



Beautiful, Spacious Beachside Island Home

Suidheachan, Eoligarry, Isle of Barra, HS9 5YD



Entrance hallway • Kitchen • Dining room • Utility room
Drawing room / games room • Sitting room • Inner
hallway • Bathroom Master bedroom with en suite
4 further bedrooms • Butler's pantry • Shower room
Bedroom 5 / study

Directions

If you are taking the ferry from Oban you will arrive at Castle Bay – turn right and continue north for approximately 8.3 miles; Suidheachan is on the left hand side adjacent to Barra Airport.

If flying to Barra Airport – Suidheachan is adjacent to the airport.

Flights to Barra Airport from Glasgow Airport take around 1 hour 10 minutes in normal flying conditions. The ferry from Oban takes approximately 4 hours 30 minutes in normal sailing conditions.

Situation

The beautiful isle of Barra is a 23 square mile island located approximately 80 miles from the mainland reached by either ferry crossing from Oban or by air from Glasgow Airport with the planes landing on the island's beach runway (Ann Traigh Mhor – a fantastic mile long sandy beach). Isle of Barra Airport is consistently voted the world's most scenic landing location for scheduled flights and is believed to be the only airport in the world to have regular scheduled landings on a beach.

The isle of Barra is often described as the jewel of the Hebrides with its spectacular beaches, rugged landscaped and flower laden machair, while the wildlife rich isles of Vatersay (linked by a causeway to Barra) and Mingulay (accessed by boat) are equally stunning and also boast idyllic beaches. The beaches in Barra and Vatersay are among the very best in the world with fabulously white sands and crystal clear waters. The beaches offer large and empty stretches of perfect sand and are also popular with sea kayakers and surfers. The wildlife on the island is stunning, with numerous opportunities for wildlife watching including seals, golden eagles, puffins, guillemots and kittiwakes, with oyster catchers and plovers on the seashore. There are numerous archaeological sites on the island and full information can be obtained from the Barra Heritage and Cultural Centre which is based in Castle Bay.

Suidheachan is surrounded by mainly lawned gardens and has views to the Sound of Barra, Eriskay and beyond to Knoydart, Gigha and Rum.





Description

Suidheachan (literally translated as 'sitting down place') was built in 1935 by Sir Compton Mackenzie and is a Category B listed villa which is white harled with a slate roof which was replaced in 2010. Part of the villa was once used as a cockle shell crushing factory and was then restored back to a private residence. In the late 1990s, Shakespearian actor Alan Howard - Compton Mackenzie's great-nephew - and his best selling novelist wife Sally Beauman bought Suidheachan and transformed it back into a wonderful, light and airy family home.

The accommodation comprises an open plan L-shaped reception hallway, wonderful drawing room / games room with exposed timber beams and beautiful open aspects, a formal dining room, sitting room, fitted dining sized kitchen with a fine range of base and wall mounted units with four oven cream AGA at focal point, fitted utility room, four bedrooms and master bedroom with en suite bathroom off. There is an additional bathroom and shower room with cloakroom / WC. To the north of the property is an attached double sized garage and the property is surrounded by mainly lawned gardens.

Historical note

Sir Edward Montague Compton Mackenzie OBE (1883 - 1972) was a famous writer of fiction and biographies as well as being a cultural commentator, raconteur and political activist. He is probably best known for two comic novels set in Scotland - Whisky Galore (1947) and The Monarch of the Glen (1941). Whisky Galore was written at Suidheachan and was based on a real life incident that occurred in 1941 on the Hebridean Island of Eriskay close to Suidheachan when the SS Politician ran aground with a cargo that included 28,000 cases of malt whisky. The book was adapted for the cinema in 1948.

Local Authority

Eilean Siar
Council Tax Band:

EPC

Rating F

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Suidheachan, Isle of Barra

Total 356.0 sq. metres/3831.6 sq. feet

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