

Orkney Islands

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About Orkney Islands:

- It is an archipelago consisting of 70 individual islands, of which only 20 are inhabited.
- The Orkney Islands can be found roughly 10 miles off the **north coast of Scotland**.
- The islands have been inhabited since **prehistoric times** and are home to numerous archaeological sites, including Neolithic stone circles, chambered tombs (such as Maeshowe).
- The four monuments that **make up the Heart of Neolithic Orkney** are unquestionably among the most important Neolithic sites in Western Europe.
- These are the Ring of Brodgar, Stones of Stenness, Maeshowe and Skara Brae.
- Heart of Neolithic Orkney is designated as **UNESCO world Heritage site**.

What is archipelago?

- An archipelago is a term used to **describe a group or chain of islands** that are closely scattered in a body of water, such as a sea, ocean, lake, or river.
 - These islands are typically **formed through geological processes** such as volcanic activity, tectonic movements, or the accumulation of sediment.
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Q1) What is the Neolithic period?

The Neolithic period, also known as the New Stone Age, was a significant period in human history characterized by the transition from a nomadic, hunter-gatherer lifestyle to settled farming communities. It is considered a major milestone in the development of human civilization.

Source: [Scotland's iconic Orkney Islands considering quitting Britain to become part of Norway](#)

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