



LOCATION AND HOW TO GET HERE

With a population 22k, life on Lewis is very different to the mainland. Traditional industries on Lewis are crofting, fishing and weaving. Though historically important they are currently in decline and crofting in particular is little more than a subsistence venture today, with tourism taking a larger role its economy. Although the Outer Hebrides have only 1.3% of the UK land mass, it has 15% of the total still-water in over 2,000 fishable freshwater lochs, which is great for fishermen.

ADDRESS:

- **Caberfeidh Cottage, 7 Marabhic, South Lochs, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9QP.** *Please note if you put this post code into your sat-nav, you will end up at the wrong house!*

Location:

The coordinates to our house are: 58° 5'7.53"N, 6°23'20.12"W. You can look them up on Google Earth, or set your sat nav to this.

HOW TO GET HERE

1. By air.
2. By car.
3. By Yacht.

1. BY AIR

From Leeds Bradford Airport, or Newcastle Airport in UK, and most Scottish airports.

Fly from Inverness to Stornoway. www.highlandairways.co.uk

Fly from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness to Stornoway. www.ba.com

Fly from Aberdeen to Stornoway. www.easternairways.co.uk

Car and van rental is available at the airport. Contact:

Stornoway Care Hire on telephone: +44 (0) 1851 702658
or website: <http://www.stornowaycarhire.co.uk/>

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Taxi Providers

Taxis are available at the airport and in the town.

Public Transportation

The airport bus service runs at regular intervals throughout the day.

Please contact +44 (0) 1851 702256 for the latest times.

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri:0700 - 1945

Saturday:0700 - 1645

Sunday:1430 - 1600 & 1630 - 1815

2. BY CAR

Although treated as two separate islands with distinct characteristics, Harris and Lewis form a single landmass. This means you can drive from one to the other. The main road between Stornoway (Lewis) and Tarbert (Harris) is 37 miles which takes about an hour by car or bus.

Ferry:

Caledonian Macbrayne <<http://www.calmac.co.uk>> runs the ferry from Uig on the Isle of Skye to Tarbert, the main village on Harris, twice a day except on Sundays. The crossing just under 2 hours is very relaxing and sometimes you can see dolphins swimming with the ferry. During the crossing to the North you should be able to see the Shiant Isles <<http://www.shiantisles.net/>>, which poet W.H. Auden wrote "Look, stranger, at this island now. The leaping light for your delight discovers, Stand stable here And silent be, That through the channels of the ear. May wander like a river. The swaying sound of the sea."

Caledonian Macbrayne <<http://www.calmac.co.uk>> also run ferry's from Ullapool to Stornoway which takes just under 3 hours.

Bookings are necessary. Vehicles need to check in 45 minutes, and passengers 30 minutes prior to sailing.

From Tarbart:

The drive takes about 1 hour and goes over the North Harris mountains. From the ferry take the A859 to Steornablagh (Stornaway) for about 26km. Just past the Land Raiders Monument, turn right onto the B8060 at the small town called Baile Ailein. There is a garage on the right hand corner. Follow this road through Habost and Garyvard. The road becomes a single lane with passing places. After 12km take the second left turn. On the junction there is a turning areas for buses. Follow the road for 1.5k to a T junction, and turn right. Follow this road for 2.5k and you should see the sign to Marvig. Turn left to Marvig, over the Cattle grid and follow the road down into the Village. Go past the old Post Office, and follow the road down past the sign for Planasker Old school, and the cottage is on the left hand side. Park just to the left of the turning area, but be careful of the ditch.

From Stornaway:

Drive takes about 1 hour. Take the A859 to Tarbart for about 24k and turn left at Baile Ailein. Follow the instructions above.

3. BY YACHT

Marvig is on the sea loch which is well protected from the sea. It has its own jetty, where fishermen bring their catch ashore, and the cottage is minutes from the sea.