

Natures Images

Winter Wildfowl

Day 1 - On arrival at Caerlaverock Reserve during the course of the morning we will familiarise ourselves with the accommodation and the reserve layout before enjoying an afternoons photography of the large flocks of Barnacle Geese as they feed on the reserves surrounding fields, before positioning ourselves in the best hide or locations for their nightly return to the mudflats of the adjacent Solway Firth.

Dinner, slideshows and a chance for image critiques in our comfortable farmhouse accommodation follows.

Day 2 An early start to get ourselves in the best position to capture the flocks of Geese as they return to the reserve at dawn for their days feeding, before a mixed day of tracking the flocks in and around the local area as they move throughout the day. We'll also look to fit in a trip to an excellent nearby location for dramatic images of Goosander in a fast-flowing weir, as well as looking to position ourselves for some early evening shots of Whooper Swan as they move to their nightly roost, finishing with another sunset flying goose chase or alternatively visiting a nearby Starling roost as conditions and priorities dictate at the time.

Day 3 - A similarly early morning and a chance to fill in any gaps that the previous days have left us before a post-lunch return 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, and a beanbag can be useful in some of the hides. 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 Scotland and it is winter, so appropriate clothing and footwear will be necessary.

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