

Getting there: Western Isles Ferry

Knoydart is the remotest peninsular on the mainland, one of the last remaining wildernesses in Great Britain. It can only be reached by sea or a 20 mile hike on foot. You arrive at Mallaig either by car or by train.



The Caledonian Sleeper from Euston leaves 9pm and arrives at Fort William in the morning where you change for Mallaig, choosing, if you wish, the 'Harry Potter' steam train.

The passenger ferry from Mallaig (Bruce Watts) which arrives in Inverie on Knoydart, goes twice a day Monday-Friday in summer months, and Mon/Wed/Fri in winter (45 minutes). It is not a car-ferry, you leave your car in Mallaig and borrow our Range Rover for the 7 mile drive down a single track road to our house. There are no shops on Knoydart apart from the post-office which sells basic provisions and opens limited hours.



Wildlife, flora and fauna

There are seals in Ailor Bay, often basking on the rocks of Ailor Island or Samadalan around the corner. Otter, basking sharks, whales, numerous common and rare sea birds, deer in the garden, feral goats, wildcats and pine-martens have all been seen by us or our guests. Golden eagles, peregrines and great northern divers have also been seen on Knoydart. There are primroses, bluebells, hair-bells, orchids, butter-wart, yellow flag-iris, marsh marigolds, thrift and other wonderful wild flowers. Our guests have caught crab, lobster and mackerel.

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Further information: Please see our website and scroll down to House in Scotland, alternatively see www.ownersdirect.co.uk/scotland/SC96.htm for PRICES, AVAILABILITY, BOOKING DETAILS, Guest Comments, Shopping etc. On booking we send more information and instructions and can help you plan your journey.



The Surroundings and Things to Do

In Inverie the Old Forge Pub is open all day and has a restaurant and The Pier Guest house also serves good evening meals to non-residents. You can get tea and lunch in the Old Pier Stores. The Knoydart Foundation has information about the peninsular and it's activities, which includes a Ranger service. There are woodland walks, four Munros to climb, bikes to hire, a large sandy beach, camping, a hostel and a bunkhouse. At Doune between Inverie and Ailor there is an excellent restaurant, boating and fishing trips. Boats can be hired to visit inaccessible beaches and islands - information from the Knoydart Foundation and our booking notes.



A trip to Ailor is not for the faint-hearted but the reward is to venture into the Highlands at their most beautiful - raw, rugged and challenging.

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