

## **Eilean Shona House – General Information**

*Eilean Shona House can only be booked exclusively. Only you & your guests will be staying at any one time. It is situated on a privately owned island within its own private garden. The surrounding pinetum, arboretum & woods are truly enchanting & provide the perfect backdrop for a relaxing holiday.*

*You will have exclusive use of the property on a self catered basis, for the period of the let for up to the maximum number of people, at any one time, which is stated below. Arrival times are from 4pm onwards with departures by 11am. Electricity & heating are included in the rental. The tenant will be responsible for replacing any items of glass, crockery or linen damaged during the tenancy. Tenants are asked to treat all fabrics & furniture with care. Tenants will be charged for any damage done.*

*The house consists of one private king size suite (De Walden Suite), one king size bed room with en suite bathroom (Garden Room), two king size bedrooms with private bathrooms (Lorimer Room & Dewsbury Room), two double bedrooms one with private bathroom (Room 8½), one shared bathroom (Dahlers Room) There are also two dormitories. The public rooms consist of a snug, dining room, drawing room, hall, library/billiard room & shower room.*

*The maximum number of people that Eilean Shona House can accommodate is 16.*

### **Your Arrival**

*Our boatman will come to meet you at Dorlin Pier & welcome you to the island. He will transport your luggage to the house & place it in the front hall for you. If you require transportation off the island during your stay, there is a ferry service provided on Tuesdays & Thursdays. If you need to leave the island outwith these times a charge of £50.00 will be made for your return journey.*

### **Housekeeping**

*A limited housekeeping service will be provided at no additional cost. This will amount to three hours per day, for each day, except the first & last. It may be possible to arrange for some additional hours if needs be. Each additional hour for housekeeping will be charged at £12.00. If guests require a laundry service this can be provided for an additional £15.00 per hour also.*

### **Staff**

*There are four staff on the island of whom two live in the house in the staff flat (you need never be aware of their presence). They are there to ensure that the infrastructure of the island is maintained in working order & to deal with emergencies in the unlikely event that they should arise. They will of course, be helpful in any way that they can should you require assistance – but we would ask that you respect the fact that their days are kept full with general island upkeep.*

### **Food**

*Eilean Shona House is now self catering. Kate McKinnon, the housekeeper, will assist you wherever possible with arranging for the delivery of your provisions to Dorlin Pier & many local suppliers are willing to deliver to the pier.*

*We suggest that to enjoy Eilean Shona to the fullest, you bring a cook. There is a bedroom adjacent to the staff flat that is available at no additional cost for your cook.*

*There is an excellent local chef who will deliver ready made meals to the pier & subject to availability may be able to come to the island for the occasional day.*

*Finally it is possible that one of our seasonal staff on the island may be able to help you with your needs. This can be discussed with the housekeeper.*

### Alcohol

*You are more than welcome to bring your wines & alcohol with you or you can arrange for a courier to deliver them to the jetty prior to your arrival. Please don't forget mixers & carbonated drinks.*

### Communications

*The island has no television. Mobile 'phones do work on the island though only in certain locations. They do not however, work on Dorlin Pier so it is essential that you pre-arrange your time of arrival & that should you be running late, call the island on 01967 431 249 either; when you take the left turning at Lochailort, or when you arrive at the Corran Ferry (depending on which route you are taking).*

*There are numerous CD players & ipod docks in the House & a large selection of CD's though, as such things are very personal, you should feel free to bring your own. There is also a projector that can be hooked up to your computer to achieve a 'cinematic' experience.*

*There is an internet hub & WIFI which is provided as a courtesy to guests.*

*There are no land line telephones available to guests in Eilean Shona House.*

### Dogs

*Well behaved dogs are welcome on the island and into Eilean Shona House, but must be kept on the ground floor level only.*

### Heating & Water Supply

*The house is heated by radiator serviced by a log burning boiler, fuelled with fallen wood from the estate. This is supplemented by open fires, a log stove & storage heaters.*

*The boiler will be maintained by the staff on the premises who will also ensure that the coal & wood supplies are kept topped up.*

*Water is from the islands own reservoirs so is fresh & free from all chemical additives. It can be quite brown & peaty at times but, goes through filtration systems so is perfectly fine to drink & bathe in.*

### Linen & Laundry

*We provide all linen, bathrobes & beach towels for your stay. All bedrooms are equipped with a hairdryer.*

### Clothing

*Please anticipate the possibility of rain! So come well equipped with waterproof clothing, wellies & good walking shoes. It is also wise to come dressed for the boat crossing to keep safe & dry, the jetty on both sides can be extremely slippery. There are an abundance of walks on the island & swimming in the loch or off the beach is a fantastic experience. May to July can be very hot so don't forget your sunscreen!*

### Activities

*There are board games & jigsaws in the house, a billiard room & tennis court. The tennis court is situated in the grounds of the house & is for the exclusive use of house guests.*

*We have racquets & tennis balls but feel free to bring your own. If swimming is your thing then bring your costume, however as the waters can be cold even in the summer, a wet suit is perfect.*

### How to Get Here?

*Eilean Shona is remote. The nearest train station is Lochailort which is a half hour drive from Dorlin Pier. While Fort William, to which the sleeper & more frequent services come, is an hour away. From Glasgow airport the drive is approximately 3½ hours. Edinburgh airport is about 4 hours drive. The local private bus company; Loch Shiel Buses, can collect & return guests to Fort William, Glasgow & Inverness & can be contacted on 01967 431 272. There is a suitable place on the island for helicopter landings.*

### Bookings & Prices

*Eilean Shona House is booked from Tuesday to Monday. So a week on Eilean Shona is six nights. This gives our staff time to ensure that the house is in immaculate condition for the arrival of our next guests (which might be you). Two week bookings get an extra night free! Some variance on this may be possible depending upon availability & season.*

*To make a booking please contact Mr Devereux, via email in the first instance: robert.hfd@virgin.net or secondarily on 07768 270 416.*

*Once your booking has been confirmed by Mr Devereux, all further local information, arrival times, laundry requirements etc. & for any other aspects of your booking, please contact Mrs Kate McKinnon at Eilean Shona House on 01967 431 249.*

*We cannot transfer any guests within the hours of darkness so please take this into consideration when arranging your travel plans. Your luggage will be taken to the boat for 11am on the day of departure.*

*Your booking will be confirmed in writing on receipt of the enclosed booking form provided the dates you require are available. If in doubt please do not hesitate to contact Kate on the above number to discuss dates.*

*Once a booking form has been received & dates confirmed, a 50% deposit is due to secure the booking. The balance or full payment of the rental is due 6 weeks in advance of arrival. All payments must be made in Sterling. Bank charges arising from the transfer*

*of funds will be payable by the Tenant. Cheques & Bankers drafts must be in pounds sterling & drawn on a British bank.*

*The cost of the hire of Eilean Shona House is from £6000.00 to £8000.00 per week. There is a householders deposit of £500.00 which is refundable within 14 days of your departure on condition there are no breakages or damage. If Eilean Shona House requires exceptional cleaning after your departure, this cost will be deducted from the householders deposit.*

#### *Insurance*

*Neither the proprietors nor agents of the estate can accept liability for personal injury or illness, loss or damage to luggage or other belongings, or for any delay, inconvenience or other loss. A proper respect for the nature of the terrain & facilities & the vagaries of the Scottish weather must be accepted. You & your party will be solely responsible for your & their personal safety & without prejudice to that generality any equipment that is used is entirely at you own risk.*

#### *Contact Details*

*Mrs Kate McKinnon can be contacted on 01967 431 249 or through the website on [www.eileanshona.com](http://www.eileanshona.com) she will return your call or email as soon as possible.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.*

*Receipt of payment will confirm your booking & your acceptance of all the terms & conditions on our attached Terms & Conditions sheet.*

*Kind regards*