

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland

The remote capital of Britain's most northerly archipelago, Lerwick blends Norse roots with Scottish grit — puffin colonies, Iron Age brochs, and world-class knitwear all within a half-day's reach.

 Pier or Tender (ship-size dependent)

 Typical call: 7–10 hrs

 British Pound (GBP)

 English (local Shetlandic dialect)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Larger cruise ships dock at Holmsgarth or Mair's Pier (about 1.5 miles north of town; shuttle usually provided). Smaller ships may berth at Victoria Pier in the town center, and ships that can't get a berth anchor in Bressay Sound and tender to Victoria Pier.

Best For: History, wildlife, Shetland knitwear, and Viking heritage.

Walk to center: 0 min from Victoria Pier (berth or tender); 25–30 min walk or shuttle from Holmsgarth.

Don't Miss: Shetland Museum (free), Fort Charlotte, and Jarlshof if you can get transport south.

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~£5–£8 · 📞 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚗 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Robertsons Coaches

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Jarlshof Prehistoric & Norse Settlement** — One of Europe's most remarkable archaeological sites, about 25 miles south near Sumburgh Head.
 - **Sumburgh Head & Puffin Colony** — The southern tip of Shetland mainland hosts nesting puffins (May–early August), gannets, guillemots, and razorbills...
 - **Mousa Broch Boat Trip** — A passenger ferry from Sandsayre Pier near Sandwick (about 13 miles / 20 min south of Lerwick) takes you to the...
- **Up Helly Aa Exhibition & Town Walk** — The Up Helly Aa fire festival (January) is Shetland's most famous event — but from May to September the Galley Shed...
 - **St Ninian's Isle Tombolo** — About 17 miles southwest of Lerwick, the largest active sand tombolo in Britain connects a small island to the Shetland...

BEST WALKS

- **Lerwick Old Town & Fort Charlotte** 1.5 miles · 45–60 min · Easy — From Victoria Pier, head up to Commercial Street (the flagstone high street) and browse Shetland knitwear and craft shops.
- **Clickimin Broch** 1.5 miles each way · 30 min · Easy — A flat walk west from the town center leads to Clickimin Broch, a remarkably well-preserved Bronze and Iron Age stone roundhouse on...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	47°	40°	12d
Jun	55°	49°	13d
Aug	58°	52°	17d
Sep	56°	51°	16d
Oct	52°	47°	18d

 **DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY**

Apr 5:47AM–8:23PM · Jun 3:39AM–10:31PM · Aug 5:18AM–8:57PM · Sep 6:33AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:45AM–5:54PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Seabirds-and-Seals - THE ORIGINAL & NO.1 NOSS BOAT - EST 1992 | Boat tour to see Noss's seabirds and seals. | 2 | Fort Charlotte | Historic 17th-century artillery fort guarding Lerwick harbour. |
| 3 | Shetland Textile Museum | Museum showcasing Shetland's rich textile heritage and craft. | 4 | Scalloway Castle | Ruined 17th-century castle built by Earl Patrick Stewart. |
| 5 | Shetland Museum & Archives | Main museum covering Shetland's history, culture, and natural heritage. | 6 | The Knab | Scenic coastal headland walk offering panoramic Lerwick views. |
| 7 | Noss National Nature Reserve | Island nature reserve famous for spectacular seabird colonies. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |