

14th – 19th August 2025

Shearwater Wildlife Tours

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

<p>Day One 14th August</p> <p>Pelagic Boat Trip I</p>	<p>Day one (morning): Meet at Cork Airport you will be greeted by Richard Baines YCN and Paul Connaughton from Shearwater Holidays (meeting time TBA depending on flights). The group will then board our transport. Travel by minibus to Clonakilty for check in at O'Donovans Hotel. Followed by lunch. After lunch we travel to Courtmacsherry for our first afternoon/evening pelagic trip. After the boat trip we travel back to Clonakilty at 8pm. Evening meal at Clonakilty.</p>
<p>Day Two 15th August</p> <p>Pelagic Boat Trip II</p>	<p>Breakfast at O'Donovans Hotel. Bus to Courtmacsherry at 08:30/09:00 for our second Pelagic trip. Packed lunch included for boat trip. Back on land refreshments at Courtmacsherry. Bus back to Accommodation at 5pm. Evening meal at Clonakilty.</p>
<p>Day Three 16th August</p>	<p>Breakfast at O'Donovans Hotel. Bus at 08:30/09:00 to travel west to Mizen Head stopping at various sites along the way for birding and photography. Lunch at an establishment along the way. Return to Clonakilty at 5pm. Evening meal at Clonakilty.</p>
<p>Day Four 17th August</p>	<p>Breakfast at O'Donovans Hotel. 10am travel east by bus to Ballycotton stopping at various locations along the way for birding and photography. Lunch along the way. Return to Clonakilty at 5pm. Evening meal at Clonakilty.</p>
<p>Day Five 18th August</p> <p>Pelagic Boat Trip III</p>	<p>Breakfast at O'Donovans Hotel. 10:00 Bus to Courtmacsherry for a pelagic trip. Packed lunch included. Back to Clonakilty at 5pm for an evening meal.</p>
<p>Day Six 19th August</p>	<p>Breakfast at O'Donovans Hotel. Farewells before bus to Cork airport for return flights.</p>



Short-beaked Common Dolphin © Richard Baines

Wildlife Gallery from our County Cork Trips



Wilson's Petrel & British Storm Petrel © Richard Baines



Cory's Shearwater © Paul Connaughton



Black Guillemots © Richard Baines



Fin Whale © Paul Connaughton



Great Shearwater © Richard Baines

What's Included:

- Expert guiding. Your guides will be Paul Connaughton and Richard Baines
- Hotel accommodation
- Full board five breakfasts, five lunches and five evening meals
- Transport costs to and from all destinations including Cork airport
- Three Pelagic Boat Trips

Not Included:

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Any expenses of a personal nature

Tour Cost: £1,900.00/person

Number: Restricted to 10 guests.

How to Book or Make Enquiry: To secure your place please email Richard Baines richard.baines@yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk or book on our website [CLICK HERE](#)

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the tour, please give Richard a call on 07747753260.

Please Bring

Warm, waterproof clothing, stout footwear and, if you have them, binoculars. We do have a limited number of high-quality binoculars for hire at £10.00/day; please let us know by email if you need a pair. A camera if you have one.

Our Tour Commitment

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. 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! **Guides Richard Baines and Paul Connaughton**

Please Note

The itinerary can change at any time during the trip depending on weather and wildlife locations. At all times we will make sure the changes are made in the best interest of the group. 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.