

January 2025 Booking Guide

**Bookings Open 8:30am
Wednesday 1 May 2024**

This booking guide covers all Rottnest Island Authority Accommodation; from self-contained units to the Campground and Hostel.



Your Island Adventure

Bookings for New Year's Eve and January 2025 will open on Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 8:30 am AWST.

Where to Go to Book



Over 90% of successful Open Day bookings are made online so we recommend booking at stayrottnest.com.



Call our Stay Rottnest team on (+61) 1800 111 111

Please understand that demand for bookings may be high and not everyone will be able to secure a reservation.

Before You Book

Make a list and check it twice. Please have all the below information to hand before you join the queue:

- **Location** — Make a list of your top four choices, in case your original choice is unavailable.
- **Dates** — When you want to stay (your check-in and check-out dates).
- **Type of accommodation**
- **Number of guests** — How many beds / bedrooms do you need?
- **Contact details** — Address, phone number, and email.
- **Credit Card details** — We accept payment from Visa and Mastercard.

Accessibility Friendly



Stay Rottnest has wheelchair accessible accommodation. Please send your request after 8.30am to stay@rottnestisland.com. Don't forget to attach a copy of your ACROD Card (front and back). We process these requests in order they are received from 8.30am onwards on Open Day, so please hold your email until then. A limit of one booking and one fixed stay period per ACROD Card.



North Thomson Heritage View Bungalow



Ready to Go?

1. Head to stayrottnest.com by 8:30 am AWST on Wednesday 1 May 2024.
A tip: In the virtual waiting room prior to 8:30 am? You'll be assigned a random position in the queue whether they joined at 6 am or 8:25 am.
2. Wait your turn, stay attentive to your device. The queue number may seem high but you'll be surprised how fast it can move.
3. When it's your turn to book, you'll have 30 minutes to enter the booking site. If you exceed the time, you'll have to join the back of the queue. This just helps keep the line moving.
4. Once you're in, search for your accommodation and make your booking. **Places fill fast and your booking is not confirmed until payment details have been authorised.**

Things to Know

1. All self-contained bookings must pay a 25% deposit at time of booking. Balance due 30 days prior to arrival. Campground and Hostel bookings require payment in full at time of booking.
2. A credit card pre-authorisation will be requested on your arrival.
3. You are able to book on behalf of someone else, provided you have their correct personal and contact details at the time of booking including full name, address, email address, and phone number.
4. A maximum of two units per transaction. If you book a second unit in your name, you will need to nominate a keyholder to check in your behalf no later than 7 days prior to arrival. Unless cancelled you will remain liable for any costs incurred for the duration of both bookings.
5. A maximum stay of 14 nights per booking.
6. Kingstown Dormitories, Hostel Family Rooms and Governor Circle have a minimum two-night stay requirement.

7. Unit arrivals and departures are not permitted on public holidays. Please select dates on either side of the public holidays to arrive or depart.
8. You can request specific unit numbers when booking and we'll do our best to accommodate them, but your unit number won't be assigned until approximately three weeks before you arrive.
9. Email requests will not be processed unless for accessible bookings.
10. Bookings into early February 2025 may be possible for certain locations. Please refer to page 3 and 4 of this booking guide for the specific fixed date periods.
11. Bookings on the Campground, Kingstown Dorms and Governor Circle must depart no later than Saturday 1 February 2025.

Want to change the configuration of beds or hire additional items?

You can select preferred bedding when booking online or contact Stay Rottnest at least seven days prior to arrival on (+61) 1800 111 111.

Important Information

- Unless cancelled, the primary guest will remain as the owner of the booking.
- They may nominate one person, as authorised to check-in to the accommodation on their behalf. The primary guest's details will remain on the booking and be liable for any costs incurred for the duration of the booking.
- This may include damage, cleaning fees or charges related to the behaviour of the guests staying within the accommodation.
- Booking requests received prior to 8:30 am on Open Day will not be accepted.

Pencil These Dates in Your Diary

January School Holidays 2025

For those wishing to holiday in Stay Rottnest accommodation over New Year's Eve and into January 2025, you must arrive and depart on the fixed dates shown below with a maximum stay not exceeding 14 nights.

Geordie Bay:

Arrive: Friday 27 December 2024	Depart: Thursday 2 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Thursday 2 January 2025	Depart: Tuesday 7 January 2025	5 nights
Arrive: Tuesday 7 January 2025	Depart: Sunday 12 January 2025	5 nights
Arrive: Sunday 12 January 2025	Depart: Sunday 19 January 2025	7 nights
Arrive: Sunday 19 January 2025	Depart: Thursday 23 January 2025	4 nights
Arrive: Thursday 23 January 2025	Depart: Wednesday 29 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Wednesday 29 January 2025	Depart: Monday 3 February 2025	5 nights

Longreach Bay and Fay's Bay:

Arrive: Saturday 28 December 2024	Depart: Friday 3 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Friday 3 January 2025	Depart: Thursday 9 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Thursday 9 January 2025	Depart: Wednesday 15 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Wednesday 15 January 2025	Depart: Tuesday 21 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Tuesday 21 January 2025	Depart: Saturday 25 January 2025	4 nights
Arrive: Saturday 25 January 2025	Depart: Friday 31 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Friday 31 January 2025	Depart: Wednesday 5 February 2025	5 nights

Thomson Bay South & Kingstown Heritage/Superior View:

Arrive: Sunday 29 December 2024	Depart: Sunday 5 January 2025	7 nights
Arrive: Sunday 5 January 2025	Depart: Saturday 11 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Saturday 11 January 2025	Depart: Saturday 18 January 2025	7 nights
Arrive: Saturday 18 January 2025	Depart: Friday 24 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Friday 24 January 2025	Depart: Thursday 30 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Thursday 30 January 2025	Depart: Tuesday 4 February 2025	5 nights

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Thomson Bay North:

Arrive: Monday 30 December 2024	Depart: Monday 6 January 2025	7 nights
Arrive: Monday 6 January 2025	Depart: Monday 13 January 2025	7 nights
Arrive: Monday 13 January 2025	Depart: Monday 20 January 2025	7 nights
Arrive: Monday 20 January 2025	Depart: Sunday 26 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Sunday 26 January 2025	Depart: Saturday 1 February 2025	6 nights

Bathurst and Caroline Thomson Cabins:

Arrive: Tuesday 31 December 2024	Depart: Saturday 4 January 2025	4 nights
Arrive: Saturday 4 January 2025	Depart: Friday 10 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Friday 10 January 2025	Depart: Thursday 16 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Thursday 16 January 2025	Depart: Wednesday 22 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Wednesday 22 January 2025	Depart: Tuesday 28 January 2025	6 nights
Arrive: Tuesday 28 January 2025	Depart: Sunday 2 February 2025	5 nights

Public Holidays

Arrival and departure on a public holiday is not permitted.

- New Year's Day - Wednesday 1 January 2025
- Australia Day - Monday 27 January 2025

Caroline Thomson Cabins



Take it From us

What Goes Around Comes Around

Here's another tip for you ... there's a little unspoken karma at play on Open Days. So, like all good things, only take as much as you need. Occasionally we hear of someone booking more than they need, only to dump it later — and in the meantime, so many others miss out. Only book what you need, and we promise the karma will be kind.

Time to Cool Off

Try for your number one choice first and work backwards from there. There's a 14-day cooling off period on an open day if you need to change your booking.

Missed Out?

As much as we'd love to have all of you, we just can't accommodate everyone at the same time.

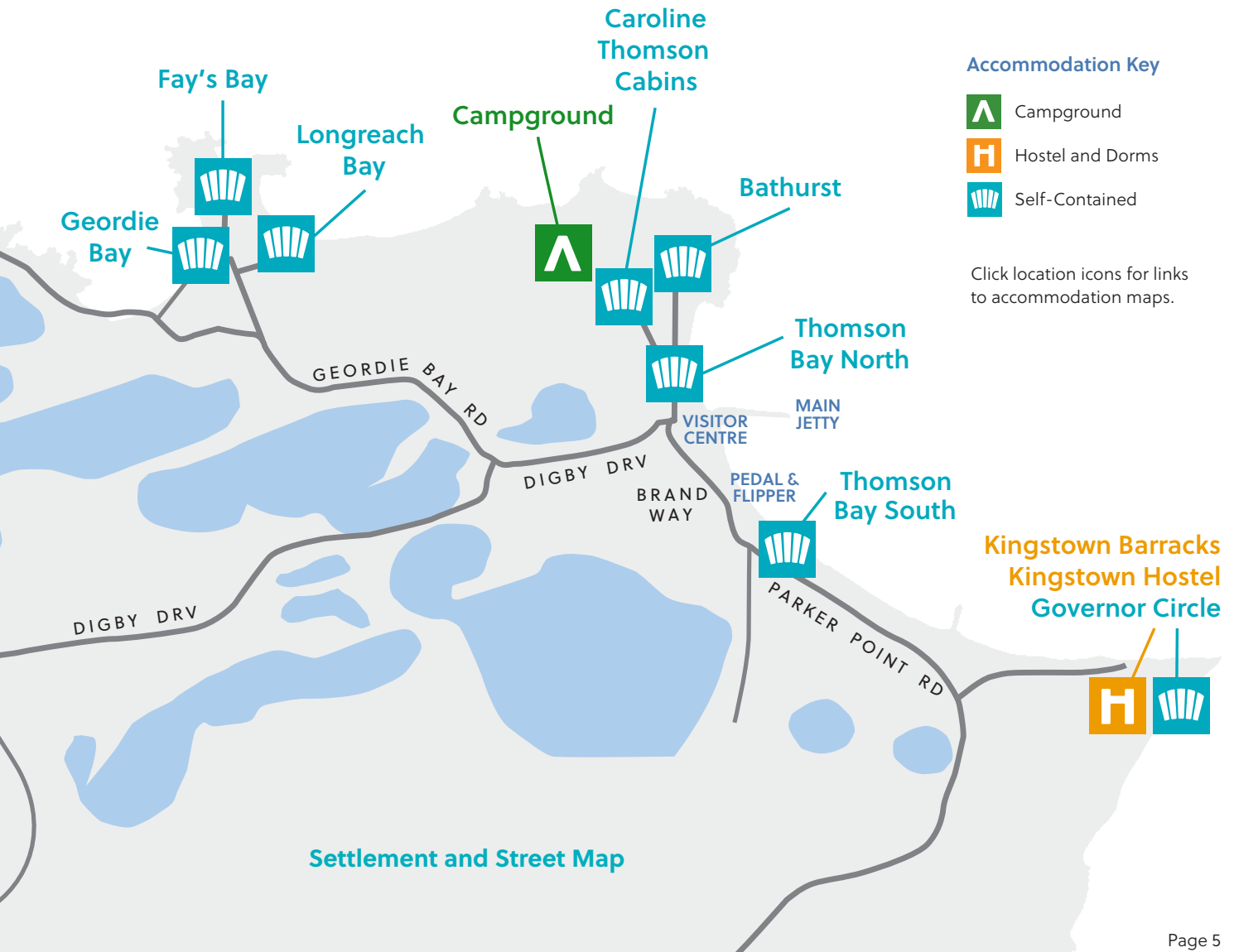
But awe and wonder aren't seasonal.

Beyond the beaches, spectacular events go by near unnoticed. From playful seals and stunning bird migrations to traditional smoking ceremonies and more, there's a whole other side to the island waiting to be discovered.

If you'd like to visit us later in the year, future Open Days are currently scheduled for:

Bookings Open:	For Stay Dates:
Wednesday, 5 June 2024	February 2025
Wednesday, 3 July 2024	March 2025
Wednesday, 7 August 2024	April 2025
Wednesday, 4 September 2024	May 2025
Wednesday, 2 October 2024	June 2025
Wednesday, 6 November 2024	July 2025
Wednesday, 4 December 2024	August 2025
Wednesday, 8 January 2025	September 2025
Wednesday, 5 February 2025	October 2025
Wednesday, 5 March 2025	November 2025
Wednesday, 2 April 2025	December 2025
Wednesday, 7 May 2025	January 2026

Subject to change. See stayrotnest.com for the latest schedule.



Accommodation Key



- Campground
- Hostel and Dorms
- Self-Contained

Click location icons for links to accommodation maps.

Settlement and Street Map

Creature of Comfort



Your home away from home. Self-contained options with TV, lounge, heater, linen, cutlery, crockery, and gas BBQ.

 Bedrooms  Beds

Standard

Your standard holiday unit with a slightly smaller living area but more than complete with your own bathroom, open plan kitchen and enclosed courtyard. Bathurst and South Thomson Bay.



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
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(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

Premium

Perfect for families, these spacious units come in four or six-bed configurations. You'll be close enough to hear the waves crashing. Thomson Bay, Bathurst, Fay's Bay and Geordie Bay.

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
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
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(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)



Premium View

The same kind of unit as Premium, with beautiful views over the island's tranquil bays. Thomson Bay, Bathurst, Longreach Bay, Fay's Bay and Geordie Bay.

Available as:

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(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)



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 4  7-8
(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 6 x single beds)



Ocean View

These units are so close to the ocean you can skip stones across the surface from your courtyard or balcony. Geordie Bay, Longreach Bay, Bathurst, and Thomson Bay.

Available as:

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
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
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
Heritage Cottages

Step back in time and explore the island's history in one of our lovingly restored and charming cottages, all with their own unique layouts. Most can be found on Nyi Nyi Bidi – one of the oldest intact streets in Australia. North Thomson Bay.

Available as:

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
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
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
Heritage View Cottages

Each with its own unique layout, including the original lighthouse keeper's cottage and the authentically Art Deco WWII officers' cottages, there's a well-appointed kitchen, living, and dining area. Bathurst, North Thomson Bay and Kingstown Barracks.

Available as:

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(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 2 x single beds)

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(1 x king ensemble (can be split into two singles) and 4 x single beds)



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NB: Bathurst single beds are bunk beds

Chalet

Our cosy, timber-clad chalet contains a main bedroom with zipped king bed, second bedroom with two singles, bathroom, and a fully-equipped kitchen and living area. North Thomson Bay.



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North Heritage Bungalows

The original Rottneest Island holiday. A short stroll from town, the bungalows have been around since the 1920s and have canvas sides just made for a Rottneest summer. Includes shower room and toilet located in the backyard.

Available as:



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
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Accessible



There are eight units that have been specially renovated for those with mobility impairment. Located all across the island at Longreach Bay, Thomson Bay North, Thomson Bay South, Geordie Bay, and Bathurst. For more info see [Disabled Access Information](#).



Available as:



Premium, Thomson Bay North
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

Ocean View, South Thomson
 3  6

Premium View, Bathurst
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Premium View, Geordie Bay
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Premium View, Longreach Bay
 2  4

Premium View, Longreach Bay
 3  6

Ocean View, Longreach Bay
 2  4

Modest or Barefoot

Bedrooms Beds

Modest Minimalist

When the simple things will do. Who needs a TV when you have stars like these?

Caroline Thomson Cabins

Cosy, cedar-clad cabins right in the centre of town. Each cabin sleeps six people. There's also a small kitchenette, shower, and toilet.

Available as:

1 6
(1 x double bed and 2 x bunk beds)

Governor Circle

Perfect for schools, social, and sporting groups; these charming cottages (the largest of which is also access-friendly), comprise of 9, 13, or 18-bed configurations, mostly in bunks. Bed linen and towels are provided.

Available as:

3-4 13
(6 x bunk beds and 1 x single bed)

2-3 9
(4 x bunk beds and 1 x single bed)

6 18
(4 x bunk beds and 10 x single beds)

Kingstown Dormitories

17 dormitory rooms with communal bathroom facilities, also ideal for schools and groups. Some rooms have a private bathroom and wheelchair access. Contact Stay Rottneest on **(+61) 1800 111 111** prior to arrival to hire towels and linen.

Available as:

1 14
(7 x bunk beds)

1 18
(9 x bunk beds)

1 2
(2 x single beds)

1 4
(1 x double bed and 1 x bunk bed)

1 4
(2 x bunk beds)

1 8
(4 x bunk beds)

1 12
(5 x bunk beds and 2 x single bed)

1 14
(7 x bunk beds)

5 12
(2 x bunk beds and 8 x single bed)

Barefoot and Fancy-Free

This accommodation is perfect for the more socially-minded traveller or those who just want somewhere to lay their head.

Rottneest Hostel

With a communal fully-equipped kitchen, lounge, bathrooms and BBQ area, you'll find all the essentials here. Family rooms also include a small fridge, wardrobe, and shelf storage. Linen is provided.

Available as:

Single bunk bed in shared room

Family room 4
(1 x double bed and 1 x bunk bed)

Campground

A modern communal camp kitchen, BBQs, and a convenient bathroom block just a short stroll from The Basin. Each camp site accommodates up to six people in up to two tents, or four single swags.

Caroline Thomson Cabins



Kingstown Dormitory



Campground

Terms and Conditions of Booking

Important Information

As a condition of booking accommodation, the Primary Guest and/or Keyholder must be 18 years of age or older and stay overnight in the accommodation through the term of the booking. Any breach of the booking conditions will result in cancellation of the accommodation license without refund. Unaccompanied minors may be issued with caution notes or infringements for non-compliance with the *Rottneest Island Regulations 1988* or the accommodation booking conditions. This will result in the cancellation of the accommodation booking, and they will be made to return to the mainland on the next available ferry.

1. Bookings

Primary Guest

The person making the booking ("the primary guest") must be over 18 years of age and physically provide original photo identification and a valid credit card to staff on check in.

Bookings with a balance owing require final payment no less than 30 days prior to the date of arrival.

Unless advised otherwise, the primary guest approves RIA to charge the credit card provided for the booking for any balance owing by the applicable due date. Non-payment will result in the booking being cancelled with applicable fees charged and any balance refunded.

Information relating to bookings will not be released to a third party under any circumstances. Limited booking information may be disclosed to a nominated keyholder as provided by the primary guest.

Nominated Keyholder

The primary guest may nominate one person, who is over 18 years of age, as authorised to check-in to the accommodation on the primary guest's behalf ("the nominated keyholder"). The nominated keyholder must accept and sign and agree to the terms and conditions of this booking and those outlined in the registration card provided on check in. Nominated keyholder must provide original photo identification and a valid credit card to check-into the accommodation on the primary guest's behalf.

Liability

The primary guest is and remains liable for the acts and omissions of the primary guest keyholder and the occupants in connection with the booking, including liability for damage to the accommodation and cleaning fees and charges. A reference to an occupant means any:

- a) actual occupant of the accommodation who occupies the accommodation under, by, through or on account of the primary guest's booking and includes any nominated keyholder; and
- b) other person who occupies or visits the relevant accommodation with the permission of the primary guest or a person listed in (a) above.

2. No Transfers or Name Changes

For all bookings made on or after 4 January 2023, the primary guest must not transfer, assign or sell the booking to another person.

3. Alterations and Cancellations

- a) Primary guests may apply for alterations to booking information in writing or by email.
- b) Bookings must be cancelled in writing or by email.
- c) Minimum night stays may apply including restrictions on arrivals and departures on WA public holidays. Fixed arrival and departure dates may also be set over Summer and Easter school holidays.
- d) Where a booking is cancelled in part or full, the following fees will apply depending on the notice provided.
 - **Cooling off period:** If you cancel within 14 days from making your booking and there are more than 30 days to the arrival date, a full refund will be offered.
 - **More than 30 days prior to arrival:** \$55 fixed charge or 50% of the cost of the first night of the stay (whichever is the lowest) will be retained.
 - **3 - 30 days prior to arrival:** 100% of the cost of the first night of the stay will be charged or retained (as applicable).
 - **Less than 48 hours prior to 2 pm check-in time:** Full payment for the stay will be retained.

4. Breach of Terms and Conditions

Any breach of these terms and conditions by the primary guest, keyholder or other occupants may result in immediate cancellation of the tenancy without refund.

This includes additional terms and conditions provided by email on nomination of a keyholder and those located on the reverse of the registration card which must be signed on check-in.

5. Reallocation

Under exceptional circumstances the RIA reserves the right to reallocate a booking to an alternative of a similar type.

6. Credit Card Surety

It is a condition of tenancy that the primary guest and any nominated keyholder, physically provides a valid credit card pre-authorisation to the RIA and agrees to allow any cost for which they are liable under the tenancy to be levied against this credit card.

Security deposits are required during certain periods.

7. Accessing Accommodation Prior to Check In

Accessing the accommodation unit and external area is not permitted until the check-in process has been completed.

Please note check in time is from 2 pm for all self-contained accommodation and check out is prior to 9 am. For the Campground, check in and out times are 10 am.

8. Occupancy Limits

- **Campground:** Maximum two tents per site with a maximum total of 6 people per site.
- **Governors Circle, Caroline Thomson Cabins, Kingstown Dormitories and Hostel:** Only 1 person per bed. Additional beds are not available.
- **Self-Contained Units, Villas and Cottages:** Maximum of 1 person per fixed bed plus 50% (eg. in a 4 bed unit, the number of occupants must not exceed 6) for select self-contained accommodation only.

The RIA reserves the right to adjust occupancy limits during specified periods.

9. Quiet Times

All visitors are required to respect the rights of others to enjoy the island at all times and to observe a "quiet" time of 11 pm – 7 am in all areas, except:

- **Kingstown and Governors Circle:** "Quiet" time of 9 pm – 9 am applies.
- **Campground:** "Quiet" time of 9 pm – 7 am applies.

10. The 5/3 Booking Rule

When booking in advance and into a month that has not yet been released for sale, at least 5 nights must be booked within the open month to be able to book a maximum of 3 nights in the closed month. Subsequent shortening of the stay by reducing the number of nights in the arrival month is not permitted.

Please note this does not apply to all Open Days (see applicable Booking Guide).