

# Summer Isles Foods

## About the Company

Established in 1977, Summer Isles Foods is a small, family run Smokehouse producing a range of smoked salmon /smoked fish products for retailers and caterers at the top end of the market. In addition it operates a mail order service and runs a small retail shop at The Smokehouse.

## The Work

The work involves preparing, cutting, weighing out and vacuum packing smoked salmon and other smoked fish in the high hygiene area. During the Autumn and pre Christmas period the work team in that section numbers 10-15 people under the supervision of Ms Leslie MacDonald. The hours of work are normally 08.00 - 17.00 with an hour off for lunch but as we build up to Christmas there will be quite a lot of over time required. (See the separate document on the conditions of employment)

## Living at Achiltibuie

Achiltibuie is a crofting (small farmers and fishermen) township of approx. 300 people, in a fairly remote but beautiful area of north west Scotland. (See attached picture of the Summer Isles )

The nearest town is Ullapool which is about 45 minutes bus ride away. Most of the chalet staff take the bus into Ullapool on a Saturday for their supermarket shopping. There are two local provisions shops, two pubs, and a post office. The doctor visits on a Wednesday and holds a local surgery in the Community Hall.

If you are trying to save money Achiltibuie is a good place to be as the opportunities for spending are limited but if you like outdoor activities the local hills and coastline with its abundant wild life are a great attraction.

Shared accommodation is in a wooden holiday chalet close to the sea. The chalet is about 5 minutes walk from the Smokehouse and the weekly rental is UK£15 /per person. The cost of gas for heating and electricity for heating water and cooking is shared amongst the people staying in the chalet. In addition you would have the cost of your own food, There would be a small mixed group of 4-5 young people. (mainly Polish at the moment) .

## Travel

If you are coming by public transport travel to get here would be :-

**First leg** - bus, train or plane to Inverness then

**Second leg** - bus from Inverness bus station to Ullapool on what is called the ferry bus (it arrives in time for passengers to catch the ferry to Stornoway ).

**The third leg** - is to catch the small local bus which goes twice a day from Ullapool to Achiltibuie leaving from Shore Street near the ferry pier in Ullapool. (Ask at the ferry car park when you get to Ullapool) Departure times are currently at 10.40 am and again at 3.30 p.m.. but check with us when you get to Ullapool because they can change.

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