

Natures Images

Raptors and Owls

Day 1 - On arrival at Mid-Wales Falconry for lunchtime we will spend our first afternoon working exclusively with their magnificent owl collection into the early evening light. Amongst the birds you can expect to work with are a Barn Owl (complete with old barn door settings), Tawny Owl, Long-Eared owl, the most feisty of Little owl's, a stunning Ural owl and their trademark Great Grey Owls. This will involve a combination of static and flying photography, so you're guaranteed some great images and experiences alike. Dinner and overnight will be at a local B&B/hostelry.

Day 2 A full day out with the falcons from Mid Wales Falconry will take us to some nearby heather moorland for a similar combination of static and flying photography in some new and dramatic scenery. Birds you can hope to be working with on this full day out include Peregrine, Merlin, Hobby, Buzzard, Sparrowhawk and Goshawk. Dinner and overnight will again be at a local B&B/hostelry.

Day 3 - A brief return in the early morning to complete our Owl photography, before heading off to the leading Red Kite Feeding Station at nearby Rhayder, where we will have the specially- built photographers hides booked for our use as the dozens of wild Red Kites and Buzzards swoop in front of us in a dramatic aerial display providing the opportunity for classic images of these magnificent birds. The flying will finish towards the end of the afternoon leaving you free for your journeys home.

Recommended Kit: You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - a 500mm lens is absolutely ideal for this break, but a 300mm with convertors (especially on a cropped sensor) should meet your needs too. A stable tripod is a must. There may be some interesting landscape and other environmental opportunities along the way so bring some alternative options in terms of lenses for this as well. If you would like to talk through our camera and lens hire options for this trip then please just ask.

Additional information:

This is Wales so there's always the chance of a shower, so bring appropriate clothing and footwear for being out in fields/moorland for most of the days.

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