

# A Holiday in the Hebrides

A traditional  
croft house for  
holiday letting  
on the  
**ISLE OF EIGG**  
Small Isles  
Scotland

Lettings are available all the year  
around, starting at 4.00 pm on  
Saturday until 10.00am on the  
Saturday you leave to coincide with  
the Cal. Mac. summer timetable.  
Please remember you will need to  
leave by 10.00 am, so we can prepare  
the house for the next visitors. If  
your visit falls outside the main  
holiday season, do plan your visit  
carefully to fit in with the winter  
ferry timetable.

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It is best to telephone your booking  
first. We will hold it for you for a week  
or so, while you send us the booking  
form and deposit. The final payment is  
due two weeks before your visit.  
Please make a note of how much the  
second payment will be and when it is  
due, because we try to avoid sending  
reminders.

*Eigg is a very  
special place and we  
know you will enjoy  
your stay.*



## The Isle of Eigg

Eigg, Muck, Rum and Canna form a group of inner Hebridean islands known as the Small Isles. The Isle of Eigg is about 6 miles by 4 miles and is well known for the variety of scenery, the stunning views of the Isle of Rum (front cover) and the Singing Sands (top right). The highest point of the island is An Sgurr (bottom right) which rises to 1,200 feet. A walk up to the top of the Sgurr on a clear day is rewarded by magnificent views of the west coast of the Scottish mainland from Ardnamurchan Point right round to the Cuillins of Skye, and out to Barra and the Outer Hebrides.



# ISLE OF EIGG

You can walk freely in shady bluebell woods and on open heather covered hills with the remains of round stone sheiling huts and clearance settlements all clearly visible in a largely unspoiled historic landscape. Ancient Celtic stone crosses, a holy spring and a ruined medieval church are among the other reminders of Eigg's rich past. There is a fine coastline of sandy beaches, rock pools, dramatic cliffs, and interesting geology to explore. Wildlife is plentiful, with eagles, buzzards, hen harriers, seals and otters as well as a rich variety of wild flowers.



## The Community

There is a shop, post office, craft shop and tea room at the pier. There are no car ferries to the island, so the place is extremely quiet. About 80 people live on the island, and visitors will find the Eigg community is particularly friendly and helpful.

They made history in 1997 by raising the money to buy their island for a community trust. The new pier centre with shop and tearoom was the Trust's first achievement. Since then, they have installed an island electricity grid powered mainly from sustainable sources (wind, water and solar).



## The Top House

The Top House is an old croft house in the Cleadale crofting area on the north side of the island. It dates from the 1820s and is traditionally built in stone with very thick walls, clad inside with wooden panelling. In 2009 a new porch was built to provide a hall, shower room with W.C. and a washing machine.

The accommodation consists of kitchen/dining room (12' x 12') with a sea view, a fridge, double-drainer sink, fitted cupboards, gas cooker and multi-fuel stove with back boiler, over which is a drying rack for wet clothes.



The sitting room (12' x 12') with sea view, contains two comfortable sofas and chairs as well as a chest of drawers containing games for wet days, and there are plenty of books including many of local interest on the book shelves. Behind the sitting room is a bedroom with a double bed (8'6" x 7'6").

Upstairs are the two main bedrooms both with sea views, one (12' x 10'6") with a double bed, and one (12' x 12'6") with three single beds, and a bathroom with W.C. The house can sleep up to seven. All beds have duvets and pillows, but please your own bring pillow cases, sheets/covers and towels.

The house is heated by the multi-fuel stove in the kitchen, which provides plenty of hot water, and a second multi-fuel stove in the sitting room. In the sitting room there is a payphone which is set at BT recommended rates (Tel. 01687 482425) and a broad band connection (please bring your own computer and connecting wire). We try to keep the house fully equipped, but if something is missing or broken, then please let us or our caretaker know so that we can ensure it is replaced.



## Ferries

There are regular foot passenger services on the "Lochnevis" from Mallaig (Caledonian MacBrayne Tel. 01687 462403), and on the "Shearwater" from Arisaig which sails regularly in the holiday season (Arisaig Marine Tel. 01687 450224). There are plenty of car parking spaces at Mallaig around the harbour and at Arisaig. Dolphins, porpoises and Minkie whales can often be seen in the waters between the mainland and the islands. A taxi service is available to meet boats at the pier by arrangement. Bicycles can also be hired at the pier.

