

Travel Tuesdays: Explore the World Virtually

A wealth and variety of archaeological sites including truly astonishing 5,000-year-old Neolithic stone circles, tombs and houses are found in the remarkable islands of Orkney and Shetland.

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Orkney & Shetland: 5000 Years of Wonder

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The beautiful and remarkable islands of Orkney and Shetland lie beyond the northern coasts of Scotland. Each has its own breathtaking scenery and remote beauty, populated by wildlife, cliff-loving seabirds and carpets of wildflowers. The islands are famous for their truly astonishing 5,000-year-old Neolithic stone circles, tombs and houses. Everywhere, there is a wealth and variety of archaeological sites; the islands were also full of Iron Age brochs (enigmatic stone towers), a vibrant Viking world, fortified medieval castles and brave explorers. The World Wars left in their wake stories and wrecks, defences and the astonishing and delightful Italian Chapel. Here you can step off the frantic modern world and go back in time, to lands with a slower life where you can breathe in the natural beauty and timeless tales.

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