

Explore Geopark Shetland...



North Isles Heritage tour

Minimum of 2 Person
Price 1000 Euro – Person (TBC)

Kind of tour: Geology and landscape

The package invites you to explore the fascinating natural and cultural heritage of Geopark Shetland's North Isles. You will discover an incredible story spanning 2.9 billion years from the formation of Shetland's oldest rocks to the human settlement of these remote and windswept islands!

Target Group:

Included:

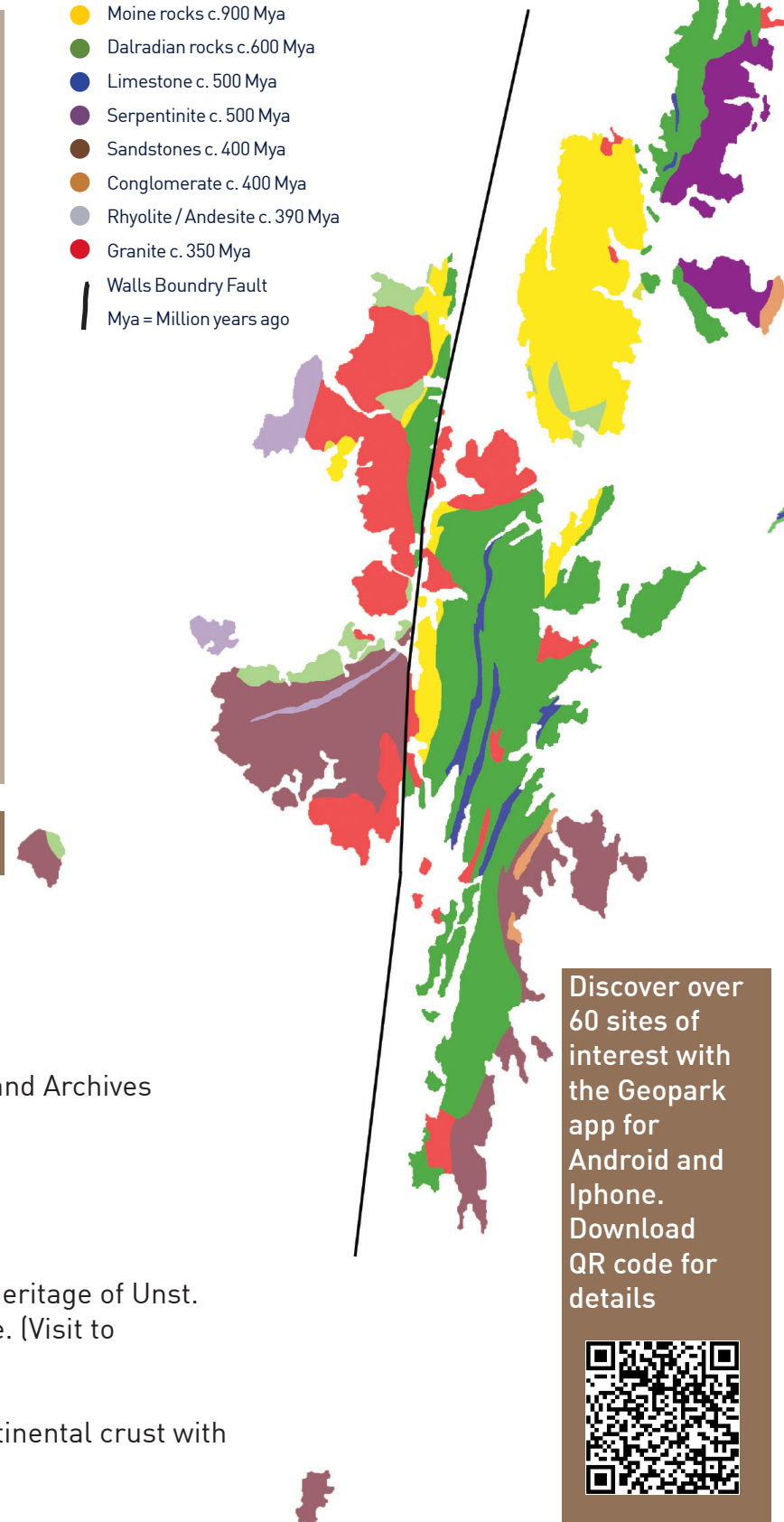
- Adults
- Students
- People with an interest in Earth heritage
- Minimum 2 persons

- Accommodation – dinner / bed breakfast 2 persons
- Car hire
- Inter-island ferry fares
- Lunches (various venues)
- Entrance to museums / heritage centres
- Geological trail pack / smartphone app
- Living History

Equipment:

- Hiking boots
- Waterproofs
- Outdoor clothing for all weathers

- Lewisian gneiss c.2800 Mya
- Moine rocks c.900 Mya
- Dalradian rocks c.600 Mya
- Limestone c.500 Mya
- Serpentinite c.500 Mya
- Sandstones c.400 Mya
- Conglomerate c.400 Mya
- Rhyolite / Andesite c.390 Mya
- Granite c.350 Mya
- Walls Boundry Fault
- Mya = Million years ago



Discover over 60 sites of interest with the Geopark app for Android and Iphone. Download QR code for details



Sample itinerary

Day 1 Lerwick / Unst

- 07.30 - 09.00 Arrive at Northlink Ferry Terminal. Breakfast on ferry
- 09.00 Collect Hire Car from Northlink Ferry Terminal
- 09.00 - 10.00 Shopping free time in Lerwick town centre
- 10.00 - 12.00 Discover Shetland's heritage and culture at Shetland Museum and Archives
- 12.00 - 13.00 Enjoy a lunch of local produce at Hays Dock Café Restaurant
- 13.00 - 13.55 Drive to Yell Ferry at Toft
- 13.55 - 14.15 Ferry to Yell
- 14.15 - 14.45 Drive to Unst Ferry at Gutcher
- 14.45 - 14.55 Unst Ferry
- 14.55 - 17.00 Drive to Unst Heritage Centre. Introduction to the geology and heritage of Unst. Collect Geopark trail pack or download app for Android / iPhone. (Visit to Unst Boathaven optional)
- 17.15 - 18.30 Check into hotel / free time
- 18.30 - 19.30 Visit Norwick Beach geosite - contact between oceanic and continental crust with Geopark trail pack or smartphone app
- 19.30 Dinner at hotel

Day 2 Unst

- 07.00 - 09.00 Breakfast at hotel / free time
- 10.00 - 12.00 Explore Keen of Hamar and Hagdale geosites with Geopark trail pack or smartphone app. Discover Unst's oceanic rocks and mining heritage
- 12.30 - 13.30 Light lunch at local café
- 14.00 - 18.00 Explore Hermaness National Nature Reserve and discover Unst's continental rocks. See puffin and gannet colonies and Britain's most northerly lighthouse.
- 18.30 Dinner and free time at hotel

Day 3 Fetlar / Unst

- 07.00 - 09.00 Breakfast at hotel / free time
- 09.45 - 10.20 Drive to Fetlar Ferry at Belmont
- 10.20 - 10.50 Fetlar ferry
- 11.00 - 12.30 Drive to Fetlar Interpretive Centre. Introduction to the geology and heritage of Fetlar
- 12.30 - 13.00 Light lunch at local café or on the beautiful Tresta Beach
- 13.00 - 15.00 Explore Funzie Beach geosite with Geopark trail pack or smartphone app. See cobbles stretched by incredible forces during a continental collision. Look for Red Necked Phalaropes.
- 15.00 - 15.25 Drive to Unst Ferry at Hamars Ness
- 15.25 - 15.55 Unst Ferry
- 16.00 - 18.30 Free Time
- 18.30 - 20.00 Dinner at hotel
- 20.30 - 22.00 Living History at a reconstructed Viking longhouse

Day 4 Yell / Lerwick

- 07.00 - 09.00 Breakfast at hotel / free time
- 09.15 - 09.45 Drive to Yell Ferry at Belmont
- 09.45 - 10.05 Yell Ferry
- 10.05 - 12.30 Drive to Old Haa Museum. Introduction to Yell heritage and see some of Shetland's oldest rocks
- 12.30 - 13.30 Light lunch at Old Haa Museum
- 13.30 - 13.55 Drive to Toft ferry at Ulsta
- 13.55 - 14.15 Toft ferry
- 14.15 - 15.00 Drive to Lerwick
- 15.00 - 16.00 Free time
- 16.30 Return Car Hire to Northlink Ferry Terminal and depart

