

5 Minute Guide to Kirkwall

Facilities

The toilet and shower block is located just inside the Marina gate. This contains **Showers** and **Toilets**, accessible 24 hours. The gate code and the free wi-fi password are displayed in the gatehouse at the top of the gangway.

Cross the main road at the zebra crossing and access the main shopping streets via Bridge Street beside the Kirkwall hotel. The [laundrette](#) is 5 minutes walk along here, on Albert Street. Continue walking, then turn right down West Castle Street; the [Travel Centre](#) with a **tourist information office** is across the road at the bottom of the street on Junction Road. The [Post Office](#) is nearby on Junction Road and the [library](#) building is further south along the same road .

Eating/drinking

There are a choice of **restaurants**. [The Foveran](#) is an excellent restaurant located 3 miles out of town towards Orphir. It requires advanced bookings. The [Dil Se Indian Restaurant](#) is on Bridge Street close to the marina, and [Lucano's Italian Restaurant](#) is on Victoria Street, 10 minutes walk away. The **hotels** along Shore Street by the marina ([The Shore](#), [The Kirkwall Hotel](#), [The Ola Hotel](#), [The Ayre Hotel](#)) all have restaurants and bars serving local ales and whiskies. [The Lynnfield Hotel](#) is a mile away on the Holm road near to the [Highland Park Distillery](#). There are several **cafes** along the main shopping streets between the marina and Victoria Street serving coffee, lunches and cake - [The Old Library](#), [Judith Glue Real Food Cafe](#), [Twenty One](#), and [The Reel](#). The [Kirkjuvagr Gin Distillery](#) is on the Ayre Road, a 5 minute walk from the Marina and [The Scapa Distillery Visitor Centre](#) is 2 miles away, by Scapa Beach.

There are several **fish and chip shops** - [The Harbour Fry](#) on Bridge Street, [The Happy Haddock](#) 10 minutes walk away on Junction Road and [The Willows Takeaway](#) 10 minutes walk away on Willow Road.

See [Orkney.com](#) and [Orkney Food and Drink](#) for further information on eating out.

Shopping

Along the main shopping street, accessed via the zebra crossing along from the marina, you'll find a **butcher, bakery, chemist, clothes shops, an electrical shop, newsagent** and several shops selling **local produce, jewellery and crafts**. Along the Bay to the west of the Marina, turn left at the second roundabout to [John G Shearer's garage](#) for **petrol and gas**. Further around the 'Peedie Sea' are three **supermarkets**, [the Cooperative](#), [Tesco](#) and [Lidl](#). In Hatston Industrial Estate, 20 minutes walk from the marina, you'll find **chandlery supplies and repair services**.

Fresh fish is available from [The Brig Larder](#) in Albert Street, and [Jolly's](#) or [Kirkwall Bay Shellfish](#) in the Hatston Industrial Estate.

What to see

Kirkwall is a friendly town with plenty of sights of interest. A short walk takes you south through the main street to [St Magnus Cathedral](#), [The Orkney Museum](#), and the [Bishop's and Earl's Palaces](#). The [Highland Park](#) and [Scapa](#) Distilleries are located on the outskirts of the town.

Car / bike hire

Car hire is available from [Orkney Car Hire](#) and [W R Tullock](#), both on Junction Road, and [Orkney Tool Hire](#) and [Colin Gregg Cars](#), both in Hatston Industrial Estate.

Cycle hire is available from [Cycle Orkney](#) in Tankerness Lane, near the cathedral.

Other marine facilities

[Hamnavoe Engineering](#) offer a wide range of **mechanical repair** and **fabrication services**. Cranes capable of lifting most vessels are available to hire from [Heddle Construction](#). Jeff Mackie is a [Stromness boatbuilder](#) specialising in new wooden boat building (local 'Yoles' in particular) and restoration. He also has a range of Chandlery available. Marine engineering services are also available from [Craigie Engineering](#) and [RGC Services](#), both based in Hatston, near to the Marina.

Orkney Sailing Club

The [Orkney Sailing Club](#) is located in 'The Girnol' on the harbour front, next to the roundabout. The club welcomes all visitors to the port of Kirkwall and hosts functions and social events all year round.

Day sails from Kirkwall

View our page [Sailing to and around Orkney](#) or ask our seasonal staff or one of our local committee members (one of them to be found at the marina at most times of the day!) for sailing guides showing great cruises around Orkney from Kirkwall marina.

Find more information on our [website](#), including our [ask a local](#) service for any sailing questions you may have.

Contact us by telephone on 01856 871313 or 07810465835.