



WELCOME

*Get to know your
house and host*

THE CROFT @ 42 BACK
ISLE OF LEWIS HS2 0LH



MEET YOUR HOST

Shona Maclellan welcomes you to her newly refurnished family croft at 42A Back. She was brought up at 42B Back, opposite, but spent much of her childhood with her Aunt and Uncles in this traditional croft house and surrounding area helping to look after chickens, sheep and cattle. Her mother Bellann, still stays in 42B and is on call 24/7 to assist when needed in Shona's absence. Shona lives in a new house 1/2 a mile away built on another part of family croft, so only 5 mins away. Shona works in local Secondary School looking after children with special needs and lives with her husband Crawford, an Army Officer and her 2 sons Cameron and Robert and 3 dogs Sox, Toffee and Ted.

ABOUT THE HOUSE



The croft house is a traditional poured concrete "white house" design built in 1948. Shona's grandparents lived in a Hebridean "Black House" where her own home is now located and was constructed of local stone and thatched roof with a central fire burning peat cut from the surrounding peat bogs. These thatched houses were known as black houses due to continuous peat smoke and new houses started to be built at the turn of the last century incorporating chimneys, thus no smoke and referenced as white houses. Several examples of maintained Black House are now visitors centre in Lewis with Arnol and Gearannan Blackhouse Village the best examples. The house was completely refurbished in 2022 after the property was passed onto to Shona by her late Aunt.



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NETWORK BT-SJC2SM

PASSWORD 7MpnqUdkh3NLVT



CHECK IN CHECK OUT

CHECK IN TIME: 15:00 TO 23:59

Check in to the Croft @ 42 is 15:00 however dependant on how you travel to the Island; Air and Ferry routes are varied , earlier or late check in is available on request

CHECK OUT TIME: 10:00 AM

Property to be vacated by 10:00 on day of departure with visit from host or representative to check property and ascertain if any changes or additions are suggested to the property facilities. Late check out available only when no other guests arriving on the same day

HOUSE RULES

01

NO PETS

As a newly refurbished and fully fitted out property, Shona wishes the property to remain in a pristine condition for all future guests to enjoy

02

NO SMOKING

In keeping with Scottish laws which first implemented smoking bans indoors, guests are respectively requested to not smoke indoors. Evidence of smoking indoors will result in deposit being retained due to costs in removing smoke residue.

03

PARTIES

Please enjoy your stay and party as a group however please treat property with respect and do not hold large scale parties unless prearranged with Shona for special occasions and family gatherings etc..

04

REPORT ANY DAMAGES

Please report all damages at the time if substantial or on departure check if minor breakages. Depending on damages deposit maybe retained..



WASHING MACHINE

As with all fixtures and fitting washing machine is new and full instructions are enclosed in welcome folder. Washing tablets provided under sink

DISHWASHER

As with washing machine a new dishwasher is provided with full guides in welcome folder. Dishwasher tablets supplied under kitchen sink.

TELEVISION

The smart HDTV has access to multiple media channels and platforms including Netflix. TV Service is provided by BT Box via BT broadband. Use TV remote to switch on then BT remote for channels

HAIRDRYERS

Two hairdryers are provided in property, one in main bedroom upstairs in and one downstairs. Both in bedside cabinets.



APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

STOVE

The coal and wood burner stove will be set for your arrival. Instructions are in welcome folder. Kindling, Firelighters, Coal and wood provided in storage box at back door

GETTING AROUND



TAXI & AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Taxis are readily available in Stornoway taxi ranks however any picks ups or drop offs at airport or ferry require pre booking. 247 on 01851 702424 or STS on 704444

BUS SCHEDULE

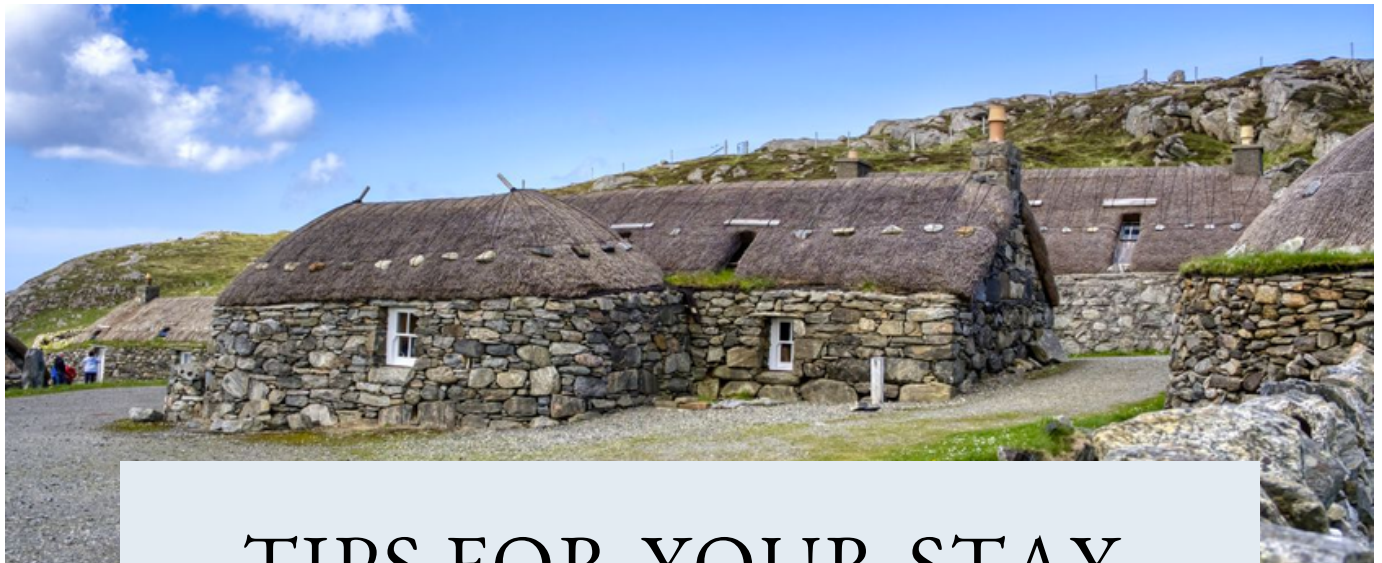
Local bus services serve majority of Island from main Bus Station in Stornoway. Nearest Bus stop is 400m west(turn right at access-gate)

WALKING

Walk to the beach or explore the peat banks are easily accessible from the Croft. The fenced croft provides a direct 20 min route to Gress Beach via gate at rear of barn. Route cards available on request.

PARKING

Parking at front of property at drive entrance or right to back door. 2-3 cars space available.



TIPS FOR YOUR STAY

01

Explore Lewis :visit tourist info Office in Stornoway if stuck for ideas. Callanish Stones; Gearannan and Arnol Blackhouses, Fort or Broch at Dun Carloway for starters (page 11)

02

Explore Harris: great roads take you to a different Island. Only a small river separates the Island of Lewis and Harris . That said the landscapes are very different Lewis flat moorlands are replaced by rocky outcrops and stunning beaches.

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Explore further afield: Boat trips from Uig in Lewis and Leverburgh in Harris reach out into the Atlantic to visit St Kilda. 3-4 hours each way but worth the time spent watching dolphins and possibly orca chasing the boat

04

Lastly explore Museums: Stornoway Museum colocated in the Castle provides a great insight to the rich history of the Island and do early rather than later

BEST RESTAURANTS IN STORNOWAY

THE BOATSHED

From fish and chips to fine cuisine throughly recommended. Relaxed and warm atmosphere Tel 01851 70 2109 to book

HS1 CAFE BAR

For a more cafe type experience go next door to enjoy Local cuisine, Bar, Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options .Same number to book



THE CROWN INN

Could be said to Scottish Pub grub. Visitors often visit twice as food is so good and plentiful. Tel 01851 703734

THE COUNTY HOTEL

Scottish Indian menu and another of the hosts favourites. Tel 01851 703250

PLACES TO SEE



GEARNNAN BLACK HOUSE VILLAGE

Gearannan Blackhouse Village is the best-preserved example of a traditional thatched blackhouses village in Scotland. Near Carloway on West Coast

CALLANISH STANDING STONES

For a slice of ancient Scottish history, nowhere else comes close to the stone circle at Callanish. 5000 years old and unlike Stonehenge you can walk through and touch the giant slabs of Lewisian gneiss

ARNOL BLACK HOUSE

Not a village like Gearannan which is more a rebuild while Arnol is an older and original blackhouse with a white house colocated.

LUSKINTYRE BEACH-HARRIS

This is one of the most magical beaches in the world all you need to leave are footprints and take special memories home. A must even in poor weather.



BEFORE YOU GO

- ☒ CLOSE OFF STOVE VENTS IF ON
- ☒ CHECK CUPBOARDS AND FRIDGE FOR FOOD
- ☒ CHECK WASHING MACHINE FOR CLOTHES
- ☒ TURN OUT ALL THE LIGHTS
- ☒ LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS
- ☒ RETURN KEYS TO SHONA OR BELLANN

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STAYING WITH US.
COMING BACK SOON!



"Was the perfect choice for our family getaway. We were truly impressed with the enchanting decor and generously stocked room that opens to include you in the farm's daily routine."



The host gave us much very useful information before we checked in and maintained good communication with us. The instruction covers every single detail. It was definitely a great experience!

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