

Mellon Udrigle in Wester Ross among top 10 best beaches in UK in new list by holiday rental search engine Holidu

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A STUNNING stretch of white sands in Wester Ross is among the public's top 10 best beaches in the whole of the UK – a new survey by holiday rental search engine Holidu has claimed.

Mellon Udrigle, which sits on the north-western shores of Gruinard Bay, was rated fourth out of more than 650 beaches, after the search engine trawled through more than 550,000 Google reviews.

The picturesque beach came fourth with a combined Google review rating of 4.9 stars out of five, from 146 reviews.

To ensure reliability of the list, Holidu said it only counted beaches with more than 100 star ratings.

"The British summer has been providing us with some glorious weather recently, and with the uncertainty surrounding travel abroad still looming, this could be the perfect chance for us to focus our attention back towards what our own country has to offer," said a spokesman for Holidu.

"We searched the Google Maps database for the word 'beach' in all of the coastal provinces of the country. Of the more than 1500 results initially obtained, we manually filtered the bad results. We made a ranking based on Google ratings prioritising beaches with a higher average rating. Beaches with less than 100 ratings have not been considered to ensure the reliability of the scores and popularity of the beaches."

Machir Bay on Islay was the only other Scottish beach to make the top 10, coming in at seventh.

The top three beaches feature Traeth Mwnt and Three Cliffs Bay, both in Wales, with Upton Towans Beach in Cornwall coming in fourth. All three also score 4.9 star ratings, but finished higher as they had received more reviews.