



# Secret Scotland

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“Where can we see bagpipes being played?”  
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**Five Star Hotels** are all very well, but a big part of a Scottish holiday experience is meeting the locals, and for that you need something more intimate. Something with charm and character. Whilst researching for travel website [www.secret-scotland.com](http://www.secret-scotland.com), Mike and Aurelia Peddie visited more than 300 Scottish B&B's and small hotels. This is a selection of their most memorable places to stay.

#### **Aird Hill**

Aird Hill is located above the sheltered bay at Badachro with views towards the mountains of Wester Ross, giving its breakfast room one of the best outlooks of any B&B in Scotland. Children will love staying here for the novelty of the pigs, ducks and hens that live nearby the house. Adults will love the great little pub in the village.

**Information:** <http://airdhill.com/>

#### **Carters Rest**

Located almost at the end of the Glendale peninsula on Skye. This is a modern & very stylish B&B where the owners have thought of everything that their guests might need, including a great choice of wines to accompany your dinner. A Carters Rest breakfast is also a treat, with fresh eggs being supplied by the hens in the garden.

**Information:** [www.cartersrestskye.co.uk](http://www.cartersrestskye.co.uk)

#### **Glendavan House**

Originally a hunting lodge for wealthy Victorians, Glendavan House is rather more than a B&B. The house is divided into 3 suites of varying size, but all with fantastic en suite bathrooms. Guests are welcome to use a well stocked pantry where they can help themselves to a choice of quality Scottish foods and a very good selection of Malt whiskies.

**Information:** [www.glendavanhouse.com](http://www.glendavanhouse.com)

#### **Cruachan**

A perfect romantic hideaway in a remote corner of the North West Highlands with an abundance of great beaches nearby. Cruachan House is reached via a single track road from Lochinver and is well away from the "rat race" of modern day life. Take some good books, your walking shoes and leave the mobile phone behind.

**Information:** [www.cruachanstoer.com](http://www.cruachanstoer.com)

#### **Cambo House**

Sitting in a large country estate south of St Andrews, Cambo House lets you experience the life of a Scottish Lord. Indeed, you are very likely to meet Lord & Lady Erskine as they share the house with guests. The rooms are palatial, with four poster beds, antique furniture and portrait-lined corridors.

**Information:** [www.camboestate.com](http://www.camboestate.com)

#### **The Dulaig**

Located in Grantown on Spey, but tucked away in a quiet corner at the end of a tree-lined lane. The Dulaig is not the easiest place to find, but this all adds to the feeling that you have discovered somewhere extra special. The house is beautifully decorated throughout with a collection of elegant antique furniture from the Art Nouveau period. The guest lounge is a particularly stunning room with large bay windows looking onto the traditionally landscaped gardens.

**Information:** [www.thedulaig.com](http://www.thedulaig.com)

**Eadar da Sloc**

A very informal B&B where you are treated as house guests rather than customers. Eadar da Sloc is an open plan eco-friendly house with large areas of glass framed by wooden beams. The massive windows give you great views to the mountains of Inverpolly, as well as providing a source of solar heating. For even better views of the mountains, you can soak up the scenery in the outdoor hot tub.

**Information:** <http://eadar-da-sloc.synthasite.com>

**Fortingall Hotel**

A lot of Scottish hotels go criminally overboard with the tartan, but Fortingall Hotel gets the balance perfect. Each bedroom has its own individual charm with subtle tartan touches adding to the distinctly Scottish feel of this excellent small hotel. The hotel offers very fine dining, but you can also let your hair down in the snug little bar with its welcoming fire blazing away in a corner.

**Information:** [www.fortingall.com](http://www.fortingall.com)

**Strongarbh**

Located on the hill above Tobermory Bay, Strongarbh is something a little bit special. The young owners of this stylish B&B both have degrees in Art and their artistic flair is expressed throughout this grand Victorian house. They have retained lots of the property's original features, but complimented them with modern fashion statements.

**Information:** [www.strongarbh.com](http://www.strongarbh.com)

**Mackays Hotel**

A welcome refuge on the rugged North West coast of Scotland, Mackays Hotel exudes a warm welcome with comfy tartan clad armchairs gathered round an open fire in the entrance hall. The bedrooms are stylishly decorated with solid oak beds, warm autumnal colour schemes and tastefully restored items of antique furniture. A great Highland hideaway with a restaurant that will make you want to come back again.

**Information:** [www.visitmackays.com](http://www.visitmackays.com)

**Ardtorna**

As soon as you see Ardtorna you know it is going to be something different. A super modern house situated above Loch Creran, where every room has marvelous views across the sea towards the mountains of Mull and the peninsula of Morvern. The thing that impressed us most about this property was the attention to detail and the extra luxury touches. How many B&Bs (or hotels for that matter) offer their guests complimentary drinks of malt whisky & liqueurs? This a place to go for a special treat, you won't be disappointed!

**Information:** [www.ardtorna.co.uk/](http://www.ardtorna.co.uk/)

**Rose Cottage**

Conveniently close to Inverness, but with the benefit of a peaceful village location on the shores of the Moray Firth. Ideal family accommodation in one large room which can sleep 4. On the colder nights, you can cuddle up in armchairs beside a wood burning stove and your host, Carol, will supply you with fresh home baking. If you are lucky, you may see dolphins swimming in the bay across from the cottage.

**Information:** [www.the-rose-cottage.co.uk](http://www.the-rose-cottage.co.uk)

# BADACHRO - AIRD HILL

<b>Address:</b>	Badachro, Wester Ross IV22 2AB ☎ 01445 741 282
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://airdhill.com/">http://airdhill.com/</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:bnb@airdhill.com">bnb@airdhill.com</a>
<b>Your hosts:</b>	Vanessa & Gordon Quinn
<b>Tariff:</b>	£70 to £80 per room per night depending on season and length of stay
<b>Dinner:</b>	No
<b>Deposit:</b>	UK guests only – variable depending on length of stay
<b>Cancellation:</b>	Negotiable
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	No
<b>Number of rooms:</b>	1 DB ES, 1 TW/DB ES (additional beds can be added, but space is limited)
<b>Children:</b>	Yes
<b>Pets:</b>	By Arrangement (as they don't want to scare the resident ducks & hens!)



**Parking facilities:** Parking area beside the house.

**Description:** It sounds a cliché, but this is a place that you won't want to leave. Vanessa & Gordon have created a beautiful home with lots of character and some lovely features. The bedrooms are clean and simply decorated with nice touches such as traditional wooden floors and underfloor heating in the bathrooms. A special mention has to go to the breakfast room which is a timber framed conservatory that overlooks the sheltered Badachro Bay. Easily one of the best panoramic views for breakfast time that we can think of! And talking of breakfast, Aird Hill not only source their produce locally, much of it comes from their own garden. The bread is also home-baked. Children will love the experience of meeting the hens, ducks and pigs. If you arrive at the right time, you might also get to meet the incredibly cute ducklings! Wi-Fi available.

**Access:** From the A832 just south of Gairloch, take the B8056 signposted to Badachro. After ~4 miles, drive through Badachro and take 1<sup>st</sup> right after the village. Aird Hill is signposted at the right turn. The gate to the house is the 1<sup>st</sup> on your left.

**Dining Out:** The nearest restaurant is the **Badachro Inn** which is within easy walking distance and should certainly be visited at some point during your stay.  
**Old Mill** (Charlestown) – at the south end of Gairloch near the harbour. Restaurant and pub where you often get live music at weekends.  
**Na Mara** (Strath) – recently opened in 2010 by a young Scottish couple. Generous portions of well presented food. Limited menu, but daily specials that usually feature locally sourced seafood.

# SKYE - CARTERS REST

<b>Address:</b>	Carter's Rest, Milovaig, Glendale, Isle of Skye, IV55 8WY
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cartersrestskye.co.uk">www.cartersrestskye.co.uk</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@cartersrestskye.co.uk">enquiries@cartersrestskye.co.uk</a> ☎ 01470 511272
<b>Star grading:</b>	4*
<b>Your host:</b>	Steve & Julie
<b>Tariff:</b>	£30 to £55 pppn depending on room and season
<b>Dinner:</b>	Yes, £15 to £20 depending on menu. Please book at time of reservation.
<b>Deposit:</b>	Not required
<b>Cancellation:</b>	Negotiable
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	Yes, except for AMEX
<b>Number of rooms:</b>	2 DB, 1 TW, all ES
<b>Children:</b>	By arrangement
<b>Pets:</b>	No



**Parking facilities:** Beside the house.

**Description:** An exceptional house with all the luxury and facilities of a top quality hotel. Steve and Julie have thought of everything to ensure guests enjoy their stay, including DVD, book and magazine library in the rooms. The Master bedroom has the WOW factor with large flat screen TV, mini fridge and its own Jacuzzi. Additional facilities for the guests are the use of electric scooters, bikes, fishing equipment, kites, a pool table and even a metal detector for finding hidden treasure on the beaches. The location is quite remote so go for the Dinner option. You will also be getting fresh eggs for breakfast, laid by the chickens in the garden!  
Self catering unit with top of the range facilities also available for weekly stays – check website for details.

**Access:** From Dunvegan take the B884 to Glendale and Neist Point. Don't make the mistake of following road to Orbst (easily done).

**Dining Out:** We strongly recommend staying at Carter's Rest to enjoy their home cooked Dinner.  
Three Chimney's, Glendale – widely regarded as the best restaurant in Scotland.  
Strupag, Glendale – it looks awful from the outside, but the choice of desserts is tremendous and the food is well priced.

# DINNET - GLENDAVAN HOUSE

<b>Address:</b>	Glendavan, Dinnet, Near Aboyne, AB34 5LU ☎ 01339 881610
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.glendavanhouse.com">www.glendavanhouse.com</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@glendavanhouse.com">info@glendavanhouse.com</a>
<b>Star grading:</b>	5*
<b>Your hosts:</b>	Rebecca Robertson and her mother, Moira Milne
<b>Tariff:</b>	Price per room per night: Ogston £140, Trantor £120, Davan £100
<b>Dinner:</b>	No
<b>Deposit:</b>	Credit card details
<b>Cancellation:</b>	3 weeks notice, otherwise 1 <sup>st</sup> night is charged
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	Yes
<b>Number of rooms:</b>	3 suites (2 DB, 1 D/T) of varying size, but exceptionally high standard
<b>Children:</b>	No
<b>Pets:</b>	No



**Parking facilities:** Large parking area in front of house

**Description:** Glendavan House defies categorization. It is too luxurious to be classified as a B&B, but it is also far more personal and friendly than you would expect from a hotel. The house was originally built in 1885 as the hunting lodge for Alexander Ogston and it has been beautifully restored by the Milne family to give its modern day guests a great experience for special occasions. The accommodation comprises of 2 large suites (Glendavan and Tranter) and a large double bedroom (Davan) with stunning private bathroom. The Glendavan suite consists of an ensuite bathroom with whirlpool bath, a DB bedroom, lounge, conservatory and veranda. The Tranter suite is on the first floor and it has a private bathroom, lounge and four poster bed. The Davan (DB/TW) does not have a lounge, but it comes with a "WOW" bathroom as pictured. Guests have use of a pantry for beverages and there is a well stocked complimentary drinks cabinet with a good choice of malts. The philosophy of Glendavan is informal luxury. The price reflects the uniqueness and quality of Glendavan.

**Access:** From Dinnet on the A93, take the A97 signposted to Huntly. Travel north on the A97 for 2 miles and then take left onto the B9119 signposted to Braemar. After ~1 mile Glendavan House is on the right amongst trees.

**Dining Out:** The Victoria Restaurant in Dinnet, or else try the home cooking at Glendavan.

# LOCHINVER - CRUACHAN

**Address:** Stoer, near Lochinver, Sutherland, IV27 4JE ☎ 01571 855303  
**Website:** [www.cruachanstoer.com](http://www.cruachanstoer.com)  
**Email:** [mail@cruachanstoer.com](mailto:mail@cruachanstoer.com)  
**Star grading:** 4\*  
**Your hosts:** Maggie & Dennis Campbell  
**Tariff:** £35 - £40 pppn depending on room.  
**Dinner:** Yes, £25 for 3 courses, advance booking requested.  
**Deposit:** By credit card details  
**Cancellation:** Please notify as soon as possible  
**Credit Cards:** Yes, except Amex / Diner  
**Number of rooms:** 2 DB, 2 TW, both ES  
**Children:** No  
**Pets:** By arrangement



**Parking facilities:** On quiet road in front of house

**Description:** Cruachan is a perfect romantic hideaway in a remote corner with some stunning beaches nearby. Maggie & Dennis gave us one of the warmest welcomes that we have ever received in our travels and Maggie's home cooking is superb. The house dates from 1897 and was originally the manse for the old church next door. All the rooms are good, but for special occasions ask for the master room with the King size bed as this has the best views and a large bathroom. We recommend staying here for at least a couple of nights to experience a real taste of Scotland from very Scottish hosts.

**Access:** From Lochinver follow the B869 north and after the small village of Stoer you will pass Cruachan House on your left before the church.

**Dining Out:** Lochinver is ~25 mins away and it's a twisty road so we strongly recommend that you eat at the Cruachan. Please book diner as far in advance as you can, preferably at time of booking room.

**PLEASE NOTE: STOER IS 41 MILES / 1 HOUR 25 MINS NORTH WEST OF ULLAPOOL.**

# ST ANDREWS AREA - CAMBO HOUSE

<b>Address:</b>	Cambo House, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QD ☎ 01333 450 313
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.camboestate.com">www.camboestate.com</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:cambo@camboestate.com">cambo@camboestate.com</a>
<b>Star grading:</b>	4*
<b>Your hosts:</b>	Peter & Catherine Erskine
<b>Tariff:</b>	£52 - £68 pppn depending on season
<b>Dinner:</b>	May be arranged on request
<b>Deposit:</b>	£40 deposit on booking
<b>Cancellation:</b>	See website for policy details.
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	Yes, except AMEX
<b>Number of rooms:</b>	1 DB ES, 1 DB PB (with adjoining TW), self catering apartments may also be let as B&B accommodation if available.
<b>Children:</b>	Yes
<b>Pets:</b>	By Arrangement in certain rooms



**Parking facilities:** Large car parking area to the side of the house.

**Description:** For a memorable experience of Scotland you will be hard pushed to beat a stay at Cambo House. The approach road to the house passes through woodland gardens before delivering you to the impressive frontage of this 19<sup>th</sup> century mansion. Everything in Cambo House is on a grand scale, from the magnificent staircase leading to the bedrooms, through to the four poster beds. Guests have use of a living room and billiard room that are grand enough to keep the Queen happy. Breakfast can also be served at a vast antique dining table with lovely views across the gardens. Larger groups can be accommodated in the self catering apartments which are available on short lets and as overflow B&B rooms when required. A great place for children too!

**Access:** From St Andrews, take the A917 south towards Crail. After Kingsbarns, the road passes alongside the boundary wall of the estate. Cambo Gardens are signposted about 200 yards before the entrance gates which are on your left. Easy to find!

**Dining Out:** Doll's House in St Andrews: very good, but popular so booking advised tel: 01334 477422. Early evening menu 5:30 – 7:00pm is good value.  
Grill House in St Andrews: Mexican / Steakhouse style restaurant same owner as the Doll's House.  
Vineleaf in St Andrews: Expensive, booking advised tel: 01334 477497  
The Barns in Kingsbarns: Pretty old building modernized as a hotel & restaurant on the A917 in Kingsbarns.

# GRANTOWN ON SPEY - THE DULAIG

<b>Address:</b>	Seafield Avenue, Granttown on Spey PH26 3JF ☎ 01479 872065
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.thedulaig.com">www.thedulaig.com</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@thedulaig.com">enquiries@thedulaig.com</a>
<b>Star grading:</b>	5* Gold
<b>Your host:</b>	Gordon and Carol Bulloch
<b>Tariff:</b>	£55 to £65 per person per night, £80 to £90 for single occupancy
<b>Dinner:</b>	No
<b>Deposit:</b>	8 to 10% of the total booking
<b>Cancellation:</b>	Negotiable
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	Yes
<b>Number of rooms:</b>	2 DB/TW, 1DB, all ES
<b>Children:</b>	Over 12 by arrangement
<b>Pets:</b>	No



**Parking facilities:** Large private parking area beside house.

**Description:** The Dulaig is an exceptional B&B and we rate it as one of the best in Scotland. A stay here is a special experience because you are surrounded by genuine art-deco antiques which are quite probably unique. The antiques, fresh flowers, complimentary sherry and beautifully appointed rooms make you forget that this is a B&B. The house has an air of tranquility and you sense this as you approach along the tree lined avenue that leads to The Dulaig. The bedrooms are named after the designers of the furniture that they feature (Taylor, Benson & Shapland). The fantastic bathroom pictured is in the Taylor room. Guests have use of a beautiful living room which is again furnished with art deco items and has lovely views over the expansive gardens of The Dulaig. The gardens also supply fresh vegetables and are home to free range hens that provide your breakfast eggs.

**Access:** From the centre of Granttown, drive up Seafield Avenue (next to the Bank of Scotland). The entrance road to Dulaig is discretely signposted on your left. It is after Rhuarden Court. If you arrive at a camp site, you have gone too far.

**Dining Out:** Glasshouse (Granttown) - has a very good reputation, but is expensive. 01479 872980  
Anderson's (Boat of Garten) - an informal little place with a menu that features lots of Scottish produce. Main Course £13 - £15. 01479 831466  
Ravenscourt Hotel – just a short walk from the Dulaig. 01479 872286

# LOCHINVER - EADAR DA' SLOC

**Address:** Torbreck, Lochinver IV27 4JB ☎ 01571 844019  
**Website:** <http://eadar-da-sloc.synthasite.com>  
**Email:** [mike@rochester114.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mike@rochester114.fsnet.co.uk)  
**Star grading:** 3\*  
**Your hosts:** Mike & Margaret Rochester  
**Tariff:** £ 25 to £ 27.50 pppn depending on number of nights  
**Dinner:** No  
**Deposit:** 30% non refundable deposit  
**Cancellation:** Negotiable  
**Credit Cards:** No  
**Number of rooms:** 1 PB bedroom with 2 single beds and 2 bunk beds  
**Children:** > 8 years old  
**Pets:** No



**Parking facilities:** Plenty of space by the house

**Description:** This is an eco-friendly house with plenty of wood throughout. It also has a sauna, hot tub and midge-eater for the still and dry summer evenings. The bedroom offers a selection of 4 beds, as well as all sizes and shapes of slippers (including owls!). Mike and Margaret have an all-open plan house and consider you as their friends, encouraging you to sit in the living room with them. Along with the traditional Scottish breakfast they offer smoked salmon, waffles, pancakes, croissants... Beautiful views from the balcony and hot tub that overlook the Sulven mountain and the Assynt area.

**Access:** From Lochinver head North on the A837 then turn left on the B869. Eadar Da' Sloc is the first house on your right and stands on its own.

**Dining Out:** Lochinver has 2 excellent restaurants:  
Caberfeidh has a French chef but is a bit expensive  
Lochinver Larder is the local deli and specializes in sweet and savoury pies. It has both a restaurant, expensive, and a conservatory, more affordable and with an interesting choice of dishes.

**Note:** Open from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**PLEASE NOTE: LOCHINVER IS 36 MILES / 1 HOUR 10 MINS NORTH WEST OF ULLAPOOL.**

# ABERFELDY - FORTINGALL HOTEL

**Address:** Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, nr Aberfeldy, PH15 2NQ ☎ 01887 830367  
**Website:** [www.fortingall.com](http://www.fortingall.com)  
**Email:** [hotel@fortingall.com](mailto:hotel@fortingall.com)  
**Star grading:** 4\*  
**Your host:** Gavin McGilp (Assistant Manager)  
**Tariff:** From £80 pppn Bed & Breakfast / £125 pppn DBB  
**Dinner:** Yes  
**Deposit:** Credit Card Details  
**Cancellation:** Full B&B rate charged  
**Credit Cards:** All major credit cards accepted  
**Number of rooms:** 6 DB, 1 TW, 3 Superior DB, all ES  
**Children:** Yes in the DB and adjacent TW (creating a Family Suite)  
**Pets:** No



**Parking facilities:** Yes

**Description:** We included this recently refurbished hotel because it has a beautiful location next to the Yew Tree Church in Fortingall and has been decorated with excellent taste and great style. The hotel has a charming little public bar, a small library, a Guest's lounge with large open fire place and a highly recommended dinner menu. A nice little touch of luxury is the small decanter of Malt whisky in your bedroom. This hotel gets the balance of exclusivity and informality just right. Unmistakably Scottish, but in no way tacky or clichéd. It's a little more expensive than some of our recommendations, but worth every penny as the ideal location for a honeymoon or a romantic holiday.

**Access:** From Killin, drive east on the A827 to Fearnan and turn left at road the signposted to Fortingall.  
From Aberfeldy, follow the B846 signposted to Weem and Kinloch Rannoch then turn left at the village of Coshieville to follow signs to Fortingall

**Dining Out:** Stay and eat at the Fortingall Hotel!

# MULL (TOBERMORY) - STRONGARBH

**Address:** Strongarbh House, Tobermory, Mull, PA75 6PR ☎ 01688 302319  
**Website:** [www.strongarbh.com](http://www.strongarbh.com)  
**Email:** [stay@strongarbh.com](mailto:stay@strongarbh.com)  
**Star grading:** 4\*  
**Your hosts:** Jane Wilde & Adrian Lear  
**Tariff:** £85 to £115 per room per night depending on room and length of stay  
**Dinner:** No  
**Deposit:** 30% on booking  
**Cancellation:** £5 admin fee if over 14 days, 14 to 3 days: full deposit  
3 days or under: full amount  
**Credit Cards:** Yes, except Amex  
**Number of rooms:** 4 ES DB, 1 can also be TW  
**Children:** 12 yrs+  
**Pets:** No



**Parking facilities:** Parking area for 6 cars right next to the house.

**Description:** Jane & Adrian are a young couple with lots of artistic talents and they have decorated Strongarbh House to a standard that really puts it up there with some of the best "Boutique Hotels". The house has a great position sitting high above Tobermory Bay with lovely views over the harbour. Rooms 1 & 2 get the full benefit of this view. The rooms are decorated in a clean & uncluttered style, but they each retain some traditional elements so you get a sense of the history of the house which dates from the Victorian era. There are some lovely luxury touches such as the little filter coffee machines in the bedrooms, ipod docks beside the beds, Wi-Fi access and a guest lounge/library with a wall full of eclectic books to choose from.

**Access:** From the rear of the Western Isles Hotel, drive uphill past the yellow house. Follow the road round to the left and Strongarbh's entrance is on left.

**Dining Out:** CafeFish is an excellent value small seafood restaurant beside the CalMac ferry terminal in Tobermory Bay. Pre-booking recommended  
[www.Thecafish.com](http://www.Thecafish.com)

# SUTHERLAND - MACKAY'S HOTEL

<b>Address:</b>	Durness, Sutherland, IV27 4PN ☎ 01971511202
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.visitmackays.com">www.visitmackays.com</a>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:fiona@visitmackays.com">fiona@visitmackays.com</a>
<b>Star grading:</b>	4*
<b>Your host:</b>	Fiona & Robbie Mackay
<b>Tariff:</b>	£55 to £62.50 per person per night depending on the room
<b>Dinner:</b>	Yes, the hotel's restaurant has an à la carte menu
<b>Deposit:</b>	Credit card details
<b>Cancellation:</b>	1 week prior to arrival
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	Yes
<b>Number of rooms:</b>	2 TW, 5 DB, all ensuite
<b>Children:</b>	Yes
<b>Pets:</b>	No



**Parking facilities:** Large public car park across the road from the hotel.

**Description:** Mackay's Hotel is a gorgeous small hotel located in the centre of Durness, the most north-westerly village in mainland Scotland. Its owners, Robbie and Fiona, have furnished the place with antique pieces which they have lovingly restored, giving the hotel a comfortable and cosy feel throughout. Warm colours combined with tasteful touches of tartan make this an exceptionally stylish small hotel with a distinct Scottish flavour. The cuisine in the restaurant is excellent, with a daily changing menu to accommodate the fresh produce of the day. Mackay's Hotel is one of the best places we have visited.

**Access:** The Mackay's Hotel is located in the heart of the village of Durness on a bend in the road where the A838 turns inland from the sea.

**Dining Out:** At the hotel of course. Excellent food using fresh local produce, including Loch Eriboll seafood and local Sutherland lamb and beef.

# BARCALDINE - ARDTORNA

**Address:** Mill Farm, Barcaldine, North of Oban, PA37 1SE ☎ 01631 720125  
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**Email:** [info@ardtorna.co.uk](mailto:info@ardtorna.co.uk)

**Star grading:** 5\*

**Your hosts:** Karen & Sean

**Tariff:** £40 to £75 pppn depending on season and number of nights

**Dinner:** A range of light meals are offered with accompanying drinks

**Deposit:** First night payable at time of booking

**Cancellation:** See [website](#) for details

**Credit Cards:** Yes

**Number of rooms:** 4 ES which can be configured as Super King or Twin

**Children:** No

**Pets:** No **Wi-Fi:** Yes



**Parking facilities:** Beside the house.

**Description:** We don't use superlatives lightly, so it is high praise when we say that Ardtorna has the "WOW" factor. Everything has been carefully considered in the design & décor of this stylishly modern home. All the rooms have large panoramic windows that make full advantage of the lovely sea views across Loch Creran. The bedrooms are finished to a very high standard and there really isn't anything extra that you could wish for. You just have to decide whether you prefer a room with Jacuzzi bath and shower, or Wet room. Karen and Sean have really gone the extra mile with Ardtorna, including freshly prepared fruit smoothie for breakfast and complimentary nightcaps. Ardtorna fully deserves its 5 star rating and we are confident that you would feel that your stay here was money well spent.

**Access:** From Connel, head north on the A828 for 6 miles. After passing the 1<sup>st</sup> large sign for the Sealife Centre, start to look on your right for the distinctive modern building of Ardtorna on your right. The entrance to Ardtorna is on your right just before the entrance to the café and pottery at "Columba's Bay". If heading south on the A828, you go past the Sealife Centre and then take 1<sup>st</sup> left after passing the entrance to the café and pottery at Columba's Bay.

**Dining Out:** Ardtorna is a choice for special occasions so we'd suggest that you treat yourselves with dinner at nearby Isle of Eriska Hotel or the Aird's Hotel in Port Appin. Alternatively, stay in and enjoy the "Room Service" at Ardtorna.

# BLACK ISLE (KILMUIR) - ROSE COTTAGE

**Address:** Kilmuir, by North Kessock, IV1 3ZG ☎ 01463 731739  
**Website:** [www.the-rose-cottage.co.uk](http://www.the-rose-cottage.co.uk)  
**Email:** [carol@the-rose-cottage.co.uk](mailto:carol@the-rose-cottage.co.uk)  
**Star grading:** 3\*  
**Your host:** Carol Carolan  
**Tariff:** From £ 30 pppn  
**Dinner:** Yes, £ 12.50 for 2 courses, please provide 24hrs notice.  
**Deposit:** No  
**Cancellation:** Negotiable  
**Credit Cards:** No  
**Number of rooms:** 1 large DB/TP/F ES with small kitchenette  
**Children:** Yes  
**Pets:** No



**Parking facilities:** Off street parking by the main house.

**Description:** Rose Cottage benefits from a lovely location in Kilmuir on the Black Isle. Only 15 minutes drive from Inverness and on the Moray Firth with panoramic views across to Inverness and the Kessock Bridge. Guests have their own entrance and stay in a large room with a double bed, two single beds, a log fire, a sitting area and a shower room with spacious shower. Breakfast is served in the main house, and Carol bakes muffins, scones, fresh bread and offers meats and cheeses instead of a full cooked breakfast. There is a small self catering kitchen for those guests who want to cater for their own breakfast.

**Access:** From Inverness take the first exit after the Kessock Bridge signposted to North Kessock and Kilmuir. At the roundabout turn right following signs for Inverness and Kilmuir. On the bend there is a sharp left turn to Kilmuir BEFORE rejoining the A9. Follow signs to Kilmuir for the next 1.5 miles. Drive all the way down to the seafront, the road turns right at the bottom. Rose Cottage is the 4<sup>th</sup> house and has a B&B sign.

**Dining Out:** The Anderson: in Fortrose, innovative & excellent cuisine at reasonable prices  
The Plough Inn: in Rosemarkie. Local produce and real ales.  
The Sutor Creek: in Cromarty, specializes in traditionally baked pizzas.