



The beach at Huisinis North Harris. Photo credit to HIAL

Stornoway



OUTER HEBRIDES



The [airport](#) at Stornoway is well connected with regular [flights](#) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness – and seasonally – Manchester. [Ferries](#) also sail multiple times daily direct to Ullapool on the mainland – making Lewis and Harris the best connected island of the Outer Hebrides.

Employment comes primarily from healthcare, public administration and defence, retail, and tourism, with the area playing host to some 220,000 visitors each year.

Lewis and Harris is well served for primary and secondary [schools](#) and [Lews Castle College UHI](#) serves to provide both further and higher education.

The main town on the isle of Lewis and Harris, Stornoway is located toward the northern end of the Outer Hebrides. Known for [Harris Tweed](#), [Stornoway black pudding](#), the [Callanish standing stones](#) and the Lewis [Chessmen](#) the island has a strong cultural identity and 70% of its inhabitants still have Gaelic as their first language.

The observance of tradition on Lewis means that the majority of the population observe the Sunday sabbath resulting in most businesses closure for the day, but this lends to the tranquillity of island living, and [Gaelic psalm singing](#) is an integral part of worship.

Annually the [HebCelt Festival](#) is held in Stornoway which celebrates the traditional music and dance of the region as well as spawning many [ceilidhs](#) in community halls across the island. The coast of Lewis and Harris is known for being one of the most consistent and best surfing destinations in Northern Europe, and a [surf school](#) exists for people to try a range of water sports.

STORNOWAY – links to further information

- [Stornoway Airport](#)
- [Stornoway Gazette newspaper](#)
- [Comhairle nan Eilean Siar \(Outer Hebrides Council\)](#)
- [Annual average weather information](#)
- [The Islands Bill](#)
- [Lewis and Harris tourist website](#)
- [Next 7 days weather forecast plus tide predictions](#)
- [Local business directory](#)
- [Information on property](#)
- [Stornoway Golf Club](#)
- [Fishing](#)
- [The Heb multi-discipline event](#)
- [Sold house prices for Stornoway, plus links to property searches and estate agent details. Enter postal code HS1 or HS2 to search.](#)
- [The cost of living on a Scottish Island](#)

Find out more about what is currently happening in Lewis and Harris on Twitter:

- [Stornoway Airport](#) [Stornoway Gazette](#)

For drone footage of the sights and spectacular scenery of Lewis and Harris please follow this link: [Isle of Lewis short video by drone.](#)

