhibition. Leaving Scalloway, travel through the **Tingwall Valley** with its Norse heritage with a visit to **Carol's Ponies**. Heading Northwards through **peat and heather covered landscape** and Shetland's largest plantation of trees arrive at **Shetland Jewellery**. En route back to Lerwick, photograph one of the **spectacular vistas** of many of the islands that make up the Shetland archipelago.



Flora, Fauna and Bird Vista – 4 Hours 30 Minutes

Meander through Lerwick, dating from the 1600s, then view the **fertile limestone** community of Fladdabister and the spectacular vista of **wild flower meadows** at Aithsetter. In Hoswick visit **Laurence Odie Knitwear** and the **Hoswick Visitor Centre** or wander along the **peaceful foreshore**. Travel South past Clumlie and Dalsetter for **coastal vistas**. Then climb up towards **Sumburgh Head RSPB Reserve** for panoramic cliff vistas, seabird colony (May – July) and **Shetland's first lighthouse** built by Robert Stevenson in 1821. Circle the RSPB reserve of Spiggie Loch and onwards, hugging the rugged Atlantic coast before joining the main road once again.



Scenic Volcanic Vista – 4 Hours 15 Minutes

Head northwest through **peat and heather covered landscape** to Voe, with its Scandinavian influence, Brae, and **Mavis Grind**, where the North Sea almost meets the Atlantic Ocean. Northwards still, the scenery becoming more spectacular with every mile, viewing some of Shetland's aquaculture industry. Visit the **Tangwick Haa Museum** and take a cliff-top walk at the **Eshaness Lighthouse** where fire and ice of volcano and glacier have forged Shetland's **world famous geology**. Enjoy the refreshments on offer in the **Braewick Café**. Hear more of Shetland's culture and heritage from your qualified local guide on your return journey to Lerwick.



Mousa Broch Vista – 4 Hours

Meander through Lerwick the only town in Shetland, passing the **fertile limestone** community of Fladdabister. Arriving at Sandwick, you will then board the purpose built, passenger ferry Solan IV. Cross to the Island of **Mousa** inhabited only by sheep and wildlife. There you will visit the world's best preserved 2,000 year old **Iron Age Broch**, still standing to a height of 13m (43'). A brisk walk across the island, through a plethora of **wild flowers** will take you to a **seal colony**. Hear more of Shetland's culture and heritage from your qualified local guide on your return journey to Lerwick.