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Churchend Holiday Cottages

2009 BROCHURE



DURNES

Relieve your stress

Visit Durness

The ultimate chill out destination

Holiday Cottages Price List

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENQUIRY CONCERNING OUR
COTTAGES FOR THE INCLUSIVE DATES
FROM.....TO

THE BASIC CHARGES ARE:-

3RD JAN TO 14TH MAR ~£200 PER WEEK

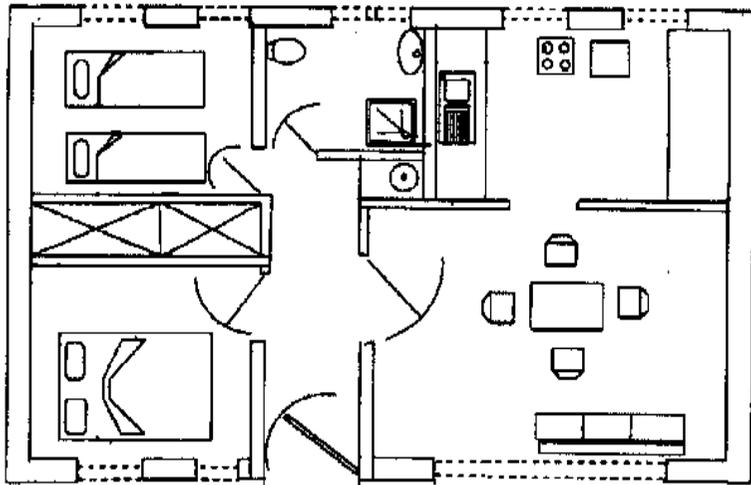
14TH MAR TO 10TH OCT ~£285 PER WEEK

10TH OCT TO 19TH DEC ~£200 PER WEEK

19TH DEC TO 2ND JAN ~£285 PER WEEK

There are two cottages of brick construction in a terraced row. The accommodation comprises of two bedrooms, one containing a double bed and the other, twin beds. Both rooms have built in wardrobes. Duvets and linen are all included in the hire charge. Towels can be provided on request .

We do not supply a laundry service.



For Your Holiday Reminders !

Deposit Paid £.....

Date Paid

Booking Confirmation Received

Date Balance Due

Balance Paid £.....

Date Paid

Receipt Received

Holiday Insurance ?

Other Notes

Conditions of let.

1. Deposit.

All booking applications must be accompanied by a deposit of 50% of the basic charge for each cottage required. The deposit is accepted as part payment and the balance should be paid not less than **28 days (four weeks)** before the starting date of the holiday.

2. Reservation.

Reservation is subject to the accommodation being available on the dates requested.

PLEASE TELEPHONE to make sure that these dates are available **BEFORE** completing and forwarding the booking form and deposit.

3. Cancellation.

Should a client wish to cancel a booking, notice should be given as soon as possible, initially by telephone and confirmed in writing immediately by recorded delivery letter.

Providing that written cancellation is received **not less than 42 days** before the start of the holiday, only £25 of the deposit will be forfeited. If the notice is received less than the 42 days before the start of the holiday, but we are able to re-let, only the £25 will be forfeited, otherwise **you will be liable to pay the full cost of the booking.**

You are strongly advised to insure against financial loss owing to the cancellation of your holiday due to whatever reason. This cover can be obtained from most Insurance Companies at a reasonable rate.

4. Non payment of the full charge.

Non receipt of the full amount within the time specified will be treated as a cancellation and condition three will be implemented.

5. Pets (Dogs only)

Dogs can be accepted (max. two) only if they are kept off the furniture and under control at all times. Owners must remove all traces of dog hairs from carpets etc., and dog waste from the grounds.

6. Breakages.

Any damage, howsoever caused, to property, furniture and/or fittings during occupancy should be reported and paid for. Unsuitable substitutes are not accepted. Broken windows: The Hirer shall be liable for **all** replacement and fitting costs.

7. Unsuitable Hirers.

The owner reserves the right to refuse to hand over holiday accommodation to any person, who, in their opinion, is unsuitable to take charge. In this case, hire terms paid will be returned in full.

8. Acceptance of Conditions of let.

The hirers signature on the booking form is deemed to be acceptance of these Conditions and forms a contract between the Owner and the Hirer.

The lounge has an electric fire, a storage heater, colour T.V. and a small music centre.

The Kitchen has an electric cooker (four rings, grill and oven), a microwave oven, 'fridge/freezer, electric kettle and a washing machine. Place settings for four persons are provided. The bathroom is small with wash-hand basin, toilet and a shower. The shower is run from the hot-water system.

There is an airing cupboard with ample drying space. At the rear of the cottages, there is a drying green with a clothes line shared with the other cottages - Pegs are provided !

Bookings are from :-

Saturday to Saturday.

Arrivals after 2pm

Departures by 10 am.

Telephones are not installed in either of the cottages, however, there are several public telephones within the village. Our Number - 01971-511280 may be given as an emergency contact only. Most mobile telephones work in this area.

Dogs are welcome, provided that they are kept **off** the furniture, under control at all times and owners clean up after them.

Dog owners are also reminded that Farmers have the right to shoot dogs worrying sheep or even appearing to worry sheep

Electricity Charges are **NOT** included in the basic charge. A prepayment meter (£1 Coins) has been installed for your convenience. The average cost seems to work out at about ten pounds per week (2008 prices). The storage heater in each cottage has the first units included in the cost, any units used in excess will be charged.

What there is to see and do in and around Durness.

Churchend is situated in a quiet part of Durness, away from holiday and local traffic, but near enough to walk to the shops and one of the local Inns. Smoo Cave is not far away and is the biggest limestone sea cave in Scotland.



The cave opens as a large cavern in the limestone cliffs over 200 ft long - 130 ft wide and an entrance arch 50 feet high. A second chamber is accessible by a wooden bridge, this cavern is 70 feet by 30 feet, where the Smoo burn drops down through a hole in the roof. A conducted tour of the cave, based on the geological and natural history, is available.

Archaeological digs have shown that the cave has been used for fishing from and living in for thousands of years.



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The lighthouse built by Robert Stevenson in 1828 at a cost of £14,000. The tower is twenty meters high and has 81 steps to the top. It's light of 204,000 candle power was visible for some 24 miles and swept the horizon four times every thirty seconds. In foggy weather the powerful fog signal used to emit three five second blasts every thirty seconds, but now or course it is redundant.

This Lighthouse was one of the last manned lighthouses in this country, but has now been converted to automatic running, this was completed in March 1998. The light is now much less powerful and the lighthouse has lost some of it's mystique.

Loch Eriboll is a long and deep sea loch where, during the war, Royal Naval convoys formed up for the long and hazardous trip to Russia. While ships were anchored in the



loch, crew members would climb the hill to the west of the loch, and pick out the names of these ships in stones. The most famous of these ships was H.M.S Hood. This was her last port of call before her fateful voyage. Loch Eriboll was also the site of the surrender of the German U-Boat fleet in May 1945.

Nowadays, the loch is a favourite place for Scuba divers because of it's clear and unpolluted waters.

We hope that you will come up to stay with us and have an enjoyable and memorable visit to the Far North of Scotland.

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If your visit coincides with the Durness Highland Gathering, then you can participate in some of the activities of a highland games day. It is usually held at the end of July. The Gathering always used to be referred to as 'the sports' and have



developed from local people competing with each other. Now athletes from all over the country come to compete. However, there are 'open' events in which the visitor can compete.

On the day of the event, the parade leaves the village square, led by local pipe band, at twelve noon. The approximate public attendance is about 2,000.

A visit to Cape Wrath Lighthouse is a must for a lot of visitors. The ferry and mini-buses run from May to the end of September. The ferry is 'passengers only' and the mini-buses are the only vehicles on the Cape-side.



The journey time by ferry, ten minutes and by the minibus to the lighthouse, about twenty minutes.

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Churchend cottages are on the edge of the last great wilderness, with hundreds of square miles of rugged coastline and mountains. For the experienced hill walker or climber, this northern exposure has a thrill factor all of its own!



There are many truly majestic mountains which are included in the North West Highlands Geopark, within and around Durness. Hill walkers can start from the back of the cottages and climb Ceannebieinne on the summit can be

found the remains of an ancient wheel house. This dwelling dates from Neolithic period and is remarkably well preserved. There are many walks of varying degrees of difficulty within a few road miles of Durness.



A more gentle walk can be had along the beaches and the sand dunes of Balnakeil up to Faraid Head where the sea cliffs rise to 300 ft and spectacular views are to be had of Cape Wrath, Whiten

Head and, on a clear day, the Orkney Islands.



Whatever the weather, the beaches have their attraction, to the many surfers who travel here for the exhilarating experience of the waves.

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Around Faraid Head, many types of sea birds can be seen. Amongst these are Ravens, Rock Pipits, Arctic Skuas, Kittiwakes, Fulmars, Peregrine Falcons, and many more. Puffins can also be seen at certain times of the year.

Balnakeil Craft Village is at first glance, an unattractive place to visit, being an old RAF camp with military style buildings, but it is well worth a visit. Here craftspeople



can be seen producing their wares and the hand-made goods are available to purchase. The range of goods is quite large and a hour or so spent there will be well spent.

If fishing is your sport there are many limestone lochs around Durness, where the fish are delicious, but a challenge to catch!

Permits can be purchased locally



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Are you a golfer? Then play on the most North-Westerly golf course on the mainland of Britain. It is laid out as a nine hole course, but, as it has two sets of tees, it can be played as an eighteen hole course. The most infamous green is the ninth/eighteenth which is played over a wide expanse of the Atlantic ocean!



The Durness course had its moment of fame when the television golf commentator Peter Allis toured Scotland's finest golf courses and included Durness in his itinerary and the BBC series. Clubs can be hired from the clubhouse.



If you are visiting Durness around the 3rd week of May, you may participate (this is done in advance) or support the Cape Wrath Challenges, which are a series of hill races of varying degrees of difficulty. They include 5 days of running and the final day is the marathon, often said to be the toughest in the UK. A wonderful opportunity to combine some running with a traditional Highland holiday.