

HOLY ISLAND



Holy Island or Lindisfarne is known as the “Cradle of Christianity”. It was here that St. Aidan and St. Cuthbert spread the Christian message in the seventh century.

Popular places to visit are the Priory Museum (English Heritage), Lindisfarne Castle (National Trust), and St. Aidans Winery, where a free sample of mead can be enjoyed.

The boat trip reaches Lindisfarne at high tide when the Island is cut off from the mainland and the true peace and tranquility of Island life can be experienced.

Tour 4 HOLY ISLAND (Tides Permitting)

Leaving Seahouses, we sail around the Farne Islands viewing the Grey Seals and many nesting seabirds before sailing further up the coast to Holy Island.

Two hours are spent ashore, allowing ample time to explore this historic Island.

On our return journey we sail along the beautiful coastline, allowing magnificent seaward views of both Bamburgh and Holy Island Castles.

This trip also provides a good opportunity to spot porpoise, an excellent end to an unforgettable trip.

This trip lasts approximately 4 hours.

For further information regarding individual or group bookings, landing permits etc: contact Mr. Billy Shiel (The Farne Islands Boatman)

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FARNE ISLANDS TOURS

Tour 1 INNER FARNE (Bird Sanctuary)

Inner Farne is the most accessible Island of the Farnes.

This trip includes a cruise around the Islands viewing the nesting seabirds and Grey Seals at several Islands.

A landing will be made at Inner Farne where St. Cuthbert spent the final days of his life.

During the breeding season a wide variety of seabirds can be observed.

This trip lasts approximately 2.5 to 3 hours.

Tour 2 STAPLE ISLAND (Bird Sanctuary)

During the nesting season it is possible to make a morning landing on the Island which is noted for its vast seabird colonies.

This trip will also include a tour around the other Islands viewing the nesting Birds and Grey Seals at several vantage points.

This trip lasts approximately 2.5 to 3 hours.

Tour 3 ALL DAY (Two Islands Excursion)

This tour is particularly suitable for the enthusiastic ornithologist and photographer.

Landings on both Inner Farne and Staple Island will allow more time for the expert to observe the wealth of nesting species found on both islands.

It is recommended that you take a packed lunch.

This trip lasts approximately 5.5 to 6 hours.

Tour 4 HOLY ISLAND (Tides Permitting)

See overleaf

Tour 5 SPECIAL CRUISE (No landing)

This trip will cruise around all the Islands including Staple, Inner Farne and Longstone Lighthouse.

A chance to view Grey Seals and many of the nesting seabirds at several Islands.

This trip lasts approximately 1.5 hours.

ALL TRIPS INCLUDE FULL COMMENTARY EN ROUTE

Daily Sailing Times: 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm & 2 pm.

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EXPLORE THE FARNE ISLANDS

Licensed by the National Trust to land on the Bird Sanctuaries

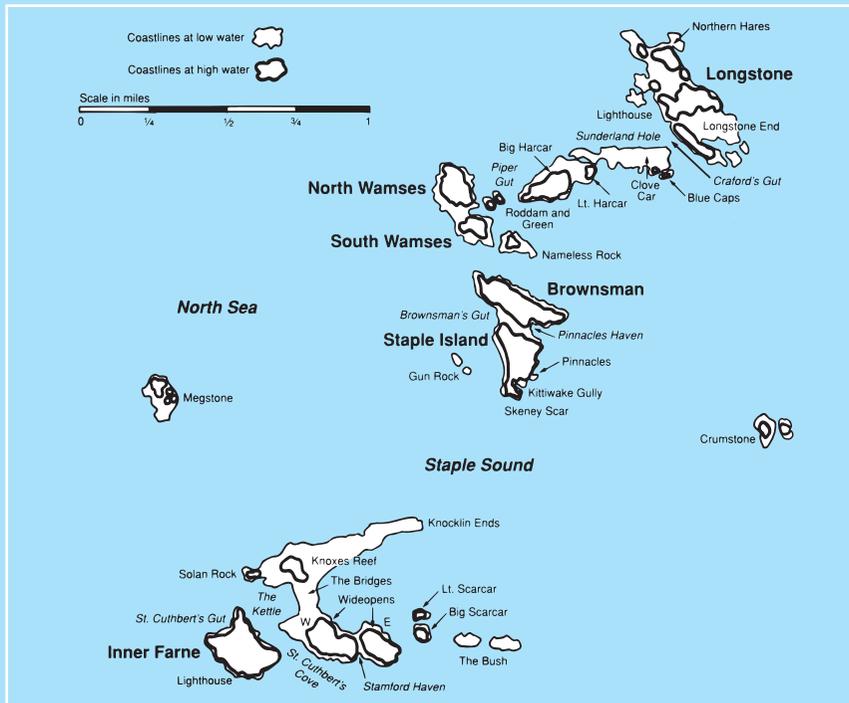
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M.V. GLAD TIDINGS

The Islands' large colony of Atlantic or Grey Seals is renowned on our east coast. Of the estimated three to four thousand seals, large numbers can be counted basking on the Islands at low water. With a thousand seal pups born each Autumn, they show no sign of depletion.



Inner Farne is the largest of the Farne Islands and along with Staple Island, they are major sanctuaries in the UK for breeding sea birds. During the nesting season there are twenty different species of breeding sea birds at the Islands, including Guillemots, Razorbills, Eiderducks, Terns, and a staggering seventy thousand Puffins. We are licensed by the National Trust to run boat tours to these major sanctuaries.



The Farne Islands lie two to three miles off the Northumberland coast midway between the fishing village of Seahouses and the magnificent Castle of Bamburgh.

As well as being the most famous Sea Bird Sanctuary in the British Isles, they also have a large colony of Atlantic or Grey Seals.

The passenger vessels Glad Tidings are licensed by the Marine Safety Agency which requires them to carry all necessary safety equipment.



Longstone Lighthouse stands on the outer group of the Farnes. It was made famous on the 7th September 1838 by Grace Darling when she and her father rescued nine survivors from the Forfarshire, a paddle steam ship which ran aground on Big Harcar in stormy seas. Longstone Lighthouse was manned for 164 years before automation was introduced in 1990.

