

## **Inverewe Gardens, Poolewe and Gairloch.**

*Check providers opening*

Head north to Kinlochewe (fuel available here) and turn left towards Gairloch/Ullapool at the T junction. Past the Bienn Eithe visitors center, well worth a visit if you have time, with a good interpretive / exhibition area covering some of the local geology, flora & fauna. The woodland walk is quite quick or the talking walk. Then continue towards Gairloch, alongside Loch Maree.

This side of Gairloch, which is a collection of communities rather than a town; there is a small selection of galleries and shops to explore, the trekking center and harbor. If you wish to join a nature cruise it may be advisable to check availability before you leave Aurora and do remember we have our own Torridon Sea Tours in the village. Fuel is also available in Gairloch along with a Bank and ATM cash point. Half a mile further north there is a 1 mile long sweeping sandy beach, below the golf course.

Continue north to Poolewe. Just before the bridge in Poolewe turn left (actually go straight on into the minor road!) for our favorite café - Bridge Cottage Café (closed Weds & seasonal). Very ethical produce - lovely homemade cakes, local salads and Fairtrade drinks. There is a gallery of local arts and crafts upstairs. It's worth walking to the bridge and looking over at the river Ewe – a very important river for salmon & trout. There are some great walks at Poolewe.

Inverewe Gardens are world renown, well signposted on the main road and positioned just north of Poolewe. The gardens are well worth a visit for anyone with horticultural interest, a quick overview will take a couple of hours. There is a National Trust restaurant and shop that can be accessed from the car park.



The journey back to Shieldaig is a good hour from here.