



ROW TO THE NORTH



Row from Lochinver to Shetland

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A journey through Britain's last wild coastlines.

Row to the North is a 152 nautical mile expedition through some of the most spectacular and remote waters around the British Isles.

Beginning in Lochinver on Scotland's north-west coast, the route heads north to Orkney before continuing via Fair Isle to the Shetland Islands.

This is a journey through constantly changing landscapes, cultures and coastlines, from the wild north-west coast of Scotland to Orkney, Fair Isle and the dramatic cliffs of Shetland.

Distance: Approximately 152 Nautical Miles

Start: Lochinver, Scotland

Finish: Lerwick, Shetland



Lochinver to Shetland

The expedition explores Scotland's northern waters, visiting Orkney, Fair Isle and Shetland before concluding in Lerwick.

Route

Leg 1 – Lochinver to Stromness, Orkney

Leg 2 – Stromness to Fair Isle

Leg 3 – Fair Isle to Lerwick, Shetland

Approximate Distance: 152 Nautical Miles

Expedition Finish – Lerwick

Row to the North concludes in Lerwick, capital of the Shetland Islands, after a journey through some of the most remarkable coastal landscapes.

Key Highlights

- Exploring Orkney
- Landing on Fair Isle
- Finishing in Lerwick, Shetland

What to Expect

Row to the North takes place aboard Roxy, Rannoch Adventure's ocean rowing boat.

Expect a combination of day rowing, overnight passages, island visits and life aboard Roxy.

Rowing schedules will vary depending on weather, tides and route requirements.

All itineraries are weather dependent and may be altered if conditions require.

Participants will experience some of the most remote coastlines in the British Isles whilst operating as part of a close-knit expedition team.
The rewards are exceptional. Participants will visit islands and coastlines that very few people ever experience from the water.

Accommodation

Accommodation during the expedition will primarily be aboard Roxy.
Life aboard an ocean rowing boat is part of the adventure. Participants should be prepared for expedition-style living in a close-knit team environment and should expect flexibility as conditions dictate.
Overnight accommodation ashore may occasionally be arranged where operationally appropriate, but should not be assumed as part of the expedition.



Meals

All expedition meals and snacks are provided during the expedition.
Drinking water is available aboard the vessel and participants may bring a limited amount of personal snacks if they wish.
Any meals taken ashore are not included within the expedition price.

Safety & Medical

- Professionally led by experienced Rannoch Adventure staff
- Full onboard safety equipment provided
- First aid kits and general medical supplies carried onboard
- Satellite communications and tracking equipment carried
- No alcohol or smoking permitted onboard

Training & Fitness

The fitter you are, the more you will enjoy your expedition.
Participants should be comfortable spending long periods outdoors and undertaking sustained physical activity.
A combination of endurance and strength-based training is recommended in preparation for the expedition.

No previous ocean rowing experience is required, training will be given, although a positive attitude, resilience and willingness to work as part of a team are essential.



Essential Kit List

- Sleeping bag suitable for use aboard Roxy
- Marine foul weather clothing
- Technical base layers
- Warm mid-layers
- Hat, neck buff and gloves
- White-soled deck shoes
- Personal toiletries
- Waterproof phone case
- Sunglasses and sun protection
- Personal medication

A detailed expedition kit list will be provided upon confirmation of a place.

Contingency Planning

The safety of the crew and vessel will always take priority over the planned route. The expedition has flexible alternatives should weather conditions prevent progress on the intended track.

Similarly, should conditions in the Northern Isles make a crossing from Orkney to Shetland inadvisable, the expedition will remain within Orkney waters and undertake an extended exploration of the archipelago with over seventy islands, dramatic sea cliffs, historic sites and world-class coastal scenery, Orkney provides ample opportunity for an engaging and worthwhile alternative programme. And/or head south down the east coast of Scotland.

These contingency plans ensure that, regardless of weather conditions, participants experience a memorable expedition while maintaining the highest standards of safety and seamanship.

What's Included

- Place aboard Roxy
- Professional expedition leadership
- Expedition food and snacks
- Safety equipment
- Tracking and communications equipment
- First aid and medical supplies

What's Not Included

- Travel to and from the expedition
- Accommodation before and after the expedition
- Personal equipment and clothing
- Personal insurance

Cost of the Expedition

Expedition	Price
Lochinver to Shetland	£1,950

Apply for a Place

