

Natures Images

Seabird Spectacular

Day 1 - Meet at Fishguard dock in the morning for a ferry to Rosslare, Ireland from where we will transfer to our B&B accommodation before a late afternoon and evening trip to our island for gannet photography in hopefully ideal lighting conditions, before returning to the mainland for our overnight stop.

Day 2 We will make an early return trip to our island for a full days photography giving us time to explore the many different seabird habitats and colonies that it has to offer, including Kittiwake cliffs, Guillemot and Razorbill filled ledges, cliff-top Puffins and the magnificent Gannets. We will stay until the best light fades in the early evening before returning to the mainland for a late supper and bed.

Day 3 A final early morning trip to the island before returning to Rosslare for an afternoon ferry back to Fishguard and transferring to our nearby overnight B&B location and dinner.

Day 4 A reasonably early start to catch the first boat out to our island home for the next 2 nights, and after settling into our accommodation the day will be free to explore the seabirds (and other bird species including Wren, Swallow, Meadow Pipit and Stonechat as well as the islands Rabbit population) on offer here. After an early supper we will concentrate on the colourful close-up Puffins in early evening light and a night-time vigil with the returning Manx Shearwater.

Day 5 A similar programme to the daytime activities of the previous day, with early starts and evening photography to suit you.

Day 6 After a last session with the puffins before breakfast we head to the boat to return to the mainland and our respective journeys home.

Recommended Kit: You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - anything from 300mm to 500mm (with convertors) should meet your needs. A stable tripod is an absolute must, and a beanbag can be useful. There will be some interesting landscape 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:

All our locations are fairly exposed, so appropriate clothing and footwear will be necessary, as weather can be very changeable. The landing to our Irish island is a wet one (ie off the boat into the sea-waters edge) so either a separate pair of Wellington boots or waterproof sandals will be ideal to facilitate this. Please ask if you need any other specific advice. The peculiarities of boat access to our Welsh island in particular mean that weather conditions can prevent sailing to or return from the island. In the event that we are unable to travel a proportional refund of the trip costs will be given, but Natures Images can accept no additional liability for any costs should we become stormbound on the island or require alternative accommodation if sailing is delayed.

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