

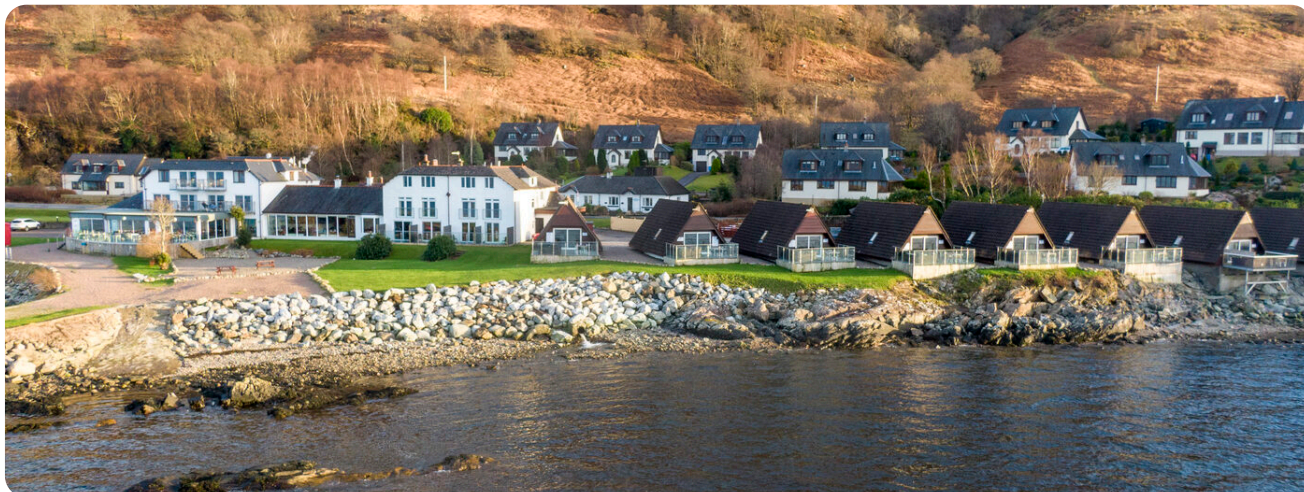


WELCOME!

Holly Tree Hotel and Lodges

HOTEL WELCOME PACK

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GETTING STARTED

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Facilities Map



Welcome!

Thank you for choosing to stay with us. Please make yourselves at home, and we hope to welcome you back before long.



Social media

Follow us for news, offers and the occasional giveaway. Do tag us in your posts while you are staying.

 **Holly Tree Hotel and Swimming Pool**

 **@the_hollytree_hotel**

 **@thehollytreehotel**

Feedback

Please tell us how your stay goes. If something is not right, we would far rather hear it from you while you are still here so we can put it straight. If it is good, we would love to know that too. Email stay@hollytreehotel.co.uk or speak to any of the team.

Key Numbers

Everything you are most likely to need, in one place. Worth a photo on your phone.

RECEPTION

01631 740 292

Open 7:30am to 10pm

EMAIL

stay@hollytreehotel.co.uk

EMERGENCY

999 for police, fire or ambulance

DOCTOR

Ballachulish Medical Practice

01855 811226

TAXI

North Star Taxis, ask for Dmitri

07507 501533

WIFI PASSWORD

hollytree

SWIMMING POOL

9am to 10pm daily, free for residents

CHECK IN AND OUT

From 3pm, out by 11am

Our address, for taxis and deliveries. The Holly Tree Hotel, Kentallen Pier, Appin, Argyll, PA38 4BY. We are right on the A828 at Kentallen, about 4 miles south of the Ballachulish bridge.

Essential Details

SMOKING

Please note that this is a strictly no smoking property.

TOWELS

Provided in your room. Swimming towels can be hired at the pool for £1.

Dogs. We love dogs, but we do ask that you please keep them off the furniture and beds. Please also clean up any mess they might make on the decking and in the area around the hotel and lodges.

Reception hours. Reception is open from **7:30am to 10pm**. We do not have a night porter, so the main hotel doors are locked overnight. If you plan to be out later than 10pm, or to leave before 7:30am, your room key will open the external door at the bottom of each stair.

Safety and Emergencies

Fire extinguisher and blanket

Please ensure that any use of the fire extinguisher or fire blanket is reported to the staff at the hotel to enable us to maintain safety standards.

Bins and recycling

Housekeeping will empty your bins for you.

Emergency services

The nearest hospital is in Fort William, which has an accident and emergency facility. The UK emergency number is **999**.

There is a doctor's surgery, the Ballachulish Medical Practice, located at The Old Station, Ballachulish, PH49 4JB. The number is **01855 811226**.

Useful Information

Local facilities and shops

There is a very well stocked Co-op in Ballachulish, about 4 miles away, open from 7am to 10pm every day. There is also a local shop in Glencoe. There are lots of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants in the towns of Oban and Fort William.

For larger supermarkets there is a Tesco, Lidl, Aldi and a Marks & Spencer Foodhall in Oban, and a Morrisons, a smaller Tesco, and a Marks & Spencer Foodhall in Fort William.

Church

The nearest Catholic church is St Mun's in Ballachulish. Mass is at 10am on Sundays.

Getting around

Ember run all-electric coaches on the E14 between Inverness and Oban, and the stop is right outside the hotel. It is a request stop, so you must book at least ten minutes before departure through the Ember app or at ember.to, or the coach will not pull in. There are roughly three departures a day in each direction.

The **918 Oban to Fort William bus** (West Coast Motors) also stops right outside the hotel at Kentallen, in both directions. For a taxi, we recommend **North Star Taxis**, run by **Dmitri**, on **07507 501533** (northstartaxis.com, also on WhatsApp). He is far and away the most reliable in the area. Glencoe Taxis in Ballachulish are also close by, on 01855 811764.

If you need us

Reception is open from **7:30am to 10pm**. If anything at all needs sorting, phone **01631 740 292**, email stay@hollytreehotel.co.uk or call in at reception, and our team will take care of it. Outside those hours there is no one on duty, so please come to us as soon as reception reopens. In a genuine emergency, dial **999**.

More information about the area and things to do can be found on our websites, www.hollytreehotel.co.uk and www.glencoeolidays.co.uk.

Our Recommendations

A few places we happily send our own guests to.

The Old Inn

DINNER • 10 MINUTES SOUTH • 01631 730 186

At Portnacraish in Appin, just off the A828 near Castle Stalker. It dates from 1690, it is cosy and candlelit, and its Josper grill turns out fantastic steaks alongside fresh seafood. It fills up fast, so book ahead.

Ee-Usk

SEAFOOD • OBAN • 01631 565 666

On the North Pier, with floor-to-ceiling windows over the bay. Langoustines, oysters and scallops landed on this coast. Book ahead, particularly in the evening.

Oban Seafood Hut

SEAFOOD, INFORMAL • RAILWAY PIER, OBAN

The green shack beside the ferry terminal, run by fishermen since 1990. The seafood is landed off the boats tied up right alongside it, then cooked to order and eaten at the benches on the pier. No booking, just turn up.

The Ben Nevis Bar

DRINKS AND FOOD • FORT WILLIAM • 01397 702295

On the High Street, in a building that began as a drovers' inn in 1806. The outdoor terrace looks out over Loch Linnhe and is the best spot in town for a drink in the sun. Good food and a serious whisky list.

Boots Bar at the Clachaig Inn

DRINKS AND LIVE MUSIC • 20 MINUTES • 01855 811252

Up the glen beyond Glencoe village. A proper walkers' and climbers' bar with a real fire, a long list of cask ales and malts, and live music on regularly. Over-18s only in this bar.



THE HOTEL

Everything on Site

The pool and hot tub spa, the Captain's Bar and Seafood Restaurant, the Seaview Terrace and the beer garden. All of it a short walk from your door.



FACILITIES

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is open daily from **9am to 10pm**, welcoming residents of both the hotel and self-catering accommodation at no charge.

No booking is required to enjoy the heated pool and relaxing hot tub spa.

Towels are available for hire at £1, and changing rooms are available at the pool.

Pool hours can vary seasonally, so please check with reception.

HEATED SWIMMING POOL

HOT TUB SPA



FACILITIES

Dining in our Restaurant and Bar

We serve lunch from **12:00 till 16:00** in our Captain's Bar and on our Seaview Terrace.

Dinner is served from **17:30** in both our Captain's Bar and Seafood Restaurant. We recommend booking. To make a reservation for food, please contact us:

STAY@HOLLYTREEHOTEL.CO.UK

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Service times vary with the seasons, so please check with our team on the day.



FACILITIES

Dog-friendly Dining

Well-behaved dogs are welcome in the Captain's Bar, on the Seaview Terrace and in the beer garden. We serve food in the Captain's Bar and on the terrace.

For breakfast with your dog, we can set you up in our Railway Lounge. Please let us know the night before so it is ready for you.



FACILITIES

Seaview Terrace

The terrace runs along the front of the hotel, glass-fenced so nothing gets in the way of the view down Loch Linnhe to the hills of Morvern. It catches the sun from late morning until it drops behind the far shore.

Coffee in the morning, a drink in the afternoon, or a full meal from the Captain's Bar menu. The terrace is bar service, so please order inside at the bar. Dogs are welcome out here.

EXCEPTIONAL VIEWS

DOG FRIENDLY



FACILITIES

Beer Garden

The beer garden is the place to sit out with a drink in the sun and take in the full sweep of the loch. Settle in with a pint, a gin or a coffee and keep an eye out for otters, seabirds and the occasional seal.

The beer garden is bar service and drinks only.

EXCEPTIONAL VIEWS

DOG FRIENDLY

When It's Time to Leave

We hope you have had a wonderful stay. Before you head off, we would be grateful if you could:

Check out by **11am**

Settle any outstanding bills at reception

Return your key to reception

Check the safe and the wardrobe for anything left behind

If you are leaving before reception opens at 7:30am, please post your key through the letterbox at the reception desk and we will settle up by email.

If anything was not perfect during your stay, please tell us; we would much rather hear it from you than find out later. And if you loved it, we would be delighted to welcome you back.

Safe travels from all of us at the Holly Tree.



BEYOND THE HOTEL

Out and About

Glencoe is ten minutes north, Fort William twenty-five, Oban forty. Between them sit some of the best walking, driving and island-hopping in Scotland.

Walks and Trails

Everything below is within twenty minutes of the hotel, from a level stroll to a serious hill day. Times are for the walk itself, not the drive.

Sustrans Caledonia Way

ON THE DOORSTEP • EASY

The long-distance route from Campbeltown to Inverness runs right past us. The stretch either side of the hotel is level and quiet, and it is as good on a bike as on foot.

Glen Duror Forest

5 MINUTES • EASY TO MODERATE • 2 HOURS

The nearest proper forest walk, about 3 miles of waymarked track with a bothy along the way. Park at the forestry car park up the minor road from Duror.

Glencoe Lochan

10 MINUTES • EASY • 1 TO 1½ HOURS

Waymarked trails around a Victorian lochan planted with Canadian pines by a homesick settler's wife. Flat enough for a buggy, with the Pap reflected in the water. Signposted from Glencoe village.

The Lost Valley

20 MINUTES • HARD • 2½ TO 3 HOURS

A steep, rocky path into the hidden glen where the MacDonalds are said to have driven stolen cattle. There is a river to cross on stepping stones, so leave it for a dry day and not for small children. Park at the Three Sisters car park on the A82.

Pap of Glencoe

15 MINUTES • HARD • 3½ TO 5 HOURS

A 742 m summit with around 715 m of climbing from the car park on the back road towards the Clachaig Inn. Steep and eroded underfoot with a short scramble near the top, and the view over Loch Leven is the best in the area.

Beinn a' Bheithir

10 MINUTES • SERIOUS HILL DAY • 7 TO 9 HOURS

The two Munros standing straight above Ballachulish, with 1,387 m of ascent and some easy scrambling on the ridge. For experienced, properly equipped hillwalkers. Park in Ballachulish village.



ACTIVITIES

A Trip to Oban

This scenic coastal town is about 40 minutes away. Oban is famous for its views and fantastic fish and chips, and has a marina, marvellous seafood restaurants, and a vibrant nightlife.

For a bird's eye view, we recommend parking at the car park just down from the first roundabout, and taking the walk up to McCaig's Tower, which offers an almost panoramic view of the town. If the walk is too strenuous, then there is parking reasonably close to the top.

Oban also features a ferry terminal, which has regular crossings to Mull, which makes a fine day out in itself.



ACTIVITIES

A Trip to Mull

The usual way over is the ferry from Oban to Craignure, about 45 minutes on the water, with Oban about 40 minutes from us. You can also drive round through unspoiled Ardnamurchan and take the smaller Lochaline to Fishnish crossing.

Mull is bigger than it looks. Craignure to Fionnphort at the far western end is about 35 miles of mostly single-track road, so allow an hour and a quarter each way and do not try to see the whole island in a day.

Iona is a separate ten minute ferry from Fionnphort, at that far western end. It is the ancient burial place of the kings of Scotland and it is well worth seeing, but treat it as a day of its own rather than something to tack onto a tour of Mull.



ACTIVITIES

A Trip to Fort William

Fort William is about 17 miles away, roughly 25 minutes, and it is a lovely drive. It has a population of around 10,000 people, which greatly increases in the summer. The town itself is situated beside the water on Loch Linnhe.

There are many shops and things to do, including indoor climbing at Three Wise Monkeys, a marina at Corpach, cruises on Loch Linnhe offered by multiple companies including Cruise Loch Linnhe, and of course the nearby Ben Nevis, the UK's highest mountain.



ACTIVITIES

Ben Nevis

Near Fort William is the famous Ben Nevis, the UK's highest mountain at 1,345 metres (4,413 feet). The Glen Nevis visitor centre, where most people start, is about 30 minutes from us. Up and back down takes an average walker around 8 hours.

There is a relatively clear path to the summit, but thorough preparation is recommended, including proper hiking boots, warm layers, food, and plenty of water. Weather conditions can change rapidly, so check forecasts before attempting the climb. The mountain is best climbed between May and September.

On a clear day the views from the top are some of the best in the whole of Scotland.



ACTIVITIES

A Drive through Glencoe

Glencoe village is about 10 minutes north of us, and the viewpoints below the Three Sisters are another 10 minutes up the glen from there. If you did not come that way, the drive is well worth doing for its own sake.

The iconic mountains in Glencoe were formed by an ancient caldera collapsing, and were shaped by glacial movement. This violent formation set the scene for the centuries of inter-clan conflict which gives Glencoe the rich history it has today.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Luxury Self-Catering with Private Hot Tubs

Did you know that as well as fantastic sea-view hotel rooms, we also have luxury self-catering properties with private hot tubs? If you're thinking about taking some friends, they suit larger groups particularly well.

Loch Linnhe Lodges, sleeps 5

Kentallen Beach Houses, sleep 7 to 9

Wildwood Cottage, sleeps 8

Glenachulish Bay Cottage, sleeps 7

Find out more at www.glencoeolidays.co.uk.