

GREAT BRITAIN: OUTER HEBRIDES



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Capital: Stornoway

Background: The Outer Hebrides (sometimes also referred to as the Long Island) are separated from the mainland and from the Inner Hebrides by the straits of Minch and Little Minch and by the Sea of the Hebrides; they extend for 130 miles (209 km) from the Butt of Lewis on Lewis and Harris to Barra Head island. The Outer Hebrides comprise the council area of Western Isles. The climate is mild, the scenery is beautiful, and there are prehistoric and ancient historical remains and geological structures. Fishing, crop raising, sheep grazing, manufacturing of tweeds and other woolsens, quarrying (slate), and catering to tourists are the chief means of livelihood.

Location: Western Isles, or Western Islands, group of more than 50 islands, is situated latitude 58deg longitude 6deg, 30 miles off the West and North West coast of Scotland.

Map References: United Kingdom

Area: Land area of 290,000 hectares and a coastline of 2,700 kilometers.

Population: Latest population estimate suggests a total population 27,180 persons.

Nationality: Scots.

Ethnic Groups: Majority Hebrideans, less than 0.7% are other ethnic minorities

Religions: Roman Catholic

Languages: Scottish Gaelic.

Currency: 1 British pound = 100 pence

Ports and Harbors: Stornoway Ferry Port

Airports: Stornoway Airport and Benbecula Airport

Visa: see Visa in UK section.

Duty Free: see Duty Free in UK section.

Health: see Health in UK section

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