

BISHOP'S AND EARL'S PALACES

In Kirkwall on the A960. Tel: 01856 871918



The Bishop's Palace is a 12th-century hall-house, later much altered, with a round tower built by Bishop Reid in 1541-48. The notorious Patrick Stewart, Earl of Orkney, built the adjacent Earl's Palace between 1600 and 1607.

(STB ★★★★★ Grading).
Open Summer only.
Admission: Adult £2.00 Child 75p
Reduced £1.50

BROCH OF GURNESS

At Aikerness, 14m NW of Kirkwall on the A966.
Tel: 01856 751414.

Surrounded by a warren of Iron Age buildings, this broch probably dates to the 1st century AD. Vikings may have built the long house on top of the ruined broch.

(STB ★★★★★ Grading). Open Summer only
Admission: Adult £2.80 Child £1.00 Reduced £2.00

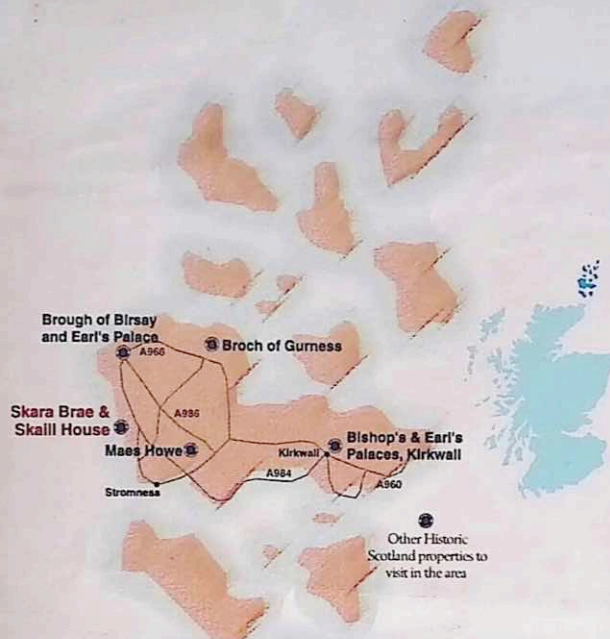


MAES HOWE

9m W of Kirkwall on the A965. Tel: 01856 761606

This world famous tomb was built before 2700 BC. The large mound covers a stone-built passage and a burial chamber with cells in the walls. Runic inscriptions tell of how it was plundered of its treasures by Vikings. Admission, shop and refreshments at nearby Tormiston Mill.

(STB ★★★★★ Grading). Open all year. Closed Sunday mornings in Winter. Admission: Adult £2.80 Child £1.00 Reduced £2.00



SKARA BRAE and SKAILL HOUSE

Skara Brae and Skail House are open daily from 1 April - 30 September from 9.30am - 6.30pm. Joint ticket arrangement applies: Adults £4.50; Reduced £3.30; Children £1.30. Skara Brae ONLY is open from 1 October - 31 March Mon - Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm; Sun 2pm - 4.30pm. Adults £3.50; Reduced £2.60; Children (under 16) £1.20

Skara Brae (STB ★★★★★ Graded) and Skail House (STB ★★★ Graded) are 19m NW of Kirkwall on the B9056. Telephone 01856 841815.

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Admission prices from 8 January - 31 December, 2001.

Joint ticket for all Orkney monuments also available.

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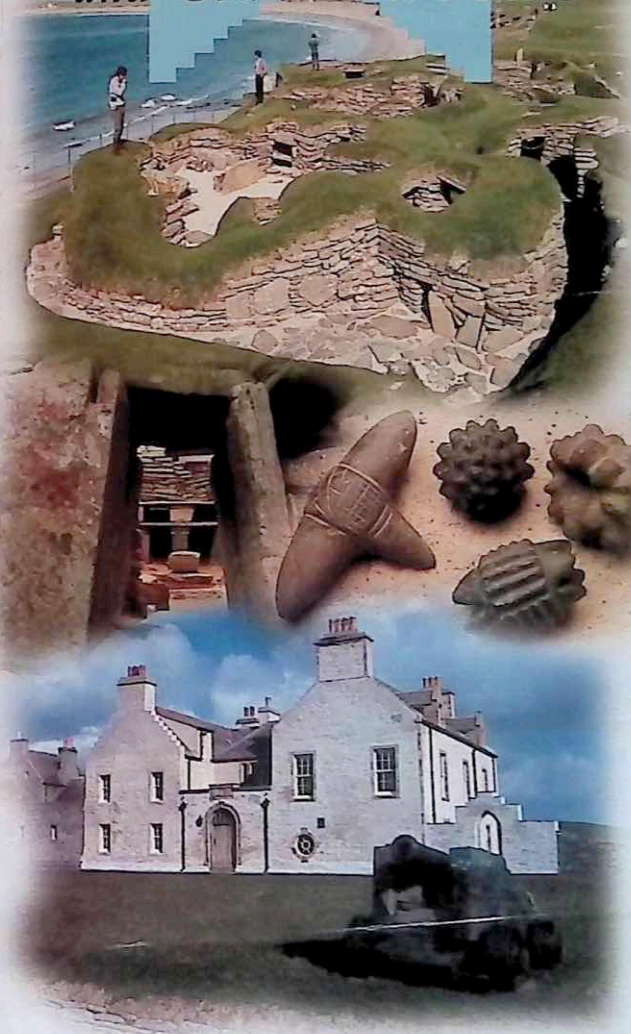
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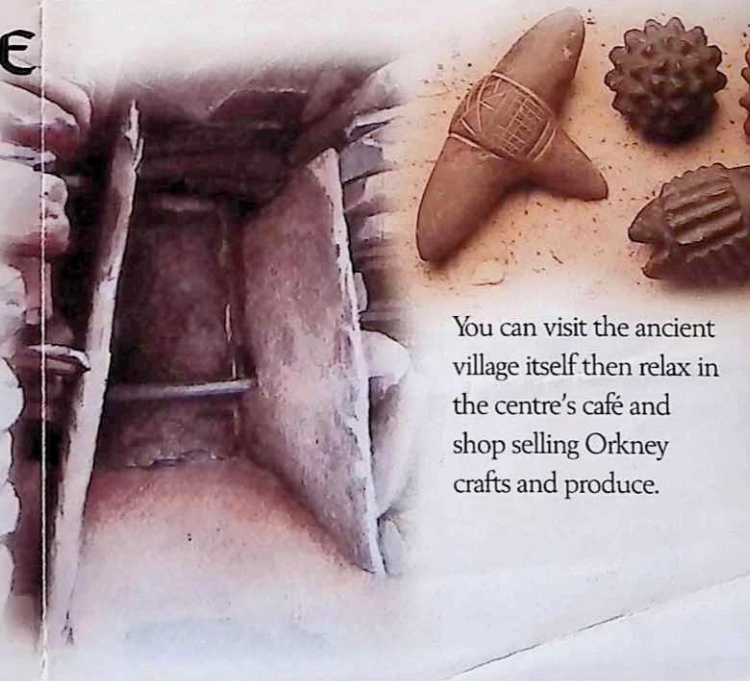
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Who lived here? What did they eat? What did they wear? These are just some of the questions that have fascinated visitors to Skara Brae since it was uncovered by a storm in 1850.

Find out the answers in the visitor centre at Skara Brae. Interactive displays, original artefacts and an audio-visual presentation tell the story of the village and its people. Visitors can also enter a replica house to experience prehistoric life. Skara Brae is part of the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site along with Maes Howe, Ring of Brogar, and the Stones of Stenness.



You can visit the ancient village itself then relax in the centre's café and shop selling Orkney crafts and produce.



SKAILL HOUSE

As part of your Skara Brae experience you can visit the home of William Graham Watt, the 7th Laird of Breckness Estate who discovered Skara Brae in 1850.

This important 17th-century mansion house was originally built for Bishop George Graham in 1620 and has been renovated and opened to the public by the present laird.

Come and see the Bishop's bed, Captain Cook's dinner service from his ship the Resolution, the gun room with sporting and military memorabilia and many other items collected during the lives of the past lairds who have lived at Skail.

Skail House offers a unique insight into Orkney history.

