

Solas, Matheson Road, Stornoway Luxury Self Catering Accommodation Isle of Lewis - Western Isles - Scotland

Solas is a beautiful 1930s House, which is now available for self-catering holiday accommodation.



The house offers a central location which is ideal for sight seeing. It is within walking distance of the ferry terminal and the harbour. Take the opportunity to take one of the stunning walks round the Castle Grounds where you will see over 100 different species of trees, Herons flying overhead (this is the only place where herons nest in trees) and enjoy the river, the moor and the grounds. At any time of the year affording you fresh air and spectacular scenery. Take a picnic and the bikes provided and make it a day worth remembering!

Light the candles, toss the salad and open a bottle of wine and start your holiday off the moment you arrive! There is a good selection of dishes and pans and cookery books for the keen cook!

- Sleeps 6 + cot
- 3 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom with shower
- En-suite
- Cloakroom toilet
- Separate dining room
- Fully equipped kitchen
- External deck area with garden furniture
- Ideal for families
- All bed-linen and towels are provided
- Pets welcome by prior arrangement
- No smoking

Location:

- 5 minutes from the centre of town
- 8 minutes walk from ferry terminal
- 3 miles from Stornoway airport
- surrounded by beaches. Nearest one 3 miles away
- 5 minutes walk from the golf course
- Sports centre with full gym, swimming pool, sauna, etc within 5 minutes walk.
- Large supermarket within 5 minutes walk
- Great base for visiting standing stones, black houses, etc.
- Variety of excellent restaurants within easy walking distance

Learn about the history of the [Isle of Lewis](#) as well as all the islands of the [Outer Hebrides](#) when you visit the Museum Nan Eilean in Stornoway. This museum houses artefacts and exhibits that date back 9000 years. Here you will learn about the traditional way of life on the island and how progress and technology has brought about changes. Stornoway is just one of

the places involved in the manufacture of the famous tweeds of the Hebrides. A visit to the Lewis Loom Centre will give you information about the Harris tweed. You can take a 40 minute guided tour of the facility and see the artisans at work spinning and weaving.

Stornoway is home to the An Lanntair Arts Centre, which is located in the centre of town. Here you can see changing exhibits of artwork by local artists as well as those well known throughout the country. Have a delicious meal, coffee or a glass of wine whilst watching the ferry come in as the sun sets in the evening.

Visit the ruins of St. Columba's Church where you can also see the grave slabs of Robert Macleod, the 7th clan chief of Scotland and his daughter.

This town is not too far away from all the other villages on the island, where there is a wealth of historic sites. In Arnol, you can visit the Arnol Blackhouse Museum, which is really a traditional Scottish Highland home, built in 1855. See the restored earth and thatched cottages at the Black House Village of Carloway and you do have to make a visit to the standing stones of Callanish.

Stornoway is a great place to choose as you base of operations for touring the Isle of Lewis.

Accommodation & Facilities

Master Bedroom

This is a large airy room with a double sized orthopaedic bed. A widescreen TV is provided with digital reception and a DVD player. There is a ceiling fan, hairdryer, vanity unit and ample storage. Internet connection is provided beside the vanity unit.

En-suite

The en-suite is fitted with wash-hand basin and vanity unit. Large bathroom cabinet, bidet and power shower. Bath robes are provided along with ample towels and toiletries.





Living room

The living room is spacious and airy with original wooden flooring and a beautiful living-flame fireplace. There is ample seating and it is classically furnished to a very high standard.

There is a Bang and Olufsen music centre and Tannoy speakers for the music lover. A wide selection of CDs, magazines and books are provided in the bookcase.



Why not relax on the chaise longue and listen to your favourite music or lie back with a good book while your dinner is cooking slowly in the kitchen!

There is no television in this room as it is intended as an oasis of calm for adults to chat or parents to rest and enjoy some time out while their children sleep or watch television next door.



Kitchen and Dining Room

The kitchen has under-floor heating and is very well equipped with gas range with two ovens, grill, warming plate and griddle.

As you would expect there is an automatic washing machine, dishwasher, fridge/freezer and microwave.

All kitchenware is provided and a good selection of cookery books is provided in the bookcase in the family room.



An archway leads you into the dining room which also has under-floor heating and seats 6. It also houses a gas stove for those chilly nights. Pour yourself a glass of wine, light the candles and enjoy a home cooked meal in beautiful surroundings. Or alternatively order in from the local Chinese or Thai restaurants (voted top in Scotland by the Scotsman and only five minutes walk away!).

There are speakers in the ceiling and a CD player and radio is housed in the buffet unit. Alternatively, you may wish to use the docking station which is located in the family room.

Bathroom

Relax in the large cast-iron bath after a hard day cycling/fishing/walking or just relaxing! There is an electric shower above the bath and toiletries and ample soft, fluffy towels are provided



Family room

The family room is cosy and comfortable. It is equipped with Digital TV/DVD, a docking station and a wide selection of books, games and DVDs.

This room has a traditional cast iron gas living flame fire with beautiful pitched pine surround. There are two double leather sofas in this room.

The second double bedroom has two single beds, two chests of drawers and a wardrobe and is situated next to the bathroom.

The third bedroom houses has a double bed and is also situated next to the bathroom.

A travel cot is available on request and if parents' prefer to have their child with them at night, there is ample room in the master bedroom.



External Deck Area

For warmer days there is an external deck area with ample garden furniture and a small chiminea.

We hope we have provided everything to make your holiday enjoyable but if there is anything we have missed please e-mail us at stay@hebrideanholidayhome.co.uk and we will do our best to accommodate any requests. This is not just a holiday home – it is a real home-from-home!

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£120 – 250 per night

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External Links:

Travel & sightseeing info for your Hebridean visit can be downloaded from The Internet Guide to Scotland's pages on [Harris](#) and [Lewis](#).

Travel information

How to reach Lewis:

[Caledonian Macbrayne](#) has 2 car ferry services which both operate daily except Sundays:

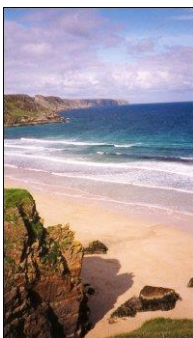
- Ullapool - Stornoway (sailing time: 2 hours 30 minutes)
- Uig (Isle of Skye) - Tarbert (Isle of Harris) which 37 miles / 1 hour by car from Stornoway.

There are also lots of options to fly into [Stornoway Airport](#) (just three miles from the house) from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness (with connections from London). Contact [Loganair/British Airways](#), [bmi \(british midland\)](#) or [Highland Airways](#). Car hire is available on the island.

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There are many places of interest both historical, scenic and cultural. The standing stones at Callanish and the Broch at Carloway are part of the island's ancient past.



Matheson Road is a tremendous base from which to explore this beautiful island, where landscapes range from miles of moorland to sheer cliff faces. Lewis has mile after mile of empty golden beaches, two of which are only 100 yards from your own back door. The island is rich in wildlife, if you are lucky enough you will hear and maybe even see the Corncrake.

The number of activities that this beautiful island lends itself to are too numerous to list, however I will endeavour to paint a small picture of what is available; canoeing, climbing, cycling, diving, fishing, golf, horse riding, karting, kayaking, kiting, sailing, wildlife and windsurfing.

Lews Castle in Stornoway (within walking distance from the house) is set amid extensive grounds and gardens, with fabulous displays of Rhododendrons when in bloom. The river Creed runs through the Castle Grounds, making it one of the finest walks. Call in at the Woodlands Centre for a tasty lunch and further information. You can also experience the hustle and bustle of fish landings at the local market at the harbour. There are a variety of places to eat out in Stornoway and around the island - including a unique cliff-top French restaurant!



The Gaelic language is very much alive on Lewis. The black houses at Arnol and Gearrannan will show you how life used to be lived in days gone by. There are also numerous historical and heritage exhibitions in villages around the island, not to mention a pottery, photography gallery, artist studios, craft shops and weavers of Harris Tweed. You may also be able to see replicas of the famous Lewis chessmen (Viking pieces discovered hidden on Lewis in 1831).

