



Causeways link Benbecula to North and South Uist. [Original image](#)

Benbecula





Located in the Western Isles (also known as the Outer Hebrides), Benbecula is connected via causeway to both North and South Uist. It has regular [flights](#) to Glasgow and Stornoway, and also a [ferry service](#) to the mainland via Skye.

More than half the population of Benbecula and the Uists speak Gaelic as their first language, and traditional music and dance are a large part of community events. Every summer a school is run by the [Ceolas](#) arts and heritage institution, and the annual [Eilean Dorcha Festival](#) celebrates the traditional arts.

The main village of Balinvanich is home to the majority of the islands services, including: [the airport](#); Post Office; a primary school; [the hospital](#); and [shops](#). The community centre that houses the secondary school, [sport centre](#), museum and library is located to the south in Lionacleit. Further education is provided by [University of the Highlands and Islands](#) through a wide range of full and part time courses, delivered via distance learning and video links.

Employment on Benbecula and the Uists is primarily in the public sector or tourism, but the islands also play host to specialised employers such as [Qinetiq](#) who operate testing and evaluation sites on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.



BENBECULA – links to further information

- [Benbecula Airport](#)
 - [Monthly community newspaper](#)
 - [Average annual weather information](#)
 - [Benbecula tourist website](#)
 - [Comhairle nan Eilean Siar \(Outer Hebrides Council\)](#)
 - [Sold house prices for Benbecula, plus links to property searches and estate agent details. Enter postal code HS7 to search.](#)
 - [Next 7 days weather forecast plus tide predictions](#)
 - [The cost of living on a Scottish Island](#)
 - [The Islands Bill](#)
 - [Fishing](#)
 - [The Heb multi-discipline event](#)
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- Find out more about what's currently happening on Benbecula and the Uists on Twitter:
 - [@BEBAirport](#) [@north-uist](#) [@isleofsouthuist](#)

For a look at North Uist, its stunning scenery and the range of activities on offer please follow this link to a brief video: [Video by Doc Wheeler.](#)

