

Grace Cottage, Diabaig – 4 pages to see!



Dining area



Looking through to snug from kitchen



Double bedroom above and snug to the right



Grace Cottage and Loch Diabaigus Arde in winter



[Grace Cottage, Diabaig, Torridon, By Achnasheen, Ross-shire, IV22 2HE](#) [see web site prices and availability](#)

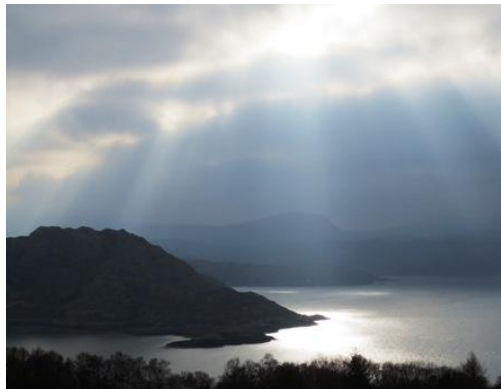
No charge is made for dogs as they are part of the family. We trust guests to leave our cottage clean and no trace of their 'family' behind. One third of rental is due on booking, remainder due 60 days before holiday date. 10% of the cost goes to ['Many Tears Animal Rescue'](#) **Electricity is charged by meter readings at cost less £5 allowance. WI-FI is free.** For general enquiries and to book, telephone Pat Priestley on: 01629 584634 or 07522282342. E-mail pat.richard@virgin.net



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LINKS

[The National Trust](#) do guided walks, details of which may be obtained at the Countryside Centre at the T-junction Torridon turn. We love a round trip to [Ullapool](#) and the National Trust [Inverewe gardens](#) just outside Poolewe. Nearer to Grace cottage are The [Torridon Stores](#) and café and the [Torridon Community centre](#) [The Torridon](#) at Annat (11miles) plus bar and restaurant. [The Applecross Inn](#), (Applecross) is a gastro pub. Gairloch and Red Point have wonderful sweeping sandy beaches and [boat trips](#). (1½ hours) On the way to Gairloch park at Loch Maree head, by Slatterdale and see Slioch in all it's glory. [Walkhighlands.co.uk](#) When we send travel details we include other walks around Diabaig and there are books and maps in Grace Cottage. [The Badachro Inn](#) has conservatory right on the shore. On the way to it is the car park for walking to lovely Fairy Lochs and Loch Horrisdale. There is also an historic [aircraft wreckage](#) shrine from the end of World War II. [Plockton](#) (1½hours) is where Hamish Macbeth was filmed and seal watching boat trips may be taken here [Poolewe](#) (very scenic) Walk to Loch Fada along river valley and into mountain wilderness. Bridge Cottage (Café).



We have been welcoming guests to Grace Cottage for well over 10 years. We didn't have a visitor's book to start with but so many people wanted to record their holiday! This was our first entry:

April 22nd 2002 - Andrew and Inga, Sheena and Angus: *Spent a wonderful first week of our honeymoon here! What a beautiful cottage, in a beautiful setting!*

Here are a few more: November 2nd 2002 – Mark and Jan: *Today is our 2nd wedding anniversary and we could not have chosen anything more romantic. We are sat in front of the burning stove, sipping a wee dram. Grace Cottage has certainly been the place we expected and more. Thank you Pat and Richard for sharing this idyllic place!!.....* December 28th 2002 - Harland and Lesley: *What better way to start the new year in a wonderful, cosy cottage in an awesome setting – so beautiful it's hard to know where to look first.....* January 4th 2003 – Nina and Rod: *This is a great boon inside and out. The cosy nestiness of the cottage, with its excellent collection of CD's, books videos and impeccable taste in décor and furnishings, stand in stark contrast to the overwhelming rugged beauty of its surroundings.....* June 7th 2003 – Mary and Mark (Illinois, USA): *A lovely week of relaxation in the comfort of this wonderful cottage for our 20th wedding anniversary. Many long walks botanising, bird watching and viewing this stunningly beautiful scenery. It is hard to think of more dramatic landscape than that revealed from the knoll opposite Grace Cottage.....* May 30th 2004 Louise and Mavis: *A wonderfully silent place - small sounds carrying across the loch, cuckoos calling continuously, the water still and silver below us, the cottage a cosy place to go to ground with many delights and comforts.....* 2nd October 2004 Lynda and Rob: *What a beautiful land of rainbows, lochs and waterfalls. The cottage is lovely to come back to a fire and a glass of wine. We saw an otter by the pier and an eagle above Ben Alligin. Thursday night was clear with millions of stars twinkling. We cannot believe the week is over. Thank you xxx.....* 16th April 2005 Frances, Oliver, Chris and Jon (France): *Magic from beginning to end. The cottage is fantastic, the area stunning and people have been very friendly. I've seldom had such a sense of well being. The cottage is the best I've ever stayed in and exceptionally clean and well equipped. The locality is breathtaking. Thank you Pat and Richard.....*

These are just a sample. There are many, many more over the years, so jumping to 2010:

May 8th 2010 Margaret and Paul Barnes:

We've rented from you your timeless zone
A Scottish cot you've made your home
It boldly clings to sheer hillside
A stone built gem in which to hide
In colours soft the inside greets
Each small space hangs with mindful treats.
A birds-eye view on stairs to loft
Where, birches fan low roof of croft.
Beds tucked in eaves with views to tease
You, up and about, in footwear stout.
Even the loo has a pink craggy view!
A rugged garden, gnarled, tree strewn,
A wilderness, woven on nature's loom.
But what sweet joy to sit and drink –
Your mirrored loch's sweet sunlit wink
Thank you.

August 12th 2010 Suse, Crispin and Nick: *Whenever we think of these hills it will be with bittersweet memories of wee douglas – he held on so bravely but when the last leg went we had to let him slip away. A short life but fully lived – a lesson to us all. We didn't realise when we booked, that you donate some of the rental to Many Tears but the news brought a smile to our faces! On a lighter note, the snorkelling has been fantastic. Jellyfish, backlit by the shafts of sunshine are pretty psychedelic! The stream is perfect for washing off salt and sand before returning. The whistle stop café in Kinlochewe is stupendous.....* September 18th 2010 Ann, Bob and Roy, Sweep and Aysha: *A wonderful relaxing week. Cottage fabulous the 'Jewel in the Crown' so well equipped and tastefully furnished. More than a holiday cottage...A well loved home. Nightly visitor was the lone bat flying above the barn. We saw otters along the private road in front of Torridon House. Thank you, Pat and Richard for allowing us to share your jewel and helping Many Tears.....* March 19th 2011 Johnston Family *We had an amazing time. The cottage is brilliant - so homely and cosy. The views are breathtaking and the whole place is just so relaxing. The dogs were so happy, although totally exhausted - have never seen them so chilled out. I can't put into words how much we all enjoyed it and are really sad to have to leave. I hope to return soon to do some of the walks we didn't manage to fit in.....* April 2nd 2011 Karen and Conor: *What can I say! We have had the most relaxing holiday of our lives. The cottage perfect in every way. We have met some nice, friendly, helpful people. Thank you so much Pat and Richard for allowing us to have the pleasure of your special cottage. Thank you to Many Tears for, not only giving us our wonderful border collie Paddy McGuinness but through them have found Pat and Richard and this beautiful cottage.....* 5th September 2011 Heather and David. *A gem of a place. Loved everything – the mountains, the lochs, the heather, silvery light and warm fire. An all too short chance to step off the roller coaster – thank you xxx*

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to visit since November 2011, so there are no 2012 entries as yet.

More information about the area follows ↓



Diabaig – Wainwrights ‘Perfect horse shoe cove’, just a short walk from Grace Cottage. The circular walk takes you up a splendid path, part on a shallow stream bed, back to Loch Diabaigus Arde and our holiday home. Turn around often, to gaze out over the sea - the views are breath-taking. As you go, if you look on the opposite hill (the far side of our Knoll) you will most likely see some of the herd of wild goats that took great advantage of being enclosed in the deer fencing by mistake!

There is really nothing we can say that will do justice to the lochs and mountains around Diabaig. The changing light is an artist and photographer's dream. The stars fill the heavens and the dawn is rarely less than dramatic. Walking, you may see wildlife and birds found only in this area, as well as deer, otter and mountain goats. The coastal path goes for miles and miles, allowing you to see Skye and the Outer Hebrides in all their glory. Whatever the weather, one is always drawn into the solitude found in this unique landscape

Left: A lizard in our top garden

Right: Along the river at poolewe



Left: Herd of Mountain goats in February. Below Left: Cottage skylight in snow. Below right: Loch Maree and Slioch



There are so many mountains over 3000' around Diabaig that the Munro 'bagger' will be wondering which ones to choose and the leisure walker will have so many waterfalls and lochans to see that they will hardly have time to take them all in. Those seeking respite from city life will find beauty just by stepping outside Grace Cottage's door and strolling on the mountain pass. A professional photographer guest said *"Snow, ice, sunshine, white clouds, rain, stillness, technicolour dawns and sunsets, charm, crisp frosts..... If you want it all – it's all here..... Golden eagles inclusive"*