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## The Reconnoisseur: Daily intelligence

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Mackie was a successful interior designer before turning her hand to hallucinatory, wild landscapes in oil, and with No 10 she has created a Hebridean bolt-hole that's romantic but also contemporary.

Soaring ceilings, underfloor heating, stained glass windows, a king-size bed with a headboard fashioned from whisky barrels, a wood-burning stove and hi-tech amenities have been combined to create a get-away-from-it-all home-from-home. And if you tire of dinner at the nearby, legendary Three Chimneys (which Mackie designed interiors for), the kitchen at No 10 is a dream to use.

Short breaks at No 10 from £375. Dinner at Loch Bay Seafood is £20.95 for three courses (closed until March 31). Dinner at The Three Chimneys costs around £55.