

GRIMERSTA GENERAL INFORMATION SEASON 2026

Address: Grimersta Lodge, Grimersta, Isle of Lewis, Scotland, HS2 9EJ

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Contacts:

Factor. For fishing and shooting reservations, general enquiries, or for Company Secretary, contact Simon Scott; factor@grimersta.com; Tel: 07807 274 146.

General Manager. For accounts and invoices, lodge accommodation advice, or travel and arrival arrangements, contact Christina Macdonald; lodge@grimersta.com; Tel: 07366 301 609.

Estate Manager. For pre-season day tickets (11th February – 1st June), shooting or stalking enquiries, contact Chris Langhorne; sporting@grimersta.com; Tel: 07554 807 124.

Accommodation.

The lodge has 15 bedrooms, a combination of single, twin, and double rooms. 11 rooms are en-suite and there are two further bathrooms, one with shower.

There are two Sitting Rooms, one with a TV. There is an efficient Drying Room.

Arrival Information.

Ten weeks prior to your arrival we will send the invoice for any balances due for fishing or shooting, and an invoice for board and accommodation. We also include some General Information; an Arrivals proforma; a Grimersta Sporting Club Temporary Membership form; a *Gyrodactylus salaris* declaration; a Fly Order form, and for first time visitors, a copy of the Grimersta Sporting Club Rules. Please complete these (where applicable) and return to the estate office.

Cancellation. In the event of a late cancellation the estate will re-advertise the vacancy. Should we be unable to let the vacancy, the full cost of the booking will be payable. **We strongly recommend that guests insure against holiday cancellation and have suitable travel insurance.**

Cellar.

An excellent cellar of wines, spirits and beers are available in the Lodge. These should be ordered from Christina or the Housekeepers upon arrival, or as required.

Guests usually choose to share the cost of wines at dinner. By tradition ghillies are entitled to a bottle of beer a day, which will be included in the bill.

Changeover Night.

Changeover night on a Wednesday is a Grimersta tradition. With both outgoing and incoming parties the lodge can be fairly full. Incoming guests have priority and therefore it may occasionally be necessary to move rooms on this night (there is no charge for the second Wednesday night). If there are likely to be more than eight guests in your party, please discuss arrangements with Christina.

Dining.

Breakfast: 8.30 am. Afternoon Tea: 5.45 pm. Dinner: 7.45 pm.

Sundays, Breakfast: 9.30 am, Lunch: 1.00 pm, or picnic by arrangement. Dinner: 7.45 pm.

A gong will be sounded prior to meals, and it is requested that guests be punctual. A jacket and tie are usually required for dinner.

There is a set menu and a single sitting for breakfast and dinner. **Please be aware that all food may contain or have come into contact with common allergens.** If you have any specific allergies or concerns, please notify Christina prior to arrival.

After dinner, the Dining Room should be vacated reasonably promptly to allow staff to complete their duties. Coffee is served in the Sitting Room.

Early morning tea and picnic lunches are ordered from Christina or the Housekeepers upon arrival.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome on the estate, subject to prior arrangement with Chris. Please note that dogs are not allowed in the Lodge. We currently have limited kennelling and dogs are expected to sleep in cars.

Fishing Rules

The Grimersta Sporting Club Rules (2026) are available upon request from the estate office and are displayed in the Writing Room.

Gyrodactylus salaris

Please ensure that you complete and sign the *Gyrodactylus salaris* declaration and return it to the estate office or give a verbal declaration to the Estate Manager. It is Grimersta policy that no one may fish until a declaration has been received.

Internet and Mobile

Decent Internet access is available in the Lodge. There is reasonable mobile 'phone network coverage across the island.

Laundry and Towels

Laundry facilities are limited, and we cannot undertake personal laundry. Please ensure you have sufficient clothing for the duration of your stay. If you require fresh towels, please leave in the bath or shower and they will be replaced.

Retained Salmon.

We will arrange for any retained fish to be prepared, frozen, packed, and labelled prior to departure.

Safety.

Life jackets are provided. **All Rods must wear life jackets when in a boat. Failure to wear a life jacket invalidates insurance cover, and ghillies have been instructed not to proceed until guests comply.**

We strongly recommend the use of suitable eye protection.

Service Charge. To meet the requirements of the Employment (Allocation of Tips) Act 2023, a Service Charge of £140 per week or £20 per night will be added to all invoices for Board and Accommodation. This will be passed entirely to the lodge staff through the monthly payroll and replaces any previous informal arrangements for tipping lodge staff.

Sporting Club.

All fishing and shooting guests are Temporary Members of Grimersta Sporting Club for the duration of their visit, and during the current season. A charge for Temporary Membership is included in the rate for fishing, shooting or stalking. A Temporary Membership application form will be forwarded prior to your visit and should be completed and returned to the estate office prior to undertaking any sporting activities.

Smoking.

Please note that smoking is not permitted in the lodge, estate buildings or vehicles.

Tackle.

The Estate maintains a supply of tackle including complete rod outfits, flies, and nylon. We also stock midge nets, insect repellent etc. These items can be ordered from your ghillie or in advance through the estate office.

Transport.

Local Car Hire: **Car Hire Hebrides:** Tel 01851 706 500. Email: bookings@carhire-hebrides.co.uk
or **Stornoway Vehicle Hire:** Tel 07502 156 439.

If you require collection from and to Stornoway Airport, please contact Christina who will arrange a taxi. We have an account with a taxi firm and will invoice you for this retrospectively.

Travel Insurance. We strongly recommend that guests insure against holiday cancellation and have suitable travel insurance.

Simon Scott
Factor
January 2026