

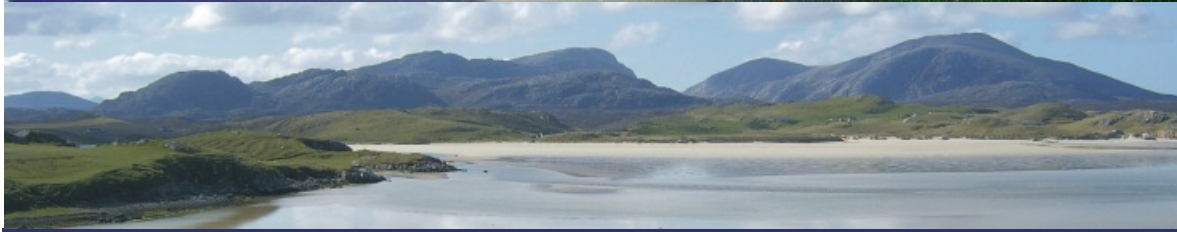
Explore The Outer Hebrides

Guide with Maps

Isles of Lewis, Harris, Uists, Benbecula & Barra

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Welcome to the Outer Hebrides

The Outer Hebrides or Western Isles, as they are alternatively known, are situated on the extreme North West of Scotland. The Hebrides are known as the "long island" as they stretch for over a 100 miles. The islands are steeped in history and culture, ranging back thousands of years.

Places to Visit
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 Eating Out

The Isle of Lewis, the most northerly island in the Outer Hebrides (Map page 2)

Gerrannan Blackhouse Village

Sited in an environment of outstanding natural beauty at Carloway on the Atlantic coast of the Isle of Lewis, this unique group of restored thatched cottages should be included in the itinerary of all visitors to the island. Step back in time, learn about and experience the way of life in a typical crofting township of the last century. See



traditional activities, including the weaving of the famous Harris Tweed. Buy some mementoes of your visit in the village shop and relax in the cafeteria where you can enjoy the best of home-made fare. Open from 9.30am to 5.30pm throughout the summer season, but feel free to visit at any time. Admission charges and further information. Tel: 01851 643416 info@gerrannan.com

Callanish Standing Stones One of the most significant and important megalithic complexes in Europe. The most impressive set of stones is called Callanish 1 and the circle can be seen clearly from the main road (A858). It consists of rows of large pieces of Lewisian gneiss arranged in a cross shape. At the centre of the cross is a monolith and a small chambered cairn. Visitor Centre. Carloway Broch is located above Loch an Duin on a rocky



knoll in a good defensive position. A Broch is an Iron Age structure designed to impress and defend, and were probably the homes of tribal leaders and important members of the community. They are built with two concentric walls of stone, with a stairway or gallery within the walls to the upper floors. The Broch at Carloway is one of the best preserved in the Hebrides and dates back over 2000 years.

Seatrek is based in one of the most beautiful locations in Britain - Uig on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland - and offers wildlife-watching boat trips. Our excursions provide an opportunity to see seals, basking sharks, dolphins, many species of birds and occasionally the rare sun fish, as well as remote island beaches. You may prefer a special charter or a



customized package to suit your exact needs. We also have Adventure Days including a boat trip, lunch & sea-kayaking all in spectacular surroundings. Introduced in 2008, our new cabin cruiser Lochlann can take you to a number of beautiful islands, including St. Kilda, where you will see gannets, fulmars, puffins and skuas, and the Flannans, with its fulmars, storm petrels, kittiwakes and puffins. Tel: 01851 672469 www.seatrek.co.uk



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Blue Pig Studio. Carloway. This is a unique and exciting venue in which to buy affordable, contemporary artworks alongside unusual gifts and craft supplies. All the artworks are originals by Jane Harlington, ranging from realistic landscape through to more cubist inspired pieces based on memory and experience. Art Courses are available and bespoke courses can be arranged to explore personal potential. No previous experience necessary and a warm welcome awaits. Location: on the road down to Gerrannan Blackhouse Village. Studio open all year but not Sundays. Tel: 01851643225 www.janeharlington.co.uk



Doune Braes Hotel Restaurant Serving local fayre in our restaurant, Hebridean lamb and shellfish amongst our selection of dishes, all freshly cooked daily. Light meals during the day with bar meals and dinner served till late. Tea and coffee is served along with tempting home baking. A warm welcome awaits you. Tel: 01851 643252 www.doune-braes.co.uk



The Loch Erisort Inn is situated midway between Stornoway and Tarbert, about 1.5 miles along the B8060 from Balallan. Home cooked meals using as much local produce as possible are available all day in the restaurant. There is also a well stocked and lively public bar. The Inn is open 7 days a week, and food is available from 11am except Sundays which is from 12.30pm Tel: 01851 830473 www.locherisortinn.com



Gallan Head Restaurant and Hotel, Aird Uig On the edge of the Isle of Lewis on a remote clifftop lies Gallan Head...the most north westerly restaurant in the British Isles. Explore Uig and dine on some of the island's finest ingredients. An amazing experience for which romantics and gourmets trek to dine! **BOOKING ADVISABLE.** Tel: 01851 672474 www.gallanheadhotel.co.uk



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