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THE OUTER HEBRIDES
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Welcome to the edge of the world. Just getting to the Outer Hebrides is an adventure. This idyllic island chain sits in the wild blue Atlantic Ocean 30 miles off the west coast of Scotland. Here you can wander along pristine beaches and remote mountain paths in one of Britain’s last remaining wildernesses. Among the breathtaking scenery and amazing wildlife, you’ll find friendly towns and villages with a rich and vibrant culture.

This is a land steeped in ancient history, where you can get close to 4,000-year-old standing stones and visit abandoned islands. Listen to the calls of thousands of visiting birds, smell the peat smoke in a traditional blackhouse and taste the rare flavours of an island whisky. Come and see why Scotland’s Highlands & Islands were named a top region in Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2019.

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Lewis
Lewis is the northern section of the single island known as Lewis and Harris – the largest island in Scotland. Here you can travel over atmospheric moorland dotted with sparkling freshwater lochans, to an epic coastline of steep cliffs and spellbinding beaches. Visit the magnificent Calanais Standing Stones and explore Stornoway, the island’s charming main settlement and the largest town in the Outer Hebrides.

Harris
North Harris is a crumpled land of imposing hills and peaks, formed from some of the oldest rocks on the planet – 3 billion years old and counting. On the West coast, you can paddle on some of the most spectacular beaches of Britain – they really do rival those of the Caribbean and Thailand. Look out for seals at Loch Flodabay or tee up for golf at Scarista on the edge of the Atlantic.

St Kilda
The majestic islands of St Kilda are one of the most special places on the planet. You will be awed by the highest sea cliffs in the UK (1,410ft) and deafened by the cacophony of seabirds. The islands lie 40 miles out in the Atlantic west of North Uist and life here was tough – the inhabitants abandoned their homes forever in 1930.

North Uist
Peace is here in abundance amid the island’s long stretches of sand, peat bogs and countless small fresh lochs. Visit the RSPB Balranald Nature Reserve to search for the elusive corncrake and see the island’s most notable historical sites including the 18ft high chambered cairn, Barpa Langass.

Benbecula
This flat island has beautiful west coast beaches backed by lush machair, the low-lying fertile plain typical of the Outer Hebrides. Visit the 14th century castle ruin at Borve and the Heritage Centre in Castlebay.

South Uist
Enjoy more than 20 miles of brilliant white sand beaches, play Askinish’s ‘lost golf course’ created by ‘Old’ Tom Morris or visit the vast Loch Druidibeg Nature Reserve, which supports a large colony of greylag geese and hundreds of different plant species.

Barra
You won’t visit a more dramatically sited stronghold than medieval Kisimul Castle in Castlebay. Its mighty walls rise sheer from a rocky islet in the bay. Enjoy the remarkable scenery of one of the beaches such as Tangasdale, or cycle or walk around this small but beautiful island.

Stornoway Harbour, Isle of Lewis

THE OUTER HEBRIDES AT A GLANCE
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Which island will you visit first? There are 15 inhabited islands, all with their own unique character, and hundreds of uninhabited isles and skerries. Each is a treasure trove of adventure and discovery. You could step back in time at one of Barra’s 83 archaeological sites, explore the mountain peaks of Harris or go birdwatching on North Uist.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Surf, snorkel or explore the coast around Barra from a kayak and you might see seals, dolphins and basking sharks. Contact Barra Surf and Coastal Adventures.
- Learn how traditional peat-smoked salmon is prepared before sampling it yourself at Hebridean Smokehouse on North Uist.
- Sample the sugar-kelp infused Isle of Harris Gin, produced from the island’s first legal distillery.
- Dress like a native in the world-famous Harris Tweed and Knitwear.

DON’T MISS...

- Tasting the exquisite local shellfish throughout the Outer Hebrides such as lobsters, scallops, crabs, mussels and oysters.
- Savouring a dram of single malt whisky from the Abhainn Dearg Distillery in Uig, the most westerly distillery in Scotland – and the oldest (legal!) whisky distillery in the Outer Hebrides.
- Museum nan Eilean at Lews Castle offers an interactive explanation of the history and culture of the Outer Hebrides alongside a stunning exhibition of unique objects dating from prehistory to the present day, including six of the original Lewis Chessmen pieces, the single greatest archaeological find in Scotland.
- A walk along a secluded white sandy beach on the Isle of Berneray, where the only noise is the sound of the waves and the birds overhead.
The whole of Lewis is one giant treasure trove, so rich is the island with archaeological gems left behind by its ancient inhabitants. When you reach out to touch the Calanais Standing Stones your fingers are pressing on a monument that was built before the Pyramids of Giza. Find out just how our ambitious ancestors erected the stones and how they used them in the visitor centre.

You’ll notice there are very few trees on Lewis and Harris – so the inhabitants burn peat for fuel, rather than firewood. You can see – and smell! – exactly what this was like at a traditional Hebridean blackhouse at Arnol.

Our ancestors first roamed over the beautiful Outer Hebrides 9,000 years ago. It wasn’t long before they were making their mark on the landscape, and when you come here you’ll feel history is a living, breathing part of life. You can see it in the historical attractions and prehistoric relics, and hear it in the language and stories of the people.

Museum nan Eilean is an exciting museum and public archive in the leafy grounds of Lews Castle, Stornoway. Six of the iconic Lewis Chessmen, uncovered in Uig on the west coast of Lewis in the 19th century, have been returned to the island and the new museum on permanent display.

Take the journey of a lifetime and sail to the astonishing archipelago of St Kilda, one of the most remote parts of the British Isles. Learn about the hardy people who once lived in the village, now abandoned and part of a dual UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Learn about the culture, history and language of Barra at the island’s heritage centre. Find out about the islanders’ changing lifestyles, from maritime and crofting to home life and leisure.

Walk in the footsteps of a prince on a visit to the Isle of Eriskay. During the time of the Jacobite Risings, Bonnie Prince Charlie landed on this small island from France and later hid in the Outer Hebrides to avoid capture by government troops following defeat at Culloden.

What better place to learn about your Hebridean roots and Scottish clan culture than the Outer Hebrides themselves? Head to the Seallam! Visitor Centre in Northton on Harris and tap into their extensive archives.

The Lewis Chessmen, Museum nan Eilean at Lews Castle, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- It’s a short but spectacular boat trip to Kisimul Castle, Barra, perched on a rocky island in Castlebay.
- Step back in time at Bosta Iron Age House, Bosta, Great Bernera, Isle of Lewis. This reconstructed dwelling was inspired by the remains of real Iron Age houses exposed after a storm.
- Get a glimpse of island life in a restored traditional crofting township at Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, Lewis.

**DON’T MISS...**

- It’s hard to imagine a more beautiful setting for a stone circle than that of Pobull Fhinn, on North Uist.
- Pay your respects to Alasdair Crotach, chief of Clan MacLeod at his magnificent medieval tomb in St Clement’s Church on Harris.
- Why is the Clanranald Stone so mysterious? Come to the Kildonan Museum on South Uist and find out.
- A trip to the most southerly island of Vatersay with a walk to the disused village of Eorasdail which was established by fishermen from Mingulay, and was abandoned in the early 1970’s.
From the cliffs at the Butt of Lewis you can admire the acrobatics of fulmars, kittiwakes and shags as they drop from their perches on the hunt for a meal. Ever seen a basking shark break the surface of the sea? It’s quite an experience. Take a boat trip and you might also see bottlenose dolphins, grey seals and even orcas and humpback whales.

The isles of North Rona and Sula Sgeir are so remote (they lie 44 miles north of Lewis) that they make a rare prize for island-baggers. They are uninhabited by humans, but attract tens of thousands of breeding seabirds including guillemots, gannets and storm petrels. The Monach Isles, west of North Uist, have been protected as another NNR. They play host to hundreds of barnacle geese and one of the largest breeding colonies of Atlantic grey seals in the world.

For staggering seabird spectacles, it’s hard to beat St Kilda. Here you can see what one million seabirds look like, including one of the world’s largest gannet colonies and the UK’s largest puffin colony. This is otter madness. Here in the Outer Hebrides we have more otters per square mile than anywhere else in north west Europe. Watch out for the playful creatures hunting along rocky shorelines.

Luskentyre Sands in the west of Harris is regularly voted one of Britain’s best beaches for good reason – it is absolutely gorgeous. The sands are white gold, the sea is turquoise shelving to deep blue, and behind it all lie the rugged mountains of the north.

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EXPLORE MORE

- Birder? Head to RSPB Balranald Nature Reserve, North Uist to see lapwings, corncrakes, merlins and hen harriers.
- We have our very own eagle observatory and Bird of Prey Trail on Harris, where you stand a good chance of spotting golden and white-tailed eagles.
- Meet the population of hardy Eriskay ponies, a rare breed which originated on the island. The ponies can also be found on South Uist.

DON’T MISS...

- Seals coming ashore to pup in the autumn months at Flodabay, Isle of Harris.
- Hundreds of greylag geese on the Monach Isles or around Loch Druidibeg on South Uist.
- Once you’ve heard the distinctive call of the elusive corncrake, you’ll always remember it.

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Once you’ve admired our beautiful birds and animals, you should also check out the amazing range of flora, some of which is very rare. You can see a thousand types of wild flower in the Outer Hebrides, and at the height of summer the machair is transformed into a colourful carpet of orchids, yellow irises and poppies.

Seeing red deer, one of the most iconic animals, can be a common experience on the isles of Harris and Lewis and on one the wildlife tours on offer here, you may strike lucky and spot the shy otters that live and feed in the sea lochs and waters.

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You wake. You step out of your door and breathe the pure Hebridean morning air. Wherever you are in these islands, a wild natural playground is right on your doorstep. Today you can find thrilling adventure, pure peace and a little bit of everything in between. Walking, cycling, kayaking, surfing or playing golf in stunning surroundings – what will you do first?

Venture on The Hebridean Way, on foot or by bike, through some of the most spectacular landscapes in the UK. This 156-mile walking route and 185-mile cycle network takes in the surrounding rugged hills, wildlife, and heritage of the Outer Hebrides.

Rough or smooth? For kite surfing, power kiting and windsurfing you can choose how thrilling you want it, from the wide open beaches of Uig to the sheltered waters around Vatersay.

Surfers descend on Lewis like bees round a honeypot. Pop your board in the car and head to Dalmore, Dalbeg or Mangersta beach for some of the most consistent surf in Europe thanks to year-round swells.

Clear waters with reefs, pinnacles, wrecks and fantastic marine life – sound like a fun dive?

For a relaxing ramble, walk the Cladh Hallan Roundhouses circular, near Daliburgh on South Uist. For more of a walk on the wild side try the Lewis West Side coastal walk or the Clisham Horseshoe on Harris.

Anglers – there are 2,000 lochs on Lewis and most of them are brimming with fish. And our coastline has many rocky promontories and shelving beaches if you like sea-angling. Try Amhuinsuidhe Castle Estate on Harris, who specialise in sailing tours, guided canoe trips and other wild ventures.

Go snorkelling and free-diving amongst help forests and wrecks with Benbecula Freedive in Balinvanich.

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Always wanted to surf? Learn on the stunning sandy beaches of the Isle of Barra with Barra Surf and Coastal Adventures.

Golf doesn’t get more scenic – and affordable – than here. The Isle of Harris Golf Club, Benbecula Golf Club and Askernish Golf Club , Isle of South Uist - are all true gems.

Saddle up and cycle along the whole island chain on the Hebridean Way, which stretches from Barra to the Butt of Lewis. Or why not take it easy and explore the quiet roads for the day?

Have I been teleported to Thailand? No, this really is Scotland. Here you can explore hundreds of stunning white sand beaches that are often completely deserted. While away the hours relaxing on Garry on Lewis or Tangasdale on Barra and enjoy the gorgeous scenery these island paradises offer.
Gaelic is the original language of the Outer Hebrides and its many speakers have a rich singing tradition. Hear Gaelic songs and foot-stomping music at some of the great live music festivals, such as the Hebridean Celtic Music Festival (or HebCelt for short), the Eilean Dorcha Festival in Benbecula or the Fèisean, local annual festivals celebrating traditional music and culture.

Bring your sketch pad and camera – the natural beauty of the Outer Hebrides will fire your artistic imagination. Or see how the pros do it at the many studios and galleries on these islands.

Choose a unique ceramic work from Uist Craft Producers, or pick up some handmade knitwear from Harris Tweed and Knitwear. Nowhere else on earth makes true Harris Tweed, a luxury cloth handwoven by islanders using local wool.

The Eriskay Jersey is one of the rarest pieces of craftwork in Scotland. Traditionally, these intricately patterned seamless jerseys were made by island women for their fisherman husbands.

When you live in a place this beautiful, creativity flows easily. You’ll find the people of the Outer Hebrides express their passion for life in music, painting, crafts, fabrics, drama, photography, poetry and myriad other ways.

Many local residents speak Scottish Gaelic, a Celtic language native to Scotland. If you hear them talking, why not have fun and join in with a few everyday phrases?

Madainn mhath – Pronounced: madeeng vah – good morning
Fàilte – Pronounced: falcha – welcome
Ciamar a tha thu? – Pronounced: keemar a ha oo? – how are you?
Cò as a tha thu? – Pronounced: co ass a ha oo? – where are you from?
Tapadh leat – Pronounced: tap-ah lat – thank you
Uisge-beatha – Pronounced: uska ber – whisky
Slàinte mhath! – Pronounced: slancha va – Cheers!/Good health!
Mar sin leat! – Pronounced: mar shin let-h – goodbye

More information can be found at www.visitscotland.com/gaelic

DON’T MISS...
• Cinema in spectacular surroundings – the Hebrides International Film Festival in September.
• Hear the fascinating Story of Harris Tweed at the new Harris Tweed Brand Room in Stornoway Town Hall – Sgeulachd a’ Chlò Mhòir.
Taste the beauty – the fresh produce and home-cooked flavours of these glorious islands are simply unbeatable. From smoked salmon and fresh shellfish to succulent beef, lamb and much more – you are officially in foodie heaven!

One taste and you’ll see why Stornoway celebrated kippers have been popular for over 150 years. While there you can also savour famous Stornoway black pudding. Buy it from the butcher or try it in local cafés and restaurants. You can feast on exquisite local shellfish such as lobster, scallops, crabs, mussels and oysters throughout the Outer Hebrides.

What is it that makes traditional Hebridean peat-smoked salmon so special? Visit the Hebridean Smokehouse on North Uist or the Harris & Lewis Smokehouse in Stornoway, and find out for yourself.

Discover the distinct flavour of Hebridean mutton, which comes from hill sheep that have grazed on heather. Ease your cares away with a bottle of craft beer from the brand new Loomshed Brewery on Harris or some tasty gin from North Uist at the new North Uist Distillery.

Savour a dram of single malt whisky from the Abhainn Dearg Distillery in Uig, the most westerly distillery in Scotland, some Barra Atlantic Gin from the Isle of Barra Distillery or Downpour – the brand new gin from the Isle of North Uist.

So fresh it was swimming this morning – that’s how good the local seafood at the Anchorage on the Isle of Harris is.

Sweet tooth? Then you’ll love the luxury Scottish tablet made by Hebridean Toffee on the Isle of Barra.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Isle of Harris Distillery, the first on the island, is known as ‘The Social Distillery’. www.visitscotland.com/tasteourbest

FOODIE TREATS

- Taste freshly-caught scallops with a squeeze of lemon – unforgettable!
- At the Stornoway Farmers’ Market every Friday you can sample locally grown fresh produce from around Lewis.
- It’s hard to beat local salmon pâté on homemade oatcakes. See what we mean at the Kildonan Centre on the Isle of South Uist.

DON’T MISS...

- The fresh local salmon at Digby Chick restaurant in Stornoway.
- Wonderful flavours at Charles Bistro in Benbecula with fresh ingredients from Salar Smokehouse.
- Incredible views and delicious food at Uig Sands Restaurant on Lewis.
- Delicious seafood and a mouthwatering view at the popular Polochar Inn, South Uist.
- The catch of the day – watch the boats come home to Kallin harbour at Grimsay, North Uist.
Explore the variety of brilliant adventures that await you in the Outer Hebrides! And what better way to celebrate the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 than with an exciting programme of events that showcases all the great wonders that the islands has to offer?

It’s the captivating views, the endless beaches, ancient history, wonderful wildlife and finest fresh food that truly make a visit to the Outer Hebrides extraordinary. The islands boast a hugely diverse coastal scenery, ranging from dramatic cliffs and sea stacks to gleaming white beaches, and a rich offering of inland waters, rivers, loch and waterfalls.

**Outdoors adventures**
Get out here! Explore the wild landscapes and rugged coastlines of the Outer Hebrides on a walking or cycling adventure, exploring one of Scotland’s newest long-distance trails – the Hebridean Way.

Swim and go snorkelling in a secluded bay, or fish in one of the 2,000 lochs dotted around the islands. Or take to the turquoise waters for a spot of kayaking and you could find yourself sharing the waves with some playful seals. On the Isle of Uist, you can enjoy guided walks by the coast or horse riding on the beach, or for the more adventurous, rock climbing and coasteering right on the seacllifs.

**Island hopping**
Grab your bucket and spade and explore the Outer Hebrides’ dramatic coastline, islands and seaside spots. West Beach on Berneray is a stunning part of the region, and with white sands and clear blue waters, it can pass as a tropical paradise on a good day. Take a boat trip to the renowned World Heritage archipelago of St Kilda, only 40 miles westwards. The islands seem lost in another age on the very edge of Europe, with a fascinating deserted village and large colonies of seabirds. Sail to one of the many remote uninhabited islands of the Outer Hebrides, full of dramatic mystery and beauty, from Taransay, which was featured in the reality TV show Castaway to the Shiants, which inspired Adam Nicolson to write the amazing book Sea Room.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Take a boat trip to the Isle of Mingulay and witness 100s of seals and thousands of puffins.

**From sea to plate**
The islands are bursting with distinctive local flavours. As you’d expect, we have an abundance of delicious seafood, straight from the harbours of Stornoway (Lewis), Kallin (North Uist) and Castlebay (Barra), and available in our many excellent eateries. Tuck into sublime salmon, monkfish, hand-dived scallops and langoustines from our pristine waters. Look out for the Isle of Harris Distillery in Tarbert. Although their single malt, the Hearach, isn’t available yet, you can try their distinctive Isle of Harris Gin and take a tour of the distillery. Don’t miss the brand new Loomshed Brewery on Harris, or the North Uist Distillery.

The delectable local produce – scallops, lobster, crabs, lamb, beef and the delicious Stornoway black pudding, along with many other maritime stories of these isles.

Don’t miss a packed programme of events happening across the Outer Hebrides and the rest of the country. For more information visit www.visitscotland.com/ycw2020

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Ancestral
Are you descended from a MacNeil or MacLeod? Then your ancestors could have come from the Outer Hebrides. Many other clans originated here, too, so visit Cò Leis Thu? in the Seallam! Visitor Centre on Harris, and see what their genealogical resources have to say about your family history.

Arts and culture
Gaelic is a musical language as well as a spoken one, and it has one of the richest singing traditions in Europe. You can hear Gaelic singing and foot-stomping traditional music at one of the Outer Hebrides’ arts venues such as An Lanntair on Lewis or Taigh Chearsabhagh on North Uist.

In August, do not miss Steòrnabhagh air a’Chuain Festival (Stornoway on the Hebrides. Head to South Uist in July for its games to see Highland dancing, piping, caber tossing and much more.

The Hebridean Celtic Festival has quietly turned into one of the most special festivals in the country. Pop along to Lewis in July and soak up the magical atmosphere for yourself.

Head to Benbecula for the annual summer event, Eilean Dorchu Festival, for great bands, stunning scenery, and brilliant headline acts.

In September you can catch some culture at the Harris Arts Festival. You could take a workshop on basket making or peg loom weaving, shop for local textiles, and enjoy drama by touring theatre companies and live music.

If you’re a bookworm you’ll love the annual Hebridean Book Festival, the Faclan. Readers and world-class authors come together in an inspiring Hebridean setting for readings, screenings, performances and discussions.

Food & drink
Look in our natural larder and you’ll see smoked salmon, fresh shellfish and succulent beef and lamb on the shelves amongst many other foodie goodies. Go to the agricultural shows at Carloway or North Uist in August to try out some Hebridean produce for yourself.

Outdoor
Ready for the high-life? The Isle of Harris Mountain Festival is a week-long celebration of the mountains. You’ll find everything from guided walks around some truly magnificent scenery to guest speakers, outdoor sports sessions, powerboat tours and much more.

Run a half marathon in surroundings so beautiful that they’ll take your mind off the challenge. There are popular summer events on the islands of Lewis, Harris, Benbecula and Barra, with 10k, 5k and fun runs for younger or beginner runners.

In July, enjoy the Isle of Harris Festival of the Sea – Feis Mara Na Hearadh – with exciting watersport activities, including sea kayaking, rowing, sailing and singing.
With your own transport, you can explore the islands in your own time. Several of the main islands are linked by causeways, while Caledonian MacBrayne runs a comprehensive inter-island ferry service.

By road/bus
Many island roads are single track, but you’ll find they are in good condition. Just ensure you make use of the passing places to allow other vehicles to pass. At the start of a journey, make sure you fill up as petrol stations are well spread out. You can get good rental deals from local car hire companies.

You can island-hop without leaving your car thanks to bridges to Scalpay and causeways all the way through the islands from Berneray to Eriskay. There are ferry terminals at Stornoway and Leverburgh, and car ferries on the routes between Harris and the Uists, and from the mainland to Barra, Stornoway, Tarbert, Lochmaddy and Lochboisdale.

For further details about driving safely in Scotland, visit www.visitscotland.com/about/practical-information/driving-in-scotland/

You can hop on several bus services throughout Lewis and Harris, most running from Monday to Saturday. Services on the Uists, Benbecula and Eriskay focus on the main spinal route from Berneray to Balivanich through to Eriskay. While less frequent, there are three bus routes on Barra.

For more bus information visit www.cne-siar.gov.uk/popular-tasks/bus-services/

By ferry
Caledonian MacBrayne runs inter-island services with well-equipped car and passenger ferries throughout the islands. You can make large savings with Caledonian MacBrayne’s special flexible ferry tickets. The Hopscotch® tickets are valid for one month and let you pick your own adventure by choosing from a selection of pre-planned routes.

Visit www.calmac.co.uk or call 0800 066 5000.

By air
There are flights to the Outer Hebrides from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness with Loganair. Ever landed at an airport that uses a beach for a runway? Probably not, because Barra has the only such airport in the world. Fly in here for a truly unique travel experience.

For details of inter-island Loganair flights, visit www.loganair.co.uk or call 0344 800 2855.
PRACTICAL INFORMATION
FIOSRACHADH FEUMAIL
The listings within this guide have been split into the following sections:
• Places to visit
• Leisure activities
• Shopping
• Food & drink
• Tours

Businesses within these sections are listed in alphabetical order by business location then by business name. Each entry has a map reference (see example) rating to the map which appears at the back of this guide. Most entries have a postcode which can be used to pin point locations but it is always wise to check the actual location before making your journey.

SAMPLE ENTRY
Location
‘By’ designates that a property is within 10 miles of this location. Mileage in brackets after the location indicates the distance from the named location.

Name of business

Contact details

Business description

Quality award

Where a Quality Assurance award has been included on an entry, the business has been graded by VisitScotland and provides assurances on quality and standards. Further information on page 23 of this guide. Quality Assurance awards are correct as at January 2020.

Pricing
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Booking
Accepting a booking by telephone or in writing means you have entered into a legally binding contract with the proprietor of the establishment. If you cancel or fail to turn up, for whatever reason, the proprietor has the right to ask you for compensation. You should always check the cancellation terms in advance and, if you must cancel a booking, advise the business immediately. Online bookings are also subject to terms and conditions, please check directly with the proprietor of the business.

Insurance and cancellations
Should you have to cancel for whatever reason, it is reassuring to know that you can be insured against any compensation claim. It is advisable to take out cancellation insurance prior to your trip.

Accessibility
Whether you want a cosmopolitan city break or a relaxing holiday in the countryside, you’ll find a great range of accessible accommodation, attractions, things to see and do, and transport. You can stay in a bustling city centre, with great access-friendly attractions right on your doorstep, or out in the countryside, where you can enjoy accessible walks or trips to the beach. For more information go to www.visitscotland.com/holidays-breaks/accessible. Also go to www.euanseguide.com for information on businesses throughout Scotland with good access reviews from disabled people, their family and friends.

Businesses with the logo (below) on their www.visitscotland.com entries have their own Accessibility Guide which will include information on their facilities such as onsite restaurants, free WiFi, hearing loop, level access and accessible parking or drop off points. It is always advisable to check the businesses own website for this information, which will be highlighted by this symbol (△).

Accessible and Assistance dogs*
These symbols are contained in some entries in this guide denotes establishments have some access, and guide dogs are made welcome but please do check with the business before booking or visiting.

Wild camping
Wild camping is legal in Scotland but there are guidelines that all campers should follow. Please camp responsibly, in particular avoid overcrowding by moving on to another location if it’s already a busy spot. Wherever possible, use a stove rather than an open fire. Never light an open fire during dry periods or in sensitive places like forests or peaty ground. Take away your rubbish and consider picking up other litter as well. If in doubt, ask the landowner. Their advice just might help you find a better camping spot.

For further information see the Scottish Access Code: www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/practical-guide-all/camping

Take extra care and follow any local advice when parking cars or campervans. Please note, responsible access rights within the Scottish Outdoor Access Code do not extend to motorised transport. If you are planning to travel in a motorhome or campervan check with the landowner before you stop or book a pitch in a nearby camping park. Across the length and breadth of Scotland there are some really fantastic camping parks in stunning locations, from beachside crofts to wooded areas lined with ancient pines. By pitching up at a proper campsite, you’ll help ensure our natural environments and their often fragile ecosystems remain intact.

Smoking
Scotland’s indoor public places, including pubs, restaurants and cafes are smoke-free by law, creating a healthier and fresher environment for residents and visitors to our beautiful country.

Drinking and driving
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F5

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