



Seals and Birds of Prey

Day 1 A full day in the East Midlands at a combination of natural settings with a local falconer and our expertise at creating natural and stunning settings for birds such as Golden eagle, Peregrine, Buzzard and more besides to be photographed in both static and flying. Work through until the afternoon before heading to Louth and our hotel base in time for an evening meal and a chance to talk through what to expect over the next couple of days, and ready for an early night ahead of a potentially early start.

Days 2 and 3 2 Full days out on an exposed beach may not seem your idea of heaven, but (weather conditions justifying it) after a pre-dawn trek across the sands and pools to arrive at the waters edge and be confronted with large numbers of Grey Seals - mothers and pups sharing intimate moments on the sands along with big bull males battling in the crashing surf - it's well worth it. We've timed our trip early in the season as there will be Common Seals and pups on the beach and although Grey Seal pups may be few and far between the lack of visitors generally will make for a far more intimate experience all round. They are full and hard days in the elements here, but you will be taken to the best spots for the changing light throughout the day and introduced to the best fieldcraft skills for carefully approaching your subject at eye-height for those intimate and endearing portraits, and your dinner and bed will be most welcome between times, and you can leave the beach to return home anytime you wish on the Sunday with the trip formally finishing at dusk.

Recommended Kit: You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - a 500mm lens is absolutely ideal for this break, but a 300mm with converters (especially on a cropped sensor) should meet your needs too. A stable tripod is a must, ideally one that will flatten to the ground for prone eye-level shots of the seals. 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:

The wind and weather on the beach can be quite challenging and very cold, so good protection and waterproof gear for yourself and your equipment is vital as it is a long walk to and from the car.

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