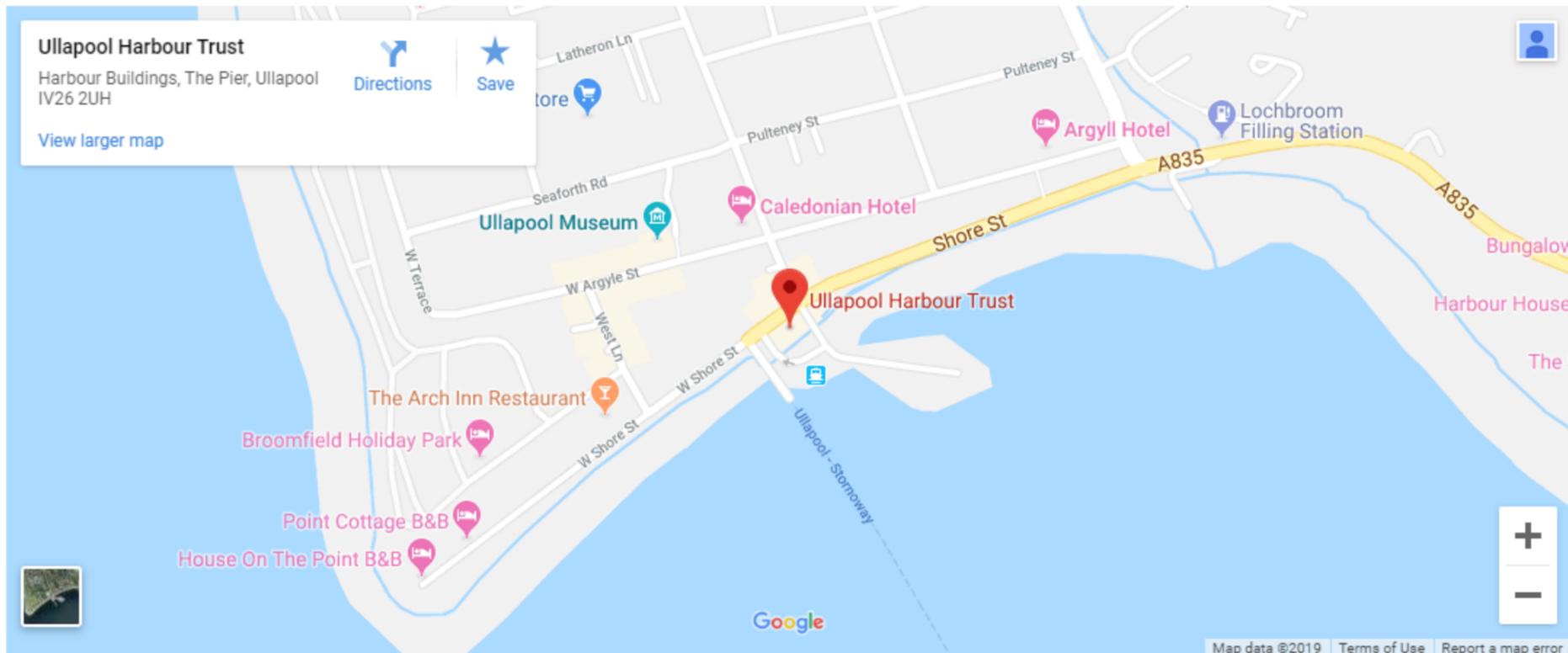


ULLAPOOL, SCOTLAND

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ULLAPOOL - THE PORT

As a base for starting a sailing holiday, Ullapool rewards those who take the trouble to travel this far North. On the entrance to Loch Broom are the Summer Isles and if you head out West you come to the Shiant Islands before you reach Harris and Lewis. From here, it is a relatively short hop to St Kilda, or the Flannan Isles. The sailing grounds are virtually empty and in June it feels like the sun hardly sets. At nearly N 58 degrees latitude Ullapool is further North than Moscow. It's a long way up from Edinburgh, but not as difficult to get to as you might think.

Ullapool is nestled on the shores of Loch Broom. Whatever the weather, you are immediately struck by Ullapool's whiteness and by its regularity of design and layout. This is a legacy of the town's origins, being designed and built in 1788 by Thomas Telford and the British Fisheries Society to exploit a boom in herring fishing at the time.

The town is also the main terminus for the car and passenger ferry to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. The ferry operates seven days per week so all the public transport to Ullapool is good and there are plenty of accommodation options in the town.

ULLAPOOL TOWN FACILITIES

As a base for exploring the north west of Scotland, Ullapool is ideal. It has accommodation to suit all tastes and pockets, including one of the best (and best located) campsites in this part of Scotland. And since the upgrading of most of the roads further north it is within reasonable reach of many parts of the region that twenty-five years ago would have needed a major expedition to reach.

Ullapool offers some very nice pubs, including the Ferry Boat Inn. It also has a range of shops from the smallest right up to a well-stocked supermarket: anyone on a self-catering holiday is sure to be visiting the latter at some point during their stay.

For those wanting to know more about the area the excellent Ullapool Museum & Visitor Centre on West Argyle Street can be highly recommended. This is in the old parish church, and tells the story of the people of Loch Broom and the history of Ullapool.

HOW TO GET HERE

BY ROAD & PARKING

Spectacular driving once in the Highlands but allow plenty of time and rest stops. It is 210 miles between Edinburgh and Ullapool.

RAIL & TRANSFERS

By train from Edinburgh: There are trains to Edinburgh up both the West and East coast of Britain. Once in Scotland the only train choice is Edinburgh Haymarket up to Inverness from Edinburgh. You then need to travel from Inverness on the East side of Scotland to the West coast by bus - approx 1 hour 20 mins. There is no train station in Ullapool, the nearest station is at Garve and this is a sub-line between Inverness and Kyle.

If travelling all the way to Ullapool from Southern England by train, try ticket split websites to find best prices.

AIR & TRANSFERS

Quickest option is to fly direct to Inverness airport from various regional and international airports.

Flying to Inverness airport - current flight routes include scheduled routes from London Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton, Belfast, Dublin, Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham, and Amsterdam.

Driving from Inverness Airport to Ullapool Port takes about 1 hour 15 mins by taxi, so if you are pushed for time this is your fastest option.

There is a shuttle bus from airport to Inverness Bus Station every 30 mins for £2-3 (2015 price) and it takes about 23 minutes.

Buses from Inverness Bus Station to Ullapool Ferry Terminal run 4 times a day costing approx £12 single and taking 1 hour 22 minutes.