



Welcome to Kirkwall Youth Hostel

Warm and welcoming, Kirkwall Youth Hostel is located in a quiet area on the edge of the Royal Burgh of Kirkwall, close to the historic town and beautiful 12th century St Magnus Cathedral.

Reception

- Open 08.00-10.00 and 17.00-22.00
- Check-in from 17.00
- Checkout by 10.00

Late check-in is available if you let us know in advance.

Rooms

Capacity 59:

- 1 single
- 22 twins (which can be used as singles)
- 2 triples
- 2 four-bedded

Room configurations may be subject to occasional change.

Catering

Continental breakfast is available between 08.00-10.00.

Self-catering

A large, well equipped self-catering kitchen is available during hostel hours.

There are 2 ovens, 3 hobs and 3 sinks.

A selection of pots is available to cater for individuals and groups and there's sufficient crockery and cutlery for all guests.

The dining room can seat 48 people.

Facilities

The hostel has a large, comfortable lounge with TV and well-stocked library.

A coin-operated washing machine and tumble dryers are available during opening hours, as is a drying room.

Wi-Fi access is free.

Security

There is a sheltered external bike storage area.

Guests are advised to use their own bicycle locks for security.

Shopping

A small range of snacks and drinks is available at reception.

There are 3 large supermarkets nearby, all with long opening hours.

Local grocers, chemists, newsagents, pubs and restaurants are all within walking distance in the town centre.

Directions

We are a short walk from the centre of Kirkwall on the Orkney mainland.

Ferries:

• Northlink Ferries

Scrabster (Thurso) to Stromness:
sailing time @1.5 hours
Stromness to Kirkwall is 15 miles

Aberdeen – Kirkwall - Lerwick:
sailing time @7 hours

Tel: 0845 6000 449

www.northlinkferries.co.uk

The Hatston ferry terminal in Kirkwall is about 3 miles away, which takes about one hour to walk. We recommend taking the X10 bus, which meets the ferry, to the town centre. From the town centre you have a 10 minute walk to the hostel. Or a taxi will take you right to our front door.

Please note: if you are using Google Maps for directions make sure you select **Hatston Pier** not Kirkwall Ferry Terminal as they are different locations (if it's telling you it's only 20 minutes' walk, you've picked the wrong one!)

• Pentland Ferries

Gill's Bay to St Margaret's Hope (Orkney): sailing time @1 hour
Tel: 01856 831 226

www.pentlandferries.co.uk

St. Margaret's Hope to Kirkwall is 15 miles

Taxi: Craigies 01856-878-787, Orkney Taxis 01856 875511 and Harbour Taxis 01856 490185



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Air: Loganair and Flybe have regular flights to and from Kirkwall airport to various destinations. Further information at www.loganair.co.uk and www.flybe.com

Parking

There is ample free parking for 20+ cars.

Local activities

Orkney is recognised as a World Heritage Site, and is home to some of the best preserved archaeological sites in Europe, including:

- Skara Brae, a neolithic village
- Ring of Brodgar, impressive stone circle and henge
- St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, a magnificent example of Viking architecture

The islands are a great place to walk, with routes available for all grades of walkers and beautiful scenery. It also offers world class opportunities for diving in historic Scapa Flow.

Nature lovers can potentially spot whales, bottlenose dolphins, seals, otters, short eared owls, hen harriers and many more unusual visitors to these isles.

There's a vibrant arts and crafts community on the islands with opportunities to visit galleries and exhibitions and meet the artists.

With numerous vibrant festivals year round, Kirkwall and the Orkney Islands are a destination you should take time to explore. For more detailed information visit www.visitorkney.com

Accessibility

Currently Kirkwall Youth Hostel is not suitable for people with impaired mobility. Please contact the youth hostel or the reservations team for more information.

Booking

To reserve beds at Kirkwall Youth Hostel, please contact the reservations team (Mon-Fri from 09.00-1700) on 0345 293 73 73.

e-mail

reservations@hostellingscotland.org.uk

or book online

www.hostellingscotland.org.uk

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