



# The Outer Hebrides in a Motorhome

## We Hope You Have a Great Stay on Our Islands

The latest Scottish Government guidance includes allowing travel in motorhomes to resume throughout the country. While the islands are now emerging from lockdown, COVID-19 will still affect your visit in a number of ways. We need you to think and act differently this year for your own enjoyment and the safety and wellbeing of others. Make sure you are aware of what is open on your route, plan ahead and act considerately at all times.

### What to Expect

- Ferry capacity to and within the Outer Hebrides remains limited for both vehicles and passengers.
- Several of our main campsites will not open this year, including those in popular areas such as West Harris (Horgabost) and Uig.
- Some sites are not opening their facilities and/or are only accepting self-contained motor-homes.
- Public toilet facilities are limited. Many public toilets in more remote areas, run by community groups or volunteers, will remain closed. Those in the main population centres are open.
- Outside of campsites most showers are located in the island sports centres which remain closed in line with Government Guidance.
- Many of our communities have had no cases as of COVID-19, causing some anxiety about the return of visitors. Please don't act in a way that heightens that anxiety.

### How You Can Help

- **Plan ahead.** Book your transport. Book your pitches. Do not just “turn up” expecting a space.
- **Camp responsibly** Stay in organized campsites. If you must camp outside of the sites, avoid taking up residence in communities and only remain in a single place for a single night. If you are in a motor home, you are not wild camping and off-road access for vehicles and overnight parking is not covered by freedom of access and is based on the goodwill of the landowner. You should not park or camp in passing spaces under any circumstances.
- **Leave no trace.** Take everything out that you take in including ALL your litter. Avoid damage to natural habitats, and rare species especially on the machair (sand-dunes). Do not pollute waterways. Only empty your tanks in chemical disposal points – not streams or public toilets.
- **Follow the Advice.** [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot) and [www.campa.org.uk](http://www.campa.org.uk), Download our facilities map at [www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk](http://www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk)
- **Follow Scottish Government Guidance.** Carry hand sanitiser. Remember face coverings. Maintain social distancing.
- **Support island communities and businesses.** Buy groceries. Grab a coffee or a meal. Stay on a site.