

Seabirds and Whales - an Irish Adventure

2nd – 6th August 2018



Shearwater Wildlife Tours

Yorkshire Coast Nature team up with Shearwater Wildlife Tours based in the Irish county of Cork to bring you a holiday teaming with fabulous wildlife encounters

Thursday 2nd August	<p>Thursday 2nd August: Pick up from Cork Airport where the group meets. (Flight not included in package, meeting time to be advised).</p> <p>We will start birding the coastline on our way down to West Cork covering estuaries and headlands including Old Head, Kinsale Marsh, Timoleague, Clonakilty and Rosscarbery. We will stay the night in Rosscarbery at The Celtic Ross Hotel. Lunch on the way and evening meal at Rosscarbery either at the hotel or Pilgrims Restaurant.</p>
Friday 3rd August	<p>We will make an early start 7am. Birding the estuary at Rosscarbery before breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast we will explore estuaries and headlands on the way to Mizen Head.</p> <p>Alternatively we will seawatch if the weather is suitable. Lunch on the way. We will then travel to Baltimore where we will get the boat to Cape Clear island where we will check into B&B accommodation before an evening meal.</p>
Saturday 4th August	<p>Breakfast will be taken at our accommodation on Cape Clear island followed by pelagic boat trip in search of seabirds and cetaceans 8am to 2pm. Late lunch at Cape Clear. 4pm explore the Island taking in some seawatching sites and covering the hotspots for some early migrants. We will hopefully (weather permitting) take in some time with the Bird Observatory warden on his ringing rounds. Dinner in the restaurant. Return to accommodation on Cape Clear.</p>
Sunday 5th August	<p>Light breakfast before a 7am start for our second pelagic boat trip in search of seabirds and cetaceans. Return to the Island for lunch at 2pm.</p> <p>We will then leave Cape Clear island and travel to accommodation at Rosscarbery/Clonakilty for Check-in. After dinner we can explore wader hotspots and see the Egret colony at Clonakilty. Followed by some local evening entertainment in Clonakilty.</p>
Monday 6th August	<p>Breakfast at hotel. Travel to East Cork taking in sites around Cork harbour and on to Ballycotton area for waders and early migrants Lunch on the way. Travel to Airport for departure.</p>



Shearwater boat trip © Paul Connaughton



The Fastnet Lighthouse © Paul Connaughton

Guides Richard Baines and Paul Connaughton

(See our web site yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk for profiles) will be leading this tour.

YCN and Shearwater Wildlife Tours expert guides will work hard to ensure you have memorable experiences. Our small group tours ensure you learn a great deal, from identification tips to field craft advice, as well as getting to grips with those difficult-to-find species. If you are interested in nature photography there will be plenty of opportunities to learn new skills or improve your technique with help from our experienced guides. We'll be keeping up-to-date with local bird and weather news so our timetable may change. The unpredictability of wildlife watching is all part of the fun!

Please Bring

Be prepared for land and sea trips. You will need warm, waterproof clothing, stout outdoor footwear, travel sickness tablets, and, if you have them, binoculars. We do have a limited number of high quality Leica binoculars for hire at £10.00/day; please let us know if you need a pair. A telescope will be available on the tour for closer views of the birds.

Please Note

The tour will include some walking on rough ground and boat trips. If you have a medical condition, physical or sensory impairment or learning difficulty which you think may be relevant, please let us know before you book so we can help you with your decision. Every effort will be made to conduct the tour; however in exceptional circumstances such as severe weather, Yorkshire Coast Nature reserves the right to change the content, guides or cancel the tour at short notice. In the event of cancellation by Yorkshire Coast Nature or Shearwater Wildlife Tours, a full refund of the tour costs will be made. If you have any queries prior to the tour please call us on 07747753260.



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