



Discover the freedom of Orkney

TO ORKNEY FOR A DAY
TRIP OR A LONGER STAY

Orkney's own ferry company - for speed, value
and environmental efficiency



Fares and Group Rates for 2023-2024

To Orkney in just over an hour

A one hour sailing across the Pentland Firth between Gills Bay in the north of Scotland and St Margaret's Hope in Orkney.

DEPARTURE TIMES*:

St Margaret's Hope

07:45 | 11:30 | 17:00 (Mon-Sun)

Gills Bay

09:30 | 13:30 | 18:45 (Mon-Sun)

*This timetable may be subject to change.





MV Alfred

You will sail to Orkney onboard our purpose-built car and passenger ferry.

The accommodation includes spacious seating areas, a café, outdoor seating, and an indoor dog-friendly sundeck lounge.





MV Alfred

There is also a lift for access from the car deck to the lounges. The ship carries 98 cars, or 54 cars with 12 articulated vehicles/coaches and 430 passengers.



Sailing Green

Pentland Ferries is the first ferry operator in the UK to have achieved a Green Tourism Award. The awards programme recognises the commitment of tourism businesses to sustainability and is seen as a prestigious hallmark of environmentally sensitive practices and operation.

The company also won a 'Good Practice' award in the VIBES Scottish Environment Business awards 2021.



Sailing Green

The MV Alfred is more than 60 per cent more efficient in terms of fuel consumption and emission levels than other comparable ferries operating in Scotland.

The ship's design, LED lighting, and fuel efficiency all contributed to the bronze-level Green Award, as did the use of local food suppliers, wind turbine, and other waste reducing and recycling initiatives that the company encourages passengers to embrace onboard ship.



ECO LIGHTING

Energy efficient LED lighting is used throughout the ship



CO₂ EMISSIONS

MV Alfred emits 62% less CO₂ than the average equivalent Scottish ferry



POWER USAGE

MV Alfred uses 65% less power than the average equivalent Scottish ferry



WIND POWER

Our wind turbine powers the office, shore base, and the ship (overnight)



WATER REFILL STATION

A water refill point on MV Alfred reduces single-use plastics



RECYCLING

We encourage passengers to buy recyclable aluminium cans rather than plastic bottles



ONWARD TRAVEL

Bicycles go free on MV Alfred



VEGWARE

We use plant-based and fully compostable packaging in the café

Sailing Green

The company has plans to roll out a range of other environmentally aware initiatives, to remain the most energy efficient ferry operator in the UK.

#SailingGreen





2023-2024 Fares

Adult		£20
Child (5 - 16yrs)		£10
Child (Under 5yrs)		FREE
Car (excl. driver)		£45

For a more comprehensive list of fares please check our website [PentlandFerries.co.uk](https://www.pentlandferries.co.uk). Prices correct at time of print.

2023-2024 Group Rates - Single Bookings

Adult		£20
Child		£10
Infant		FREE
Minibus 5-6m		£73.90
Driver		£20
Minibus 6-7m		£85
Driver		£20
Coach* >7m		£110
1x Driver		FREE

Coach FREE if 35 or more paying passengers.
Prices correct at time of print.

2023-2024 Group Rates - Return Bookings

	Per journey
Adult	£17
Child	£9
Infant	FREE
Minibus 5-6m	£67.20
Driver	£17
Minibus 6-7m	£77
Driver	£17
Coach* >7m	£100
1x Driver	FREE
1x Tour Guide	FREE

Coach FREE if 20 or more paying passengers.



The Orkney Experience

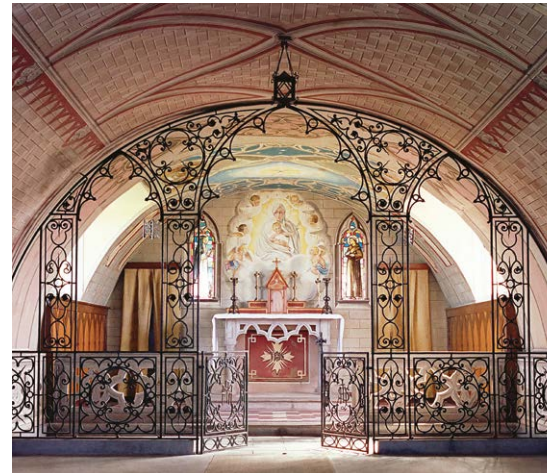
The adventure begins when you leave Gills Bay, sailing through the Pentland Firth, passing the uninhabited islands of Stroma and Swona, and into the Orkney archipelago, before docking in the pretty village of St Margaret's Hope in South Ronaldsay. There will be ample opportunity along the way to catch a glimpse of island wildlife – seabirds, seals and, perhaps, a pod of dolphins, pilot whales or even an occasional Orca.



Credit: VisitOrkney

The Orkney Experience

The Orkney Islands are perfect for touring – on a day trip – or longer. Drive across the Churchill Barriers, visiting the ornate Italian Chapel on Lamb Holm, which was built during World War II by Italian prisoners of war, before heading north to Kirkwall, with its magnificent St Magnus Cathedral. From here, the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage sites known as the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, which consist of the large chambered tomb of Maes Howe, the Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and the ancient settlement of Skara Brae, are all within easy reach.





The Orkney Experience

If you need help with guiding, itinerary planning or accommodation, we can recommend local suppliers to provide a service tailored specifically for you.





Booking

For individuals, Pentland Ferries booking offices are situated at St Margaret's Hope and Gills Bay ferry terminals, this allows us to provide an up to date service and to let you know of any news that is relevant to your crossing, as well as local information. We believe booking and travelling with us should be as easy as possible, therefore we recommend you book by telephoning our booking offices based at Gills Bay and St Margaret's Hope.



Booking

Coach operators must contact our booking offices in order to obtain a quote and make a booking.

These vehicles cannot be booked online.

Passengers should arrive at the ferry terminal no later than 30 minutes before departure time.

There is adequate coach parking facilities at both departure points.

Please Note: Under 16's are not allowed to travel on the ferry unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Cancellation

We ask for final numbers to be confirmed to us by 4pm the day prior to travel. If travelling at the weekend numbers must be confirmed by 4pm on Friday. Vehicle space must be cancelled with 48 hours notice. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after these times. If your bookings are on account you may be invoiced for any unused space. Please refer to your Customer Agreement contract for further terms and conditions.



Conditions of carriage

Please see our conditions of carriage at pentlandferries.co.uk/conditions-of-carriage