



Scottish Lowland Nocturnal Special

Photographic tour with tour leader Danny Green

22nd - 28th August 2026

Trip Overview

Group size:

The trip accommodates a maximum of 7 guests.

Cost: £1,995. Deposit: £300

Cost includes:

Accommodation, all meals and hide admissions.

Cost excludes:

Travel to Kirkcudbright, sundry items, alcohol, and local transportation using your own vehicle to the hides as we don't use a group transfer.

Accommodation:

Our hotel type accommodation is clean and comfortable, and based on a shared twin basis. Single room supplements are available on request.

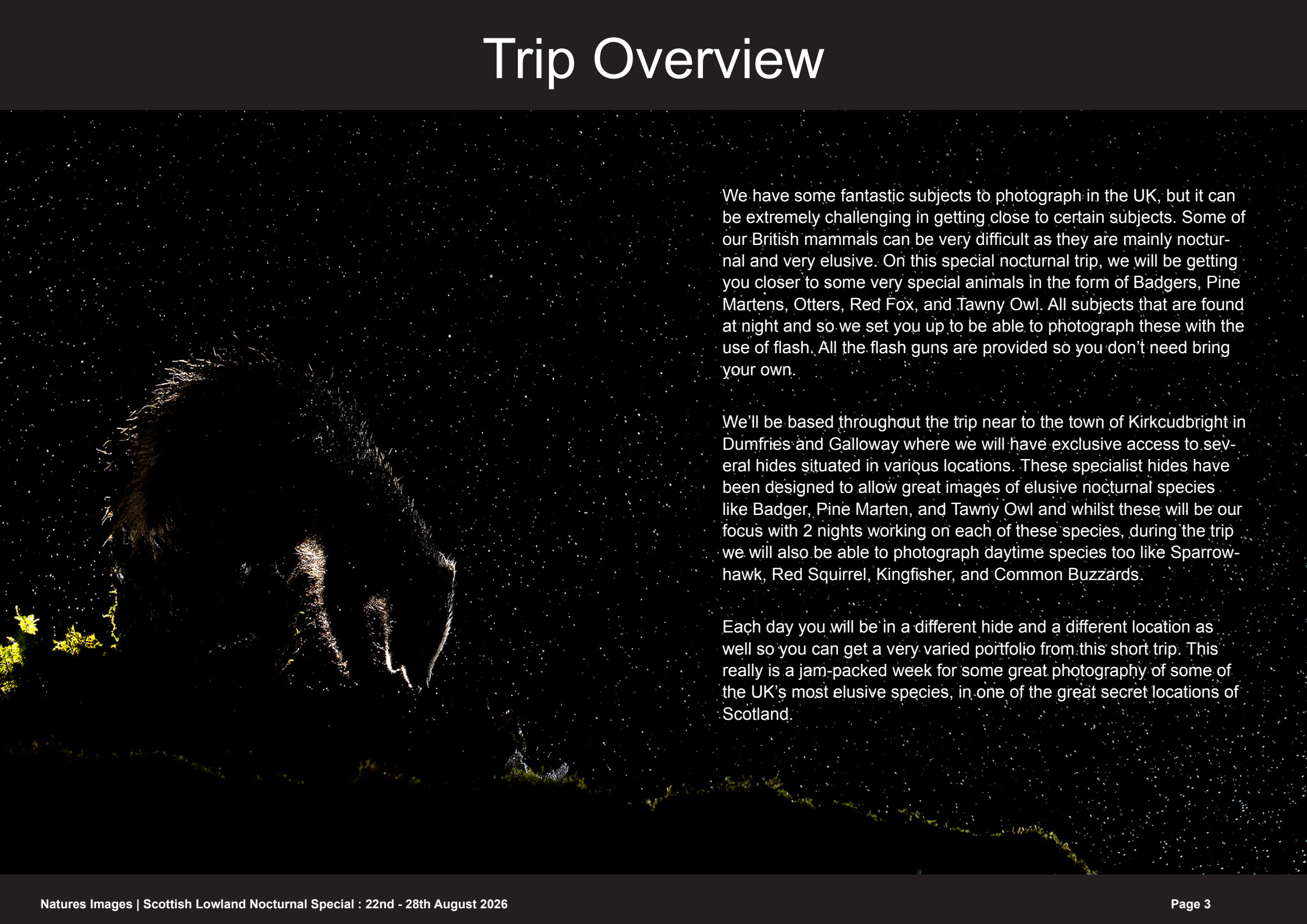
Level of fitness:

All the walks to the hides are relatively easy going but some hides may mean walking over rough terrain but are not long in distance.

LEVEL 1 – 2



Trip Overview



We have some fantastic subjects to photograph in the UK, but it can be extremely challenging in getting close to certain subjects. Some of our British mammals can be very difficult as they are mainly nocturnal and very elusive. On this special nocturnal trip, we will be getting you closer to some very special animals in the form of Badgers, Pine Martens, Otters, Red Fox, and Tawny Owl. All subjects that are found at night and so we set you up to be able to photograph these with the use of flash. All the flash guns are provided so you don't need bring your own.

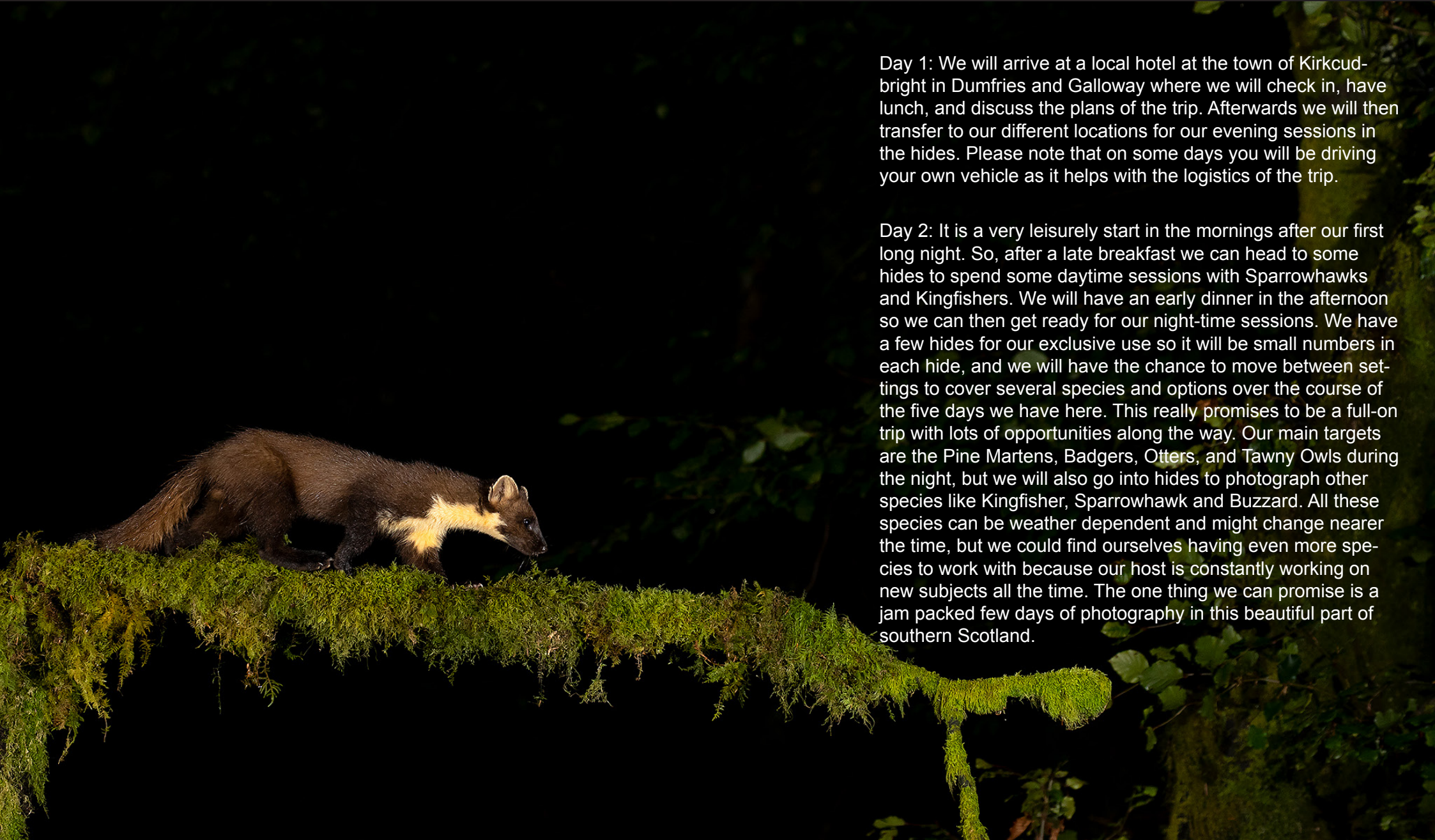
We'll be based throughout the trip near to the town of Kirkcudbright in Dumfries and Galloway where we will have exclusive access to several hides situated in various locations. These specialist hides have been designed to allow great images of elusive nocturnal species like Badger, Pine Marten, and Tawny Owl and whilst these will be our focus with 2 nights working on each of these species, during the trip we will also be able to photograph daytime species too like Sparrowhawk, Red Squirrel, Kingfisher, and Common Buzzards.

Each day you will be in a different hide and a different location as well so you can get a very varied portfolio from this short trip. This really is a jam-packed week for some great photography of some of the UK's most elusive species, in one of the great secret locations of Scotland.

Itinerary

Day 1: We will arrive at a local hotel at the town of Kirkcudbright in Dumfries and Galloway where we will check in, have lunch, and discuss the plans of the trip. Afterwards we will then transfer to our different locations for our evening sessions in the hides. Please note that on some days you will be driving your own vehicle as it helps with the logistics of the trip.

Day 2: It is a very leisurely start in the mornings after our first long night. So, after a late breakfast we can head to some hides to spend some daytime sessions with Sparrowhawks and Kingfishers. We will have an early dinner in the afternoon so we can then get ready for our night-time sessions. We have a few hides for our exclusive use so it will be small numbers in each hide, and we will have the chance to move between settings to cover several species and options over the course of the five days we have here. This really promises to be a full-on trip with lots of opportunities along the way. Our main targets are the Pine Martens, Badgers, Otters, and Tawny Owls during the night, but we will also go into hides to photograph other species like Kingfisher, Sparrowhawk and Buzzard. All these species can be weather dependent and might change nearer the time, but we could find ourselves having even more species to work with because our host is constantly working on new subjects all the time. The one thing we can promise is a jam packed few days of photography in this beautiful part of southern Scotland.



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Days 3 – 6: A similar pattern will occur over the next few days, and we will plan the day's events for each person, so they maximise the potential from this trip. All the hides during the night-time sessions will be for our exclusive use and so we will be as flexible as possible to look to meet everyone's requirements.

Day 7: Precisely when you choose to head home on the last day is entirely up to you – we will need to vacate the accommodation in the morning after breakfast, but if you feel up to it, we will be visiting the various hides for the Kingfisher or Sparrowhawk on our final day. If you have a long journey ahead, you can head off at any point during the day and make the call on the day itself to see what you have managed during the trip.



Things to bring

Our accommodation is a clean and comfortable hotel. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know so we can plan ahead. In terms of clothing, you'll obviously need some warm and weatherproof clothing. Most of your time will involve spending time in the hides and the weather can change but can still be cold at this time of the year especially during the night. The following items are very much recommended - a good pair of strong walking boots and if you are coming by car bring a pair of wellington boots, good waterproof over trousers. For the top half it's very much a question of having several layers available - I would wear a t-shirt, thin jumper, fleece and then a waterproof coat at hand, as necessary. The weather is difficult to predict at this time of the year as we are near to the coast and it could be cold especially in the late evenings, so bring hats and gloves as well. Also, it might be worth considering bringing a thermos flask for tea and coffee which you can fill up at the hotel before we leave. I never really notice Mosquitos or Midges at these sites but if you do attract them bring some repellent, it's not bad here though.



Camera equipment

In terms of camera kit, you'll need the longest lens you have for the daytime species which would be 300mm or 500mm + convertor and then the best lenses for the Nocturnal species would be a 70-200 or 100-400 or something similar and (very important) bring a remote-control cable. Regarding camera support tripods are not ideal in the more permanent hides because of the space they take up but there are superb devices to attach your tripod head to the shelf, so make sure you can detach your tripod head if you want to use these. Tripods will be needed though at some of the sites for the daytime Badgers or Kingfishers. All the flash equipment will be provided, and full tuition will be given throughout the trip. If you have your own flash equipment, then please bring it along with you. Bring plenty of compact flash cards with you as well because if you get a good day, you will take a lot of images.



Useful Contact Information

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Please don't hesitate to contact me even if you think it is a minor question, I'm here to help.



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