

Voyage of the Vikings: Raiders and Traders

Grab your map and set sail! Join Ellie the elephant on a journey back to the Viking Age.

- The Vikings originated from Scandinavia, which includes the modern-day countries of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.
- They travelled in iconic longships, which were cleverly designed with shallow hulls to sail up rivers and land on beaches.
- In 793 AD, the Vikings famously raided the monastery at Lindisfarne, marking the start of the Viking Age in Britain.
- While famous for raiding, many Vikings were also skilled farmers, traders, and craftspeople who settled permanently in Britain.
- The 'Danelaw' was the name given to the area in Northern and Eastern England where Viking laws and customs were followed.
- King Alfred the Great is famous for defending the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex against Viking invasions.

Did you know? Did you know? Vikings didn't actually wear horned helmets! That is a myth created by costume designers in the 19th century. Real Viking warriors wore simple leather or iron helmets to protect their heads during battle.

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