



Shetland
Islands of Opportunity



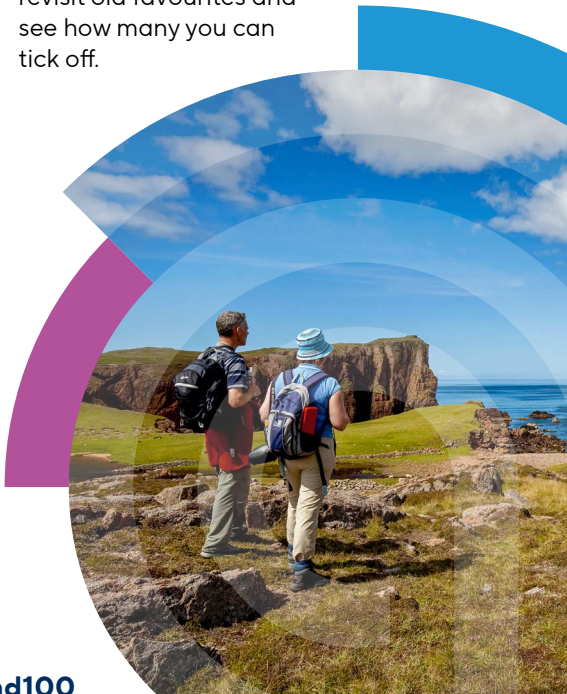
The ultimate island bucket list



There's always something to discover in Shetland – whether it's part of everyday life or something you've never tried before.



Have fun, try something new, revisit old favourites and see how many you can tick off.



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This list brings together 100 ways to experience the islands.

Some can be enjoyed year-round, others are shaped by the seasons, but all are unmistakably Shetland.



Island adventures

- 1** Post a postcard from the UK's most northerly postbox in Unst
- 2** Pay a visit to the Hanseatic Booth in Whalsay
- 3** See genuine Fair Isle knitting in Fair Isle
- 4** Join a guided ranger walk in Foula
- 5** Cycle or walk to the Bressay Lighthouse
- 6** Do a circular walk around Papa Stour in a day
- 7** Take a dip or have a walk at the Sands of Breckon in Yell
- 8** Look for trows at the Haltadans stone circle in Fetlar
- 9** Learn about bird migrations at Fair Isle Bird Observatory
- 10** Take a day trip on the ferry to Skerries
- 11** Have your photo taken in Bobby's Bus Shelter in Unst
- 12** See the White Wife replica ship's figurehead in Otterswick in Yell
- 13** Visit the Fetlar Interpretive Centre
- 14** Do the Bressay Park Run
- 15** Walk up to Da Sneug, the highest point in Foula
- 16** Do a circuit of St Ninian's Isle
- 17** Take a photo of Muckle Flugga Lighthouse from the northern tip of Unst



Food and drink

- 18 Sample a sassermaet roll
- 19 Eat takeaway fish and chips by the sea
- 20 Buy or make a Shetland bannock
- 21 Experience a traditional Sunday tea
- 22 Try some Shetland fudge or tablet
- 23 Visit a local honesty box or cake fridge
- 24 Enjoy a bowl of reestit mutton soup
- 25 Sample fresh Shetland seafood
- 26 Enjoy a picnic with a fantastic coastal view



Activities and experiences

- 27 Take a boat trip and explore Shetland's coastline
- 28 Kayak or coasteer Shetland's coast with a guide
- 29 Join a craft workshop such as knitting, weaving, jewellery-making or pottery
- 30 Play a round of golf in Whalsay at the UK's most northerly golf course
- 31 Try geocaching on Shetland's core paths network
- 32 Go swimming or relax at a Shetland leisure centre
- 33 Join a Voar Redd Up or do your own five-minute beach clean
- 34 Wild camp near the sea (following the Outdoor Access Code)
- 35 Go on a treasure hunt for a grottie buckie
- 36 Write a Shetland-inspired poem
- 37 Photograph your favourite Shetland lighthouse
- 38 Row a traditional Shetland yoal (or see one in action)
- 39 Enjoy a round of putting at the Jubilee Flower Park in Lerwick
- 40 Pick up a souvenir at one of the isles' many independent shops



Landscapes and places

- 41** Explore the cliffs at Eshaness
- 42** Take on the challenge of the Sandvoe to Uyea circular walk
- 43** Stand between the North Sea and the Atlantic at Mavis Grind
- 44** Walk along the boardwalk at Hermaness National Nature Reserve
- 45** Climb the Foghorn Tower at Sumburgh Head and take in the views
- 46** Walk the coastal route at the Ness of Burgi
- 47** Walk or cycle around Clickimin Loch
- 48** Take the trail to the Hams of Muckle Roe
- 49** Head to the historic fishing station at Fethaland
- 50** Hike to the top of Ronas Hill (Shetland's highest point!)
- 51** Cycle the scenic Viking Windfarm trails
- 52** Take in the views at Fitful Head
- 53** Skim stones on Meal beach in Burra



Archaeology and ancient Shetland

- 54** Explore Jarlshof and its 4,000-year history
- 55** Step back in time at Clickimin Broch in Lerwick
- 56** Take the boat to Mousa and visit its famous Iron Age Broch
- 57** Discover Old Scatness and see history brought to life
- 58** See standing stones at Yoxie in Whalsay
- 59** Visit Stanydale Temple in the West Mainland
- 60** See the replica Viking longship, *The Skidbladner*, and longhouse in Unst
- 61** Take a walk to the Stanes of Stofast in Lunnasting



Culture and heritage

- 62 Experience a Fire Festival
- 63 Visit Shetland Museum & Archives
- 64 Step back in time at the Crofthouse Museum
- 65 See how the lairds lived at Tangwick Haa
- 66 Discover the history of the Shetland Bus at Scalloway Museum
- 67 Walk to the World War II coastal battery at Ness of Sound
- 68 Learn about textiles at the Shetland Textile Museum
- 69 Listen to traditional Shetland music
- 70 Learn new words from John J Graham's *The Shetland Dictionary*
- 71 Attend an agricultural show in the summer
- 72 Explore the beach and kirk at Lunna
- 73 See a film or concert at Mareel
- 74 Admire the art on display at The Shetland Gallery in Yell
- 75 Loan a book from the Shetland Library
- 76 Learn to dance the Shetland reel



Seasonal and natural phenomena

- 77 Witness the spectacle of the Mirrie Dancers (Northern Lights)
- 78 Explore the Sky Trail in Unst
- 79 Go beachcombing after a storm
- 80 Experience the magic of the 'simmer dim' in summer
- 81 Watch a dramatic Shetland sunrise or sunset
- 82 Feel the power of a Shetland gale (safely!)
- 83 Pause and listen to the sound of seabirds
- 84 Watch a passing squall move across the sea



Wildlife and nature

- 85 Count the puffins at Sumburgh Head
- 86 Snap an orca from the coastline
- 87 Admire an otter in its natural habitat
- 88 Take a picture with a Shetland pony
- 89 Spot a seal on a quiet beach
- 90 Witness storm petrels at Mousa Broch
- 91 Take the ferry to Noss Nature Reserve
- 92 Watch seabirds gather on dramatic cliff edges (safely!)
- 93 See rare Edmonston's Chickweed at the Keen of Hamar Nature Reserve in Unst
- 94 Take a coastal picture with sea pinks or spring squill
- 95 Have a woodland walk at Kergord or Michaelswood
- 96 Explore a peat bog and learn about peat cutting
- 97 Visit the nature hide at the Loch of Spiggie
- 98 Visit the viewpoint at the Mires of Houbie in Fetlar to look for red-necked phalaropes
- 99 Feed a sheep on a traditional croft tour
- 100 Spot a whaup (curlew) on Shetland's moorland



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