

Timetable and fares

Whichever sailing you choose, and many do both, please don't leave your Mousa trip to the last day of your visit as all sailings are weather dependent.

All sailings depart from Sandsayre pier, Sandwick unless otherwise advised. Other sailing times and group booking rates are available on request.

Daytime sailing timetable

Operates daily (except Saturday) from April to mid-September, no booking required. During April and September please check which days the Mousa Boat is operating.

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri	Depart 11:30hrs	Return 14:45hrs
Sun	Depart 13:30hrs	Return 16:30hrs

Daytime sailing fares

Adult	£16.00
Children (5-16 years)	£7.00

Please check your sailing is operating two hours before departure time by visiting www.mousa.co.uk or phoning 07901 872339.

Storm petrel dusk sailing timetable (BOOKING REQUIRED)

Sailings are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Trip duration is approximately 2 hours.

May	27, 29, 31	Departs 22:30hrs
June	3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28	Departs 22:30hrs
Midsummer Special	*17, 20, 24 (June)	Departs 21.00hrs
July	1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15	Departs 22:30hrs

Storm petrel dusk sailing fares

Adult	£25.00	*£35.00 (Midsummer)
Children (5-16 years)	£10.00	

Information

- RSPB Scotland welcomes responsible access to this important Nature Reserve
- Mousa has the largest breeding colony of storm petrels in Europe
- Keep to the designated paths to avoid disturbance and damage to wildlife
- The broch is a twenty minute walk from Mousa pier
- Care should be taken on the paths – they may be slippery or over rough ground
- Appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear should be worn
- Care should be taken within the broch
- A torch may be helpful on dusk trips
- Flash photography is not permitted near storm petrel nest sites
- Please take your rubbish back with you

Travel

By car: Head south 10 miles from leaving Lerwick on the A970, turn left at first Sandwick junction following signs for Mousa. The pier is one mile on the left.

By bus: The Number 6 Service from Lerwick or Sumburgh has suitable connection times with sailings most days - please check with the bus operator for times (Leasks of Lerwick tel 01595 693162). Ask the driver for the nearest drop-off point and allow for the 10 minute walk down to the pier.

For more information on Shetland visit www.shetland.org



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The Mousa Boat

Your ferry to the isle

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Welcome to Mousa

The enchanting Isle of Mousa with its ancient Iron Age broch and incredible wildlife is the perfect place for visitors to experience the essential nature of Shetland.



Situated at 60° north this wild and now uninhabited island has been visited many times over the centuries, in fact the broch even features in a couple of the old Norse Sagas. Mousa today is an RSPB Nature Reserve and is home to

important breeding colonies of seals and seabirds including the extraordinary storm petrel. There are many opportunities for visitors to observe a fascinating range of plant and wildlife, and you may even be fortunate to catch a glimpse of an elusive otter or passing whale!

Storm petrel dusk trips

One of Shetland's most spectacular sights is the return in late evening of hundreds of these small birds after a day feeding out at sea. The northern latitude means it never really gets dark in early summer (the "Simmer Dim") and the birds use this half-light to evade predators on their return to nest in the Mousa Broch and nearby field walls.

We run our very popular and acclaimed guided walks to Mousa Broch at dusk to observe this display from late May to mid-July on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays – please see timetable for dates and sailing times.

See booking details below.



Walk with the warden

Every Monday from 22 May to 7 August join RSPB Scotland for a guided walk to discover Mousa's natural treasures. Adults £5, Children (5-16 years) £2. RSPB and Wildlife Explorer members half price.

Price above does not include ferry fare.

Visit: www.rspb.org.uk/mousa

The Mousa Boat

For many years a Mousa Boat has taken visitors on the 15 minute crossing from Sandsayre at Sandwick in South Shetland to Mousa. Owned and operated by Shetlanders, their knowledge of these waters and Mousa will make your trip a pleasant and informative experience. The latest purpose-built Mousa Boat is a twin engine Class VI vessel fully equipped to MCA safety regulations, which has seating for 60 passengers and is available for private charter and short cruises.



Mousa, a place of time

Stepping ashore on Mousa ("Mossy Island" in Old Norse) you can sense the passage of time all around you with its archaeological sites, desolate ruins and most famously the **Mousa Broch** - the best preserved Iron Age tower in existence from the hundreds built around the northern coasts of Scotland. Even today the visitor can still climb the spiral staircase to marvel at the commanding view and workmanship of this 2000 year-old building. The purpose of these brochs remains a mystery but one thing we do know, Mousa Broch makes a unique nest site for hundreds of storm petrels.

Midsummer on Mousa trip

Midsummer on Mousa is a special time, and for a few evenings only in June (17, 20, 24) we operate a guided island walk together with a storm petrel dusk trip. This gives a unique opportunity to experience in one visit what makes Mousa a special place at this time of year on Shetland. Leaving from Sandsayre pier at 9pm, visitors are in the company of a specialist guide who will add greatly to the pleasure of the visit with their knowledge of the nature and history of this charming isle.

Fares Adult £35.00 Children (5-16 years) £10.00

The Sandsayre Centre

Your journey begins at the historic Sandsayre pier where the old boatshed, complete with a former 'flit' boat, has been developed into a fascinating centre interpreting the life and times of the local area. For those who wish to know more, a visit to the nearby Hoswick Visitor Centre (2 miles) with its eclectic collections and archive will be a rewarding experience – it also has a homely cafe that can provide a 'flask and sandwich' service for Mousa visitors. Please note, the nearest bus stop for the Mousa Boat is about a ten minute walk down to the pier and public toilets are available nearby.

