

Voyage Notes

Lady of Avenel Passage cruise Maldon – Kirkwall Orkney Islands

1100 Sat 20 April – 0900 Sat 27 April 2019 £395 pp 12 places



The voyage

Lady of Avenel is berthed in Maldon for the winter. On Sat 20 April 2019 she sets sail for Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands, a distance of 500 miles.

Our trip begins in historic town Maldon – home of traditional sailing. We leave on the afternoon spring tide and head out along the River Blackwater to the Thames estuary. As the sun sets we turn left and begin our passage up the North Sea. The first night watches will navigate sand banks, gas fields and wind farms. The next days and nights take us past the wild life haven of the Farne Islands past the fishing port of Peterhead and onward to Kirkwall in the enchanting Orkney Islands.

We are looking for 12 people to join us on this passage cruise. You will be the crew, take a full part in the watch system and be involved in steering, navigating and setting sails, cooking and cleaning.

The North Sea can be challenging so enthusiasm and a sense of adventure are key. We advise that you have some experience at sea. Exact plans depend on weather, but we hope to anchor in remote bays and sail as much as possible.

The cost is £395 per person which includes all food and non-alcoholic drinks and accommodation in twin berth cabins. You are responsible for transfer to and from ship and travel insurance.

Why not stay on a few days to discover the enchanting Orkney Archipelago or join us for another week on our Orkney and Shetland explorer – Sunday 28 June – Saturday 4 May 2019.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/orkney/>

Booking and payment

To book a place email Bill Alexander bill@ladyofavenel.com. Please include your contact details and a brief note of any previous trips on Lady of Avenel or other seafaring experience.

On receipt of this we reserve you a place. To confirm the booking please complete the 'Crew Information Form' and pay a £100 deposit. (Full payment is due 8 weeks before the voyage).

Heritage Sailing

Barclays Bank plc

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Please use the **Reference**
Maldon + your name

2 weeks prior to departure we will email you final joining instruction.

Insurance

We recommend taking out insurance including cancellation insurance. Topsail insurance provide specialist cover – a single trip this year is approximately £35 [topsailinsurance.com](https://www.topsailinsurance.com)

Travel arrangements

Start: Downs Road Boatyard, 19A Downs Road, Maldon, Essex ,CM9 5HG. Good train links from London Liverpool St to Witham then [bus service](#) or 5 mile taxi trip.

Finish: Kirkwall, Orkney - regular flights to Inverness, Glasgow, Manchester with <https://www.loganair.co.uk/>

[Northlinkferries.co.uk](https://www.northlinkferries.co.uk) Stromness -Scrabster (Thurso) with links by rail to Inverness and beyond

What to bring

Weather proof shoes or boots (wellingtons or walking boots are fine)

Waterproof jacket and trousers (we have some spare kit)

Head torch

Towel

Sleeping bag

warm clothing

sunglasses and sunscreen (we hope)