



Braw Holidays



WELCOME TO
ACHNADRISH

**Welcome
Pack**

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Welcome to Achnadrish! We hope you have a great stay and that this pack will help you with info you may need. Please note that due to Covid 19 some of the recommended eateries and tours may not be running.

Directions and Key Info

Achnadrish House, Dervaig Road, Isle of Mull, Argyll, Scotland PA75 6QF is situated in the North West of the Isle of Mull, 5 miles from Tobermory and 2 miles from the village of Dervaig, 40 minutes from the ferry terminal at Craignure. We are ideally situated to enjoy the many pristine white beaches North Mull has to offer (Calgary Bay is just 15 minutes away), and the many tracks around Loch Torr, Loch Frisa and Glengorm offer excellent walking, cycling and wildlife watching. Please note you must book your ferry well in advance if coming from Oban.

Please don't use the post code if you are using Sat Nav to get here as our post code spans a 4 mile radius and you won't find us. All directions below.

If coming from the North or the East, you can take the Lochaline-Fishnish ferry, timetable here <https://www.calmac.co.uk/lochaline-fishnish-mull-ferry-summer-timetable> no booking required. Take a right up towards Tobermory and take the Dervaig road left over the bridge at the roundabout. We are 5 miles along this road on a hairpin bend, red post box. Or if you wish to take the Glen road, head right onto the road to Salen, one mile after Salen there is an estuary and a road signposted to Dervaig on the left just before the bridge. Follow this road till you reach Dervaig, go right past the Bellachroy pub and follow the road for 2 miles, we are on the right on the hairpin bend.

If coming from the South take the big ferry from Oban-Craignure, timetable here <https://www.calmac.co.uk/oban-craignure-mull-ferry-summer-timetable>, booking required. As you come off the ferry go right to Tobermory,

when you get to the roundabout go straight over the bridge and veer left onto the Dervaig road, we are 5 miles along this road on a hairpin bend, red post box. Or if you wish to take the Glen road, head right out of Craignure to Salen, one mile after Salen there is an estuary and a road signposted to Dervaig on the left just before the bridge. Follow this road till you reach Dervaig, go right past the Bellachroy pub and follow the road for 2 miles, we are on the right on the hairpin bend. Enjoy the drive, it is stunning scenery and please remember the majority of our roads are single track with passing places so please **allow overtaking** by pulling in to the left into one of the passing places to allow those behind to overtake.

Key Information

The Cabin will be ready for you from 3pm on your arrival day. Once you arrive at Achnadrish, the Cabin is straight ahead of you to the left of the main house. Feel free to park around by the entrance to the Cabin. The door will be open and the key in the door. The heating will be on, please adjust the radiators to suit you.

The WIFI network is Plusnet 87 and the password is fd3ba6d64e

Electricity is included in the price as are linen and bath towels. Basic sundries are supplied such as bin bags, washing up liquid, soaps, tea, coffee and sugar, toilet rolls and cleaning supplies. On your departure please ensure the house is left clean and tidy as you found it and take the sheets off the beds, an extra cleaning charge will be incurred if not. Your departure time is 10am unless otherwise arranged. Please knock on the door of the main house if you need to use our landline. I will pop over to introduce myself and check everything is OK for you. Our number is 01688400388 and my mobile is 07909680284.

House Manual

Welcome to the Cabin at Achnadrish! We hope you have a wonderful stay and that you have everything you need. Please let us know if we can help you with anything.

Here is some info for you:

- The heating is on 24 hours, please adjust the individual radiators to suit you.
- Please park round by your entrance door or close to the Cabin.
- The WIFI network is Plusnet 87 and the password is fd3ba6d64e
- The mobile reception here is quite poor although improving! You can get a few bars around our front door. If you wish to use our landline please knock on the door.
- Your departure time is 10am unless otherwise arranged. We can do a later checkout if no one is arriving on the day of your departure.
- On departure please leave the Cabin door unlocked and leave the key on the kitchen table. Please leave the Cabin clean and tidy as you found it, with sheets off. Please put your recycling in the recycling bins (Blue, mixed – tins, plastics, paper and card, Grey - glass), and your landfill waste in the green bins.

Important Numbers

In an **emergency** of any sort phone **999** – the emergency services work just as well on Mull as they do on the mainland.

[Tobermory Doctors Surgery](#) - Rockfield Road, Tobermory, PA75 6PN

Telephone:01688 302013

NHS 24 – 111

Vet – Dervaig Road, by the Island Biscuit factory- PA75 6PY 01688 302789

Police – 01688302085

Dentist – 01688302105

Achnadrish landline – 01688400388

Eugenie Mobile - 07909680285 Tomo Mobile – 07900607451

Fire Safety

Please heed sensible fire safety recommendations:

- Turn off appliances when not using them
- Shut doors at night
- No smoking inside
- Don't leave lit candles unattended
- There is a fire extinguisher and fire blanket in the kitchen
- There are smoke and carbon monoxide alarms situated around the property.
- In case of fire please alert us as soon as possible.

Local Produce

Whilst in Mull you can enjoy some wonderful local produce and I hope to give you a concise guide to what is available. Please google the different producers for more information. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and is just a selection of our personal favourites.

A good place to start is the [Mull and Iona Food Trail](#) which gives you an informative tour around all the islands eateries and producers.

In terms of our local food we'll start with closest first! All directions are if you are heading from Achnadrish.

Dougie's Premier Stores in Dervaig stocks many local producers foods: Fiona Boa's (our neighbouring farm) bacon, sausages and pork, Island Pork, Tobermory Fish Company smoked trout and salmon, Island bakery biscuits and Isle of Mull cheese and shortbread.

The [Bellachroy Inn](#) in Dervaig is our closest pub, a 2 mile walk over the hill if you want to leave the car at home and they serve delicious food and a range of beers.

[Am Birlinn Restaurant](#) – on the road to Calgary about 4 miles from Achnadrish is an amazing dining experience with a high standard and lots of local produce on the menu.

[Calgary Tea room and Arts in Nature](#) - perfect for lunch or a cup of tea and a cake after a walk on the beach.

Heading towards Tobermory, It's hard to drive past [Island biscuits](#) without picking up some treats from the honesty shop, I recommend the lemon melts!

The Glass Barn at Sgriob-ruadh Farm (take a left just before you get to Tobermory, after the campsite) is a wonderful space and has a great day menu with a focus on their own farm produce, the famous [Isle of Mull](#)

[Cheese](#) and their delicious pork which you can also buy in their farm shop.

Tobermory has a multitude of excellent restaurants and shops. Probably the best shop for local produce is [Tobermory Fish Co](#) in Baliscate (100 metres south of the roundabout in a small retail area). Sally sells her wonderful smoked fish as well as local seafood, some fresh, some frozen. Tobermory Stores also stocks a wide range of local produce and some home cooked produce and

takeaway soup, rolls and pizzas.

[Isle of Mull Ice cream](#) on the main street of Tobermory is a must have! Made from milk produced locally at Sgriob-ruadh farm, Kyle has some wonderfully inventive ice cream recipes.

[Tobermory Bakery](#) on the main street has delicious bread, very generously sized cakes and pastries and a wonderful menu of local produce. They also sell fresh meat and a lot of other goodies and will deliver to Achnadrish

The restaurants in Tobermory all make use of the great supply of local meats and seafood we have here and are all good, but if you can get a table and you love seafood, [Café Fish](#) is the place to go! With a very varied seafood menu as well as some meat and vegetarian dishes, it is award winning, extremely popular and has a lovely relaxed atmosphere.

Macgochans in Tobermory is a family favourite, great food, a super outdoor eating area and lots of tables.

[Glengorm Gardens](#) is well worth a visit, Sarah has transformed the walled garden into a hive of produce and does vegetable boxes in season.

[Glengorm Coffee Shop](#) is a great cafe with delicious food and a great stop off for a rest if you are walking in the area. It is possible to walk there off road from Achnadrish and is approx 4-5 miles each way.

Another great resource for seeking out local produce are the Producers Markets. The [Open air producers market](#) and the [Dervaig Village hall](#) both have markets although we're not sure when they'll restart this season yet.

You can buy Mussels fresh from [Inverlussa Farm](#), on the road to Pennygael, just beyond Lochdon, they have an honesty box from Easter to October but due to its popularity it does sometimes run out!

Other shops further afield are the [Old Post office](#) at Loch Buie, Flora runs a wonderful shop and tea room selling all manner of goodies and also sells delicious ready meals for your freezer for those evenings when you can't be bothered to cook or go out!

We are lucky enough to have our own slaughter house on Mull, just South of Salen you can buy all sorts of meat from different producers, mostly frozen. If you're heading down to Iona or to some of the wonderful beaches in the Ross of Mull then you must stop off to sample some food from the Creel, a small shack by the pier selling the most delicious seafood.

[The Hen House](#) is a sweet little shop and cafe on the Western Coast of Mull on the road to Ulva Ferry. Well worth a stop off. We're not sure on reopening yet for this season.

The [Boat house](#) on Ulva is highly recommended, delicious fresh produce and there are some wonderful walks on Ulva.

The Pandemic has meant that many food businesses have adapted and are now offering delivery. These include: Tobermory Bakery, Tobermory Stores,

Tobermory Wine and Spirit Club. These small businesses have struggled during the pandemic and it would be great if you could support them.

We have a wonderful new online shop selling arts and crafts made by local producers, <https://www.themullandionashop.co.uk/> where you can pick up some beautiful things and support our local artists and makers.

If you drive on from Calgary around the point there is a fantastic new gallery displaying the works of local artists and run by ceramicist Charlotte Mellis. It's called the [Tin Shed Gallery](#) and is well worth a visit.

Some good general resources about the island are:

<https://visitmullandiona.co.uk/>

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/isle-mull/>

<https://www.tobermory.co.uk/>

<https://www.isle-of-mull.net/mull-information/about-us/explore-mull/>

A great place to keep abreast of events is our [Facebook page](#), and also the Facebook pages of the different producers.

THINGS TO DO

Due to Covid 19, we'll no longer be providing an extensive information folder and leaflets in our properties.

We provide our own recommendations for things to do below.

WALKS NEARBY

We are lucky enough to be close to some amazing beaches: Calgary Beach (7 miles by car), Langamull (6 miles by car plus 30 mins walk), and Croig/Port na Ba (5 miles plus 20 mins walk). If white sand and crystal clear waters are your thing then these beaches will bring you much happiness.

Walks from Achnadrish:

There is a track along the East side of the house which leads out into the wilds of North Mull past the old ruined village of Torrassa (up to the right when you reach a reedy area). The track offers wonderful views and a sense of wild isolation and eventually you will reach the forestry plantation which is approx 3kms away from the house. You can walk in the forest although the track is boggy, or for the intrepid you can go off track and follow the edge of Loch Frisa. See if you can find a pretty little bay with an island (go right when you reach the edge of Loch Frisa once in the forest), or the old boathouse (go left when you reach the edge of Loch Frisa once in the forest). If you can make it through the forest you'll reach Tenga and you can then walk around the East side of Loch Frisa and back to Achnadrish which is approx 14 miles.



Track leading to Tenga from Achnadrish

Loch Torr - Head onto the road down the hill to the [Loch Torr hide](#), you can hang out in there for a while and watch the wildlife on the loch or you can walk around the miles of forestry tracks in this area. You can walk to Glengorm from here, or you can do a loop around through Glengorm farm land which meets the road at the end of the Loch Frisa track and take the road back to Achnadrish. You can also walk to Quinish, Mingaray and Dervaig.



Walks around Loch Torr from Achnadrish

For a list of other Forestry walks in the area please [download this map](#)
 For a list of other wonderful walks in North Mull and beyond please go [HERE](#)
[Walk Highlands](#) is another great resource for walks.

We are lucky enough to have our own Munro on Mull, so if you are Munro bagging or you just love a stunning mountain view then Ben More at Loch na Keal is your go to mountain! It takes approx 5-6 hours and walk details are [here](#)

Other amazing walk recommendations include walking at Loch na Keal which is great for otter watching, Mackinnons Cave, walks on the island of Ulva and a visit to the Eas Fors waterfalls on the road to Ulva ferry is one of our favourites, as is a walk at 'Black Beach' or Traigh na Cille. Whilst round there pop in and see Lucy Mackenzie's amazing garden [Lip na Cloiche](#) which features regularly in magazines.

A trip down to the Ross of Mull (approx 90 mins drive) is also highly recommended, [Ardanalish](#), Scoor, Uisken, Fidden and [Knockvollogan](#) all have absolutely stunning beaches. The world renowned island of Iona is also a must see with its incredible history and stunning beaches. Come back via the 'scenic route' with stunning views over Loch na Keal.

RECOMMENDED TRIPS

Sea Trips

[Sealife Surveys](#) - Based in Tobermory they run a variety of trips and have a wonderful sense for finding the cetaceans, some of whom they have known for many years!

[Turus Mara](#) - Trips run from Ulva Ferry and they visit the island of Lunga to see the puffins, and land on Staffa weather permitting to see the amazing rock formations.

[Mull Charters](#) - Running from Ulva ferry Mull charters offer sea angling trips and specialise in Sea eagle watching.

Land Based Tours

[Nature Scotland](#) - offer wildlife trips around the island. Ewan has an incredible knowledge and sensitivity to wild life and we highly recommend going on one of his trips.

[Mull Magic](#) -Ruth offers amazing walking tours in various locations around the island.

No trip to Mull is complete without a trip to [Mull Eagle Watch](#) to see the sea eagles. Book through the Visit Scotland Craignure on 01680812556

Changes due to Covid 19

Due to Covid 19 there are a few changes we need to make to our procedures to ensure your safety, our safety and the safety of our vulnerable island community. Please rest assured that the Good to Go Scheme we are part of is a guarantee that we have completed risk assessments and are following all the protocols as recommended by the Scottish Government and we request that our guests also follow the guidelines to ensure a happy and healthy stay.

- From May 17th we'll go back to providing all **bed linen**, towels, bath mats and Tea Towels. Pillow and mattress protectors will be washed frequently and all bedding will be sprayed lightly with a viruscidal spray between guests. We'd very much appreciate it if guests could bag up their bed linen prior to departure.
- Please bring as much **food** as you can. Social distancing rules have meant that our small food shops are only able to take a few people in the shops at any one time which has led to queueing and we don't want to put any extra pressure on the shops. Obviously if you need something urgently then you should visit the shops but for essentials only where possible. Please come to us first for anything you need. We have

a well-stocked pantry and freezer. Hopefully in time the social distancing measures will be reduced which will make shopping easier. The Pandemic has meant that many food businesses have adapted and are now offering delivery. These include: [Tobermory Bakery](#), [Tobermory Stores](#), [Tobermory Wine and Spirit Club](#)

- Please wear **masks** in the shops.
- Please clean the property with the provided **cleaning** materials on your departure so we can safely then go in and do a proper clean. Please bin all your rubbish in the provided bins outside.
- When we clean the property, we will do a thorough clean, followed by disinfecting all surfaces, floors, and common touch points such as door handles etc with a virucidal solution.
- We have removed some cushions, ornaments, and information leaflets (all the info you will need about the island can be found at www.visitmullandiona.co.uk) from the property for ease of cleaning so it may look a bit spartan but it will be clean!
- Please observe the current government advice re **social distancing**. There are lots of wonderful wild spaces you can spend your time in on Mull, social distancing at its best!
- Please carry **hand sanitizer** and use it frequently.
- Please avoid taking unnecessary risks that may require emergency services should something go wrong.
- Please note we are offering 100% **refunds** on bookings that have to be cancelled due to Covid 19.
- Please cancel your trip should you or any of your group be showing any symptoms of Covid 19. We are happy to refund your money rather than risk anyone bringing the virus to the island. We only have 3 beds in our hospital here which are usually occupied at the best of times. The nearest hospitals with ventilation facilities is Glasgow.
- Please inform us immediately if you or any of your party show symptoms of Covid 19 whilst you are here.
- Please be aware the Oban-Craignure ferry may be under a great deal of pressure due to social distancing rules laid out by the government for public transport and as such you should book your ferry as soon as possible. The Lochaline-Fishnish ferry is your best bet if you are coming from the North or the East as you are able to stay in your car on this ferry and booking is not required.

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Disclaimer:

In spite of our best efforts and adherence to Association of Scottish Self Caterers cleaning protocols and following of the Scottish Governments guidelines we cannot be held liable should any of our guests contract Covid 19 whilst staying in our property.

We have implemented the afore mentioned preventive measures aimed to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 among our guests, ourselves, those who work with us, other visitors to the island and the island population as a whole. However, we do not guarantee or warrant against the risk of infection.

None of the information provided herein is intended as medical advice. This Notice and Disclaimer is intended as a warning to our guests of the risk of contracting COVID-19, a disclaimer of our liability, and an explanation of some of the things we're doing to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19, as well as some of the things we believe our guests can do to help.