



## HOW TO GET TO BERNERAY



This community-owned building is a home for the Berneray Historical Society and also for the Visitor Information Centre. It is open and



staffed by local people on weekdays during the summer months and is a great source of local information.

Broadband internet access is also available during opening hours at The Nurses' Cottage for a nominal charge.

#### WHEN TO COME

The Hebrides enjoy more sunshine than many places on the mainland, and low-lying Berneray is especially favoured, experiencing less rain than Skye (An t-Eilean Sgitheanach) for instance. If you come in the summer, you will be guaranteed more or less continuous daylight. If you visit in the winter, you may well be treated to a display of the Northern Lights — Berneray has plenty to offer the visitor at any time of the year!

### WHERE TO STAY

There are a number of B&Bs and cottages for rent on Berneray. Visit



the Berneray Community Website for details or pick up an up-to-date accommodation listing at the well-stocked shop (Ardmaree Stores) or at The Nurses' Cottage.

Many visitors stay at the 20-bed Gatliff Trust Hostel at the east beach. The hostel comprises two renovated thatched blackhouses, and all who stay here remember it as a unique and memorable experience. Camping is possible at a number of locations on the island.

Campers who pitch up near the hostel can use the washing and cooking facilities for a

small nightly fee. There are shower and toilet facilities, as well as fresh water, at the Harbour. There is also a drinking water tap and chemical toilet disposal point at Ardmaree Ferry Terminal.

**By ferry** – Caledonian MacBrayne ferries come in to Lochmaddy, North Uist *(Loch nam Madadh, Uibhist a Tuath)* every day of the week and also into Berneray itself from Leverburgh, Harris *(An t-Ob, Hearadh)*.

**By car** – The Berneray causeway to North Uist is always open and passable in any weather conditions or state of the tide.

By air – Regular scheduled flights come in to Benbecula (Beinn na Faoghla) aiport from Glasgow, Stornoway (Steòrnabhagh) and Barra. There are a number of car rental companies in Benbecula, which is about an hour's drive from Berneray.

By bus – There is an excellent bus network throughout the islands, connecting with ferry and flight arrivals. The service bus stops at Ardmaree Ferry Terminal and also at the Hostel.

Where to shop and eat – Ardmaree Stores is well-stocked with groceries, souvenirs and other goods. The adjoining Lobster Pot Tearoom is licensed and open Monday to Saturday in the summer months for teas, snacks and light meals.

**Post Office** – Berneray Post Office is open 9.30am – 1pm weekdays (closed Wednesday).

**Church of Scotland** – Services are held at Berneray Church each Sunday at either 12pm or 6pm, alternating. A prayer meeting is also held on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Other useful resources — Lochmaddy Tourist Office 01876 500321 www.isleofberneray.com — Berneray Community Website www.calmac.co.uk — for details of Caledonian MacBrayne ferry crossings www.gatliff.org.uk — The Gatliff Trust, which runs Berneray Hostel www.cne-siar.gov.uk/travel/busservice — for details of bus services to Berneray

www.visithebrides.com - general Hebrides information

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