

Stromness, Orkney, Scotland

A labyrinth of flagstone lanes and stone piers jutting into Hamnavoe harbour — Stromness puts Orkney's Neolithic wonders, wartime history, and wild Norse landscapes within arm's reach of the pier.

Pier (direct) or tender — ship-size dependent

Typical call: 6–9 hrs

Currency: British Pound (GBP)

Language: English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small/expedition ships dock at Stromness Ferry Terminal; larger ships may tender or dock at Hatston Pier, Kirkwall (15 mi away)

Best For: Neolithic sites, WWII maritime history, independent galleries, dramatic scenery

Walk to center: 1–2 min from pier to main street

Don't Miss: Ring of Brodgar, Pier Arts Centre (free), Stromness Museum

Getting around: **Taxi** £4 first mile, ~£1.80/mile after · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ring of Brodgar & Standing Stones of Stenness** — Two UNESCO-listed stone circles dating back 4,000–5,000 years, just 10 minutes by bus or taxi from Stromness.
 - **Skara Brae Neolithic Village** — A 5,000-year-old stone village preserved beneath coastal sand dunes — older than Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids.
 - **Scapa Flow & Italian Chapel** — Scapa Flow was the Royal Navy's main anchorage in both World Wars and the site
- where the German High Seas Fleet was...

 - **Pier Arts Centre** — A world-class modern and contemporary art gallery in a restored waterfront building right in Stromness.
 - **Cycle to the Standing Stones** — Rent a bike from Cycle Orkney in Stromness and pedal the 8-mile route to the Ring of Brodgar along relatively flat...

BEST WALKS

- **The Main Street End to End** 1 mile | Easy | 30–40 min one way — Walk the full length of Stromness's remarkable main street — Victoria Street, Dundas Street, and Graham Place — from the Ferry...
- **Warebeth Beach Walk** 1.5 miles one way | Easy | ~30 min — Head south from town past the golf course to Warebeth Beach — a wild, sandy stretch with dramatic views of the towering cliffs of Hoy...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	50°	39°	1d
Jun	59°	48°	1d
Aug	61°	51°	1d
Sep	59°	50°	1d
Oct	53°	46°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:59AM–8:28PM · Jun 4:00AM–10:26PM · Aug 5:33AM–9:00PM · Sep 6:42AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:51AM–6:05PM

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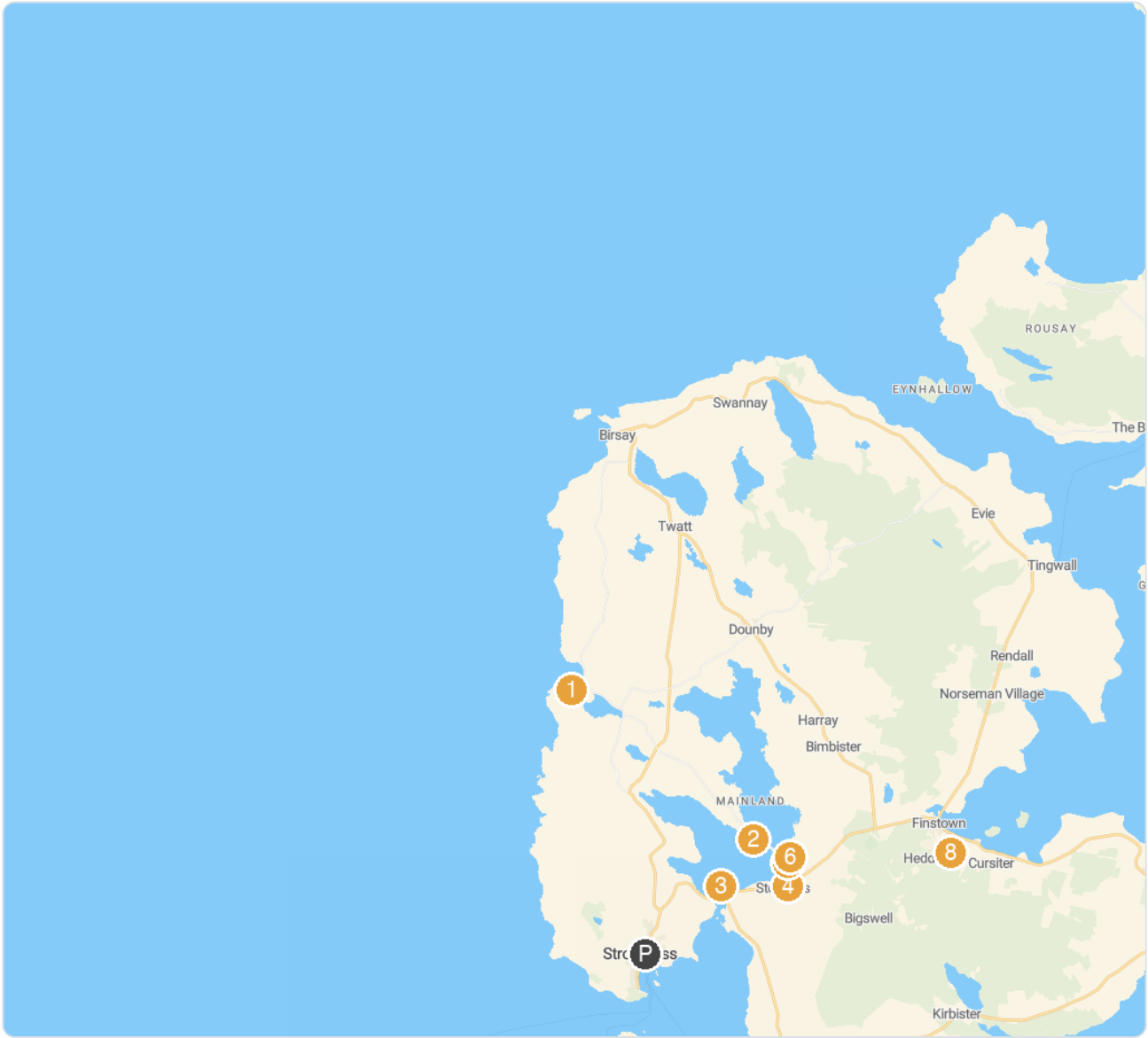
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack for four seasons in one day. Orkney is famously changeable and always windy. Bring a windproof, waterproof jacket even in summer — sunshine can turn to horizontal rain within

Stromness, Orkney, 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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Skara Brae Prehistoric Village

Skara Brae is a remarkably preserved Neolithic village.
- 2

Ring of Brodgar

The Ring of Brodgar is a grand Neolithic stone circle.
- 3

Unstan Chambered Cairn

Unstan Chambered Cairn is an ancient Neolithic burial tomb.
- 4

Maeshowe Visitor Centre

Maeshowe Visitor Centre provides access to a famous Neolithic tomb.
- 5

Standing Stones of Stenness

Stenness Stones are ancient, impressive Neolithic standing stones.
- 6

Barnhouse Settlement

Barnhouse Settlement is a significant Neolithic village site.
- 7

OLD WORLD ORDER MEGALITHIC THE DWARFIE STANE, HOY, ORKNEY ISLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Dwarfie Stane is a unique Neolithic rock-cut tomb.
- 8

Cuween Hill Chambered Cairn

Cuween Hill Cairn is an ancient Neolithic burial tomb.
- P

Cruise port / terminal