



#Shetland100



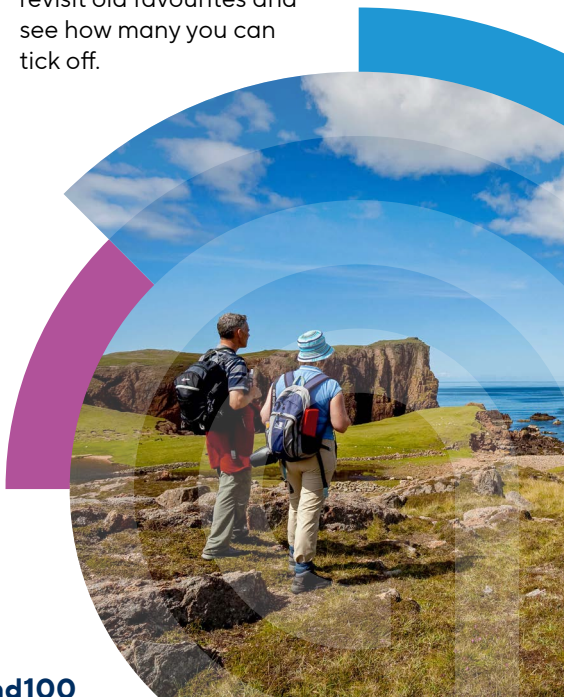
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Islands of Opportunity

# Shetland 100:

## 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.



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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