

# Natures Images

## Northern Summer

**Day 1** Fly to Sumburgh Airport and travel to guesthouse on mainland to settle in, have an early supper and an evening excursion to Sumburgh Head for sea birds photography

**Day 2** Back to Sumburgh Head for early morning photography of sea birds and then a boat trip to the island of Mousa to look for and photograph Black Guillemot and Arctic Skua.

**Day 3** Early morning excursion to the Isle of Noss for sea bird photography concentrating on Puffins, Gannets and Guillemot.

**Days 4-5** Drive to the island of Unst (our base for the next 5 nights) for 2 days exploring this beautiful island looking for birds and otters, including full days excursion to explore the beautiful moorland and cliffs of Hermaness nature reserve for Puffins, Gannets and Great Skua

**Days 6-7** Two days spent exploring the nearby beautiful island of Fetlar with our prime focus being on photographing Whimbrel, Red-necked Phalarope, Red-throated Diver and looking for otter along the coast

**Day 8** A full days excursion to explore the beautiful moorland and cliffs of Hermaness nature reserve.

**Day 9** A full day exploring Yell, focussing on any gaps or individual priorities before returning to Mainland for our final night

**Day 10** The chance for a last early morning trip to Sumburgh Head before transferring to the airport for return flights.

The very nature of this trip (along with whatever the weather turns out to be) demands a certain degree of flexibility to this itinerary, so although the accommodation bases are fixed we will plan each days programme with this overall approach and outlook, looking to accommodate individual priorities where possible, but overall looking to maximise the photographic variety and quality.

**Recommended Kit:** You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - a anything from 300mm to 500mm (with converters) should meet your needs, and it's fair to say that the longer the better. A sturdy tripod is essential as is a beanbag for any car based work or possible otter stalking. There are some stunning landscape opportunities here too, so bring appropriate lenses. If you would like to talk through our camera and lens hire options for this trip then please just ask.

### **Additional information:**

Temperatures can be pleasantly warm, but evenings can be cooler and some rain is almost inevitable so you will need suitable clothing and footwear.

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