

The Braes

Portree, Isle of Skye



Self Catering Holidays on the Isle of Skye

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Comfortable & homely accommodation for up to 4 people within a few minutes' walking distance of Portree town centre

“The Braes” is situated about 5 minutes’ walk from the town centre of Portree, and is therefore conveniently located for all the amenities in the town.

The property is a 2-bedroomed upper-floor flat in a quiet residential area and provides comfortable and cosy accommodation for up to 4 people.

The accommodation comprises an open-plan sitting room with dining area. The sitting room is comfortably furnished, and has an open fire, colour TV/DVD and CD/radio/cassette player.



The kitchen is modern and well-equipped with a full-size electric cooker with separate grill and oven, a microwave, free-standing grill/sandwich maker, fridge/freezer, toaster, kettle and the other usual small kitchen appliances. There is also a washing machine in the kitchen and a tumble dryer in the entrance lobby downstairs.



Both the sitting/dining room and the kitchen have windows to the front with excellent views over the rooftops of Portree - see photo.

There are 2 bedrooms, both with double beds. Both bedrooms are at the rear of the property looking over the garden.

The bathroom has an electric Mira shower over the bath, a wash hand basin and WC. There is an electric fan heater.

The house is heated by means of a combination of electric storage radiators and convection heaters, together with the open fire in the sitting/dining room, for which coal is supplied.

Outside at the rear there is a pleasant private lawned garden which is fenced.

Prices

During 2009, the property is available to let throughout the year. The prices are as follows:-

<u>Dates - 2009</u>	<u>Price per Week</u>
3rd January 2009 to 14th March 2009 inclusive	£ 225
14th March 2009 to 27th June 2009 inclusive	£ 305
27th June 2009 to 29th August 2009 inclusive	£ 405
29th August 2009 to 31st October 2009 inclusive	£ 305
31st October 2009 to 19th December 2009	£ 225
Christmas & New Year 2009	£ 405

N.B. We normally take all bookings on a Saturday-to-Saturday basis; however, we will consider short breaks, but only during the off-season months.

The above prices are all-inclusive of the first £10 of electricity, coal for the open fire, bed linen and towels.

- There is a card meter for additional electricity once the first £10 worth has been used.
- A non-refundable deposit of 20% of the total cost is payable at the time of booking.
- The remaining balance becomes due 6 weeks before the start of your holiday.
- If your booking is made less than 6 weeks before commencement of your holiday, the full balance is payable at the time of booking.
- In the event of cancellation once the full payment has been made, the 80% balance will be refunded ***only on the proviso that the property can be re-let in time.***
- We therefore recommend strongly that you take out appropriate holiday cancellation insurance via your insurance company or broker to protect against unforeseen circumstances.

General Information

Dogs

- Well behaved dogs are welcome by prior arrangement.
- It is important to remember that Skye is a crofting area, and dogs should therefore be kept under close control at all times.

No Smoking

- For the benefit of other visitors to The Braes, we do not permit smoking in the house.
- We reserve the right to levy an additional charge for extra cleaning and/or re-decoration if this rule is ignored.

Parking

- There is parking at the roadside outside the house.

Facilities in the House

- **Accommodation** - the property has 2 bedrooms, both doubles, and will sleep up to 4 people. There are also airbeds, 1 double and 1 single, for extra guests.
- **Heating** - there are electric storage radiators and convector heaters throughout.
- **Open Fire** - there is an open fire in the lounge - coal for the fire is supplied.
- **Cooking** - the fully fitted kitchen is well equipped, with full-size electric cooker, microwave, toaster, grilling machine and fridge/freezer.
- **Washing/Drying** - there is a washing machine in the kitchen, and a tumble dryer in the entrance lobby downstairs. An iron and ironing board are also provided.
- **Bath/Shower/WC** - the bathroom has a bath with an electric shower over. The house has one WC, in the bathroom.
- **CD/Radio/Cassette, TV/Video** - are all provided.
- **Electricity** - is supplied via a card meter. The first £10 of electricity is included in the price for the property; thereafter, cards can easily be purchased locally.
- **Bed Linen & Towels** - are all provided and are included in the prices.

LOCATION & FACILITIES



The attractive town of Portree is the capital of Skye, and its name derives from the Gaelic "**Port-an-Righ**" meaning "King's Port". This dates back to 1540 when King James V led a military force to the town to enlist support from the island clans.

Today, Portree has a lot to offer the visitor, from the very picturesque harbourside to the main town square. In the town centre, there is a variety of shops, pubs and restaurants, whilst on the outskirts of the town lie the Skye Heritage Centre and the Aros Experience. There is also a swimming pool. Portree is an excellent base from which to tour the Isle of Skye.

The main route to Skye is via the Skye Bridge (now toll-free!) at Kyle of Lochalsh. This is approached from the south via the A87 from Invergarry, Cluanie, and Shiel Bridge.



Once on Skye, the A87, a generally good road, continues north to Portree, and then on to the ferry terminal at Uig (crossing point to North Uist and Harris).

For those who prefer to cross to Skye "over the water", there is a traditional ferry crossing from Glenelg to Kylerhea. This is reached by leaving the A87 at Shiel Bridge and taking the minor road via Mam Ratagan. This ferry is seasonal and does not operate during winter.

From the south, Skye can also be reached from Fort William and Mallaig, using the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry service from Mallaig to Armadale.

Rail access to Skye can be achieved by taking the train from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh, from where there are regular bus services to Portree. There are coach links to Skye and Portree from many parts of mainland Scotland.

Portree has all the local facilities you are likely to require; shops, bars, restaurants and banks are all within easy walking distance of the house.



With the famous Cuillin Hills, Skye is a haven for climbers and ambitious walkers, whilst there are also many locations where those who are less energetic can admire this magnificent range.

There is also a plethora of superb scenery and famous landmarks to be seen apart from the Cuillins. To the north of

Portree are Kilt Rock, The Old Man of Storr, and Dunvegan Castle, all within a very few miles. The photo above shows the Quiraing, a popular spot for walkers and climbers with some really spectacular views.

Many other outdoor activities are available in addition to walking and climbing - fresh water fishing, sailing, golf, pony trekking, to name but a few.

BOOKINGS & AVAILABILITY

In order to check on availability and to make a booking, please contact us as follows:-

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