



Northumberland
Wildlife Spectacular



Itinerary

Tour Leaders: Steve Race and Richard Baines

Dates: 15th to 17th June 2017

Day 1 - 15th June

6.30pm - Meet Steve and Richard at Bamburgh Cricket Club House for a pre-tour planning session and an evening lecture 'Seabirds of the Farne Islands' by Steve Race (directions to the venue will be sent out a week prior to the tour).

Day 2 - 16th June

8.45am - Meet at Seahouses Tourist Information Centre. We will take a short walk to the harbour to board the boat for our full-day photography bonanza, exploring the amazing Farne Islands by boat and on foot. These fantastic islands are home to a wonderful diversity of seabirds. Puffins, Guillemots, Razorbills, Shags, Arctic, Common and Sandwich Terns, many seals and if we are lucky dolphins! The photography opportunities are endless and we will look at photography techniques such as composition, angles, light conditions and fieldcraft.

Day 3 - 17th June

8.45am - Meet at Seahouses Tourist Information Centre. We will take a short walk to the harbour to board the boat for our second full day of photography, exploring again the amazing Farne Islands by boat and on foot. We will look at how we can improve our photography from Day 1. We will concentrate more on flight photography in which we will look at capturing images of some of the iconic seabird species that inhabit the Farne Islands through the summer months such as the Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill and not forgetting the incredible Arctic Terns.

What to Bring

You will need to bring with you your own photographic equipment. A digital SLR camera and a lens with a focal length of 200mm to 400mm would be ideal. Zoom lenses of 75-300mm or 100-400mm should give acceptable results. A wide-angle lens can be very useful for photographing the masses of birds on the islands. A tripod is essential if you have a 500mm to 800mm lens. Please also bring memory cards (minimum 2GB) and if owned, spare batteries (charged).

You will need to bring a packed lunch each day and plenty to drink. Please bring appropriate clothing with you such as a windproof/waterproof jacket, if possible in muted or dark colours. Good footwear is essential as there will be some walking over uneven, and possibly wet or muddy ground. Suntan cream is recommended and a hat is absolutely essential for visiting Inner Farne.

If you have them, binoculars are recommended. We do have a limited number of high quality binoculars for hire at £5/day; please let us know if you need a pair. A telescope will be available on the tour for closer views of the birds.

Please Note

The tour will include some walking on rough ground. If you have a medical condition, physical or sensory impairment or learning difficulty which is relevant to the event, please let us know.

Every effort will be made to conduct the tour; however in exceptional circumstances such as severe weather, Yorkshire Coast Nature reserves the right to postpone the tour at short notice. In the event of cancellation a full refund of the tour costs will be made. If you have any queries prior to the tour please call us on 01723 865498.

Included

Boat fees, National Trust landing fees, tuition, guiding and evening lecture.

Not Included

Accommodation, meals, snacks and drinks, car park charges, insurance and camera equipment.

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