



the admiral's house, isle of skye

The Admiral's House is set in an idyllic location in the Braes on the east coast of the Isle of Skye. A former blackhouse, the building was donated to Wasps by the family of Vice Admiral Sir Roderick (Roddy) Macdonald KBE. As well as serving as a naval officer, Admiral Roddy was a keen amateur artist and kept sketchbooks documenting his travels around the world before retiring to Skye.

The renovated building offers three studios – Admiral Roddy's, Lady Joan's and Alan Macdonald's studios – alongside three bedrooms, a large communal living room and a kitchen area.

The Admiral's House is available to all kinds of visiting artists and creatives that are looking for the time and space to realise new work in an inspiring location. We invite applications from artists of all disciplines and stages in their career. Collectives as well as individuals are accepted as residents.

rents and bookings

Bookings are accepted for either two week-long or month-long predetermined slots. You can choose to book the entirety of the house, or book one studio and one room to stay in with use of the living room and kitchen area. The prices given below are inclusive of admin/cleaning fees. We require a £150 refundable deposit with your booking that'll be given back once your stay is complete. The 10% discount for Wasps tenants has been applied to prices given below.

Bookings for use of the entirety of The Admiral's House can be made for 1st–14th or 15th–30th/31st if you'd like to stay for a fortnight, or for 1st–30th/31st if you'd like to stay for the month. For a fortnight, the cost to a Wasps tenant is £2,250 and a month costs £4,140. For an artist that is not a Wasps tenant, the cost for a fortnight is £2,500 and a month costs £4,600.

For a Wasps tenant to book one studio and one room with use of the communal living space, the cost is £750.60 for a fortnight and a month's stay is £1,035. The cost for an artist that is not a Wasps tenant to book one studio and one room with use of the communal living space is £834 for the fortnight and £1,150 for the month.

the studios

The three studios on the grounds are all suited to different practices; Wasps will try to match you with the best studio for what your intentions on residency are.

lady joan's studio

This beautiful new build studio is a later addition to the site and boasts incredible views across the Straits of Raasay. A timber structure, the studio has plain white walls and a large picture window. The space itself is around 161 sq. ft. and has a desk, chair, easel and shelves for storage. The studio would be suited to painters and writers or those creating smaller scale work.



admiral roddy's studio

The former Admiral's original painting studio is a purpose-built, wooden panelled studio with plenty of natural light. It's a large space, approximately 307 sq. ft., with a timber interior, windows across the full right-hand wall, sky lights and strip lighting. There are two desks, a long work bench and an easel. This environment would suit a multitude of practices including performing and painting.



alan macdonald's studio

This converted garage is a light, airy space. There is a small window on the left and the large doors can be opened to allow for more natural light to pour in. This workspace comes with a work bench, two tables, a chair and an easel. The washout area – including a Belfast sink – is attached to the back of the studio. The space is around 266 sq. ft. with good heating and lighting. This space would be ideal for larger scale/messier practices like sculpture or ceramics.



location

The Admiral's House is in Lower Ollach, which is around four miles south of Portree and without any public transport links. The journey by car takes fifteen minutes driving from Portree. The property is accessed by a track off the main road from Portree to the Braes. This track is signposted.

accessibility

The Admiral's House is wheelchair accessible, with a ramp at the front door. One of the toilets within the property has turning space for a wheelchair and both bathrooms have walk-in shower facilities. Of the three studios, Alan Macdonald's studio is the most accessible.

apply to book

To book, visit The Admiral's House webpage on the Wasps website for the application form (waspsstudios.org.uk/space/the-admirals-house/) or you can send:

- A statement about your practice
- Six to eight images of recent artwork
- An up-to-date CV
- A statement of intent

This should be sent to lettings@waspsstudios.org.uk, who will provide you with a response as soon as possible.