

Northumberland

“Birding in Comfort & Style”

June 8-12

Why Northumberland? Rich dunelands, rocky promontories, isolated offshore islands, spectacular sweeping sands & mudflats – the quality of coastline judged amongst the finest in England, rightly designated as both an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty & Heritage Coast. Inland boasts the Cheviots within the Northumberland National Park, all adding up to a wild, unspoilt & beautiful county. Inviting to say the least!



The Wildlife? Walk amongst thousands of Puffins along with Razorbills, Guillemots, Fulmars, Shags, Common & Arctic Terns, observing nesting Roseate Terns, listening to bubbling Curlews, crooning Eider Ducks. Dipper, Common Sandpiper & Wood Warbler along woodland streambeds, a distant Red Grouse or Ring Ouzel maybe? Not forgetting the vast numbers of Atlantic Grey Seals or the fabulous orchids to be found along the coastal whin sill outcrop.

The itinerary? Visiting Budle Bay, Lindisfarne NNR & Holy Island, The Farne Islands, The Cheviots & Northumberland NP, Bamburgh Castle area & Hazelrigg Moss, with optional visits on the last morning to either Coquet Island [weather/tide dependent] or Lower Hauxley NWT, Druridge Pools & Creswell Pond.

The Accommodation? 4 nights based at the *Waren House Hotel*, relaxed & peaceful, an attractive Georgian house set majestically above Budle Bay with individual bedrooms and excellent cuisine boasting ingredients sourced within forty miles. Beautifully situated to access all the major birding sites in the area.

Cost: £895 [s/s £115] **Deposit:** £200 **B/L due:** Apr. 8

Included in the cost: 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the *Waren House Hotel*, boat excursions to the Farne Islands & Coquet Island, full transportation & guidance throughout. [NB: Since only small distances are involved and with limited space in the vehicle, guests will be requested to assist in driving on a rota basis].

Not included in the cost: Lunches, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature.

