



## Sidepodradio (Part 21) – Rockall

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Hi, I'm Christine, host, editor, author at Sidepodcast.com. Earlier we heard a great show from Nikki and guests called Travels in Sidepodland, which was a quick trip around the world with a guide to some of the cool things to do if you visit. At the last minute, and way after that show was finished, I thought perhaps we here at Sidepodcast Headquarters should tell you about our homeland as well - Rockall.

If you're not aware of Rockall, it's a rock, way up and off the coast of Scotland. I think it's currently claimed by Denmark, Iceland, Ireland and the UK, although many people have tried to say it's part of their country over the years. Clearly they're not aware that Sidepodcast has invaded.

The rock is 25 by 30 metres, which means things can be a bit cramped, but we're in the planning stages of building a hotel on the rock to try and encourage visitors. Tourism could be a huge boost to Sidepodcast's Ted Fighting Fund. We're trying to figure out how to fit the hotel on, and at the moment the best suggestion is from Pat, who said we should dig into the rock itself. We are open to other suggestions as well.

The best time to visit is probably in summer. It's kind of in the middle of the sea, so it gets a bit chilly. Try and pick a day when it's not too windy as well, because there are issues with massive waves crashing over the top of the rock and washing everything away. Not to put you off or anything.

There isn't much in the way of entertainment on the rock, except for the impending hotel, and of course, Sidepodcast. The only local wildlife is some periwinkles, and the occasional seagull pops by for a visit as well. Food is very much of the fish variety, as long as you're good at catching your own. Otherwise, you need to bring some tins and please don't forget a tin opener.

The most underrated touristy thing not to miss must be the top. We're set up on the flat bit, and there's an extra bit that sticks up on top. You have to be a good climber to access it, and you have to be careful about the aforementioned waves, but when you get up there you could proclaim yourself King of the World. Or of Rockall at least. Also, those claims aren't binding in a court of law, and we would fight you for the rock.

The most overrated tourist thing, well, there isn't one, really. It's just a rock in the middle of the sea, and if you're making the effort to come all the way out on a boat, you'll want to see everything. It'll only take you about five minutes, and you can achieve it by opening your eyes.

So, why not come and visit Rockall, home of Sidepodcast Headquarters and an as yet non-existent hotel.