

The Shetlands

Seabirds, Flowers, Otters & Cetaceans

“In Comfort & Style”

July 1-6

Highlights to include: Thousands of Gannets overhead, rare plants & Puffins at your feet!

The Habitat? Spectacular towering sea cliffs, stacks & natural arches, dramatic sea inlets [voes], rocky coastlines, deserted white sandy beaches & spits, blanket heather moorland & serpentine debris. It's wonderfully remote!



Red-necked Phalarope

The Wildlife Highlights? It's the premier site in Britain for seabirds! Hundreds of thousands of Gannets crammed onto cliff ledges, Puffins, Guillemots & Razorbills galore, Black Guillemots, Fulmars & Shags, marauding Bonxies, “spinning” Red-necked Phalaropes, Whimbrels, Snipe “drumming” and Red-throated Divers “wailing”. Beautiful Marsh Orchids plus the ultra-rare Edmonston's Chickweed & Norwegian Sandwort. Otters fishing offshore, Blue Hares hiding, Grey Seals, and perhaps a school of Dolphins, a hunting pod of Killer Whales, even a Minke Whale. All in the “Simmer Dim”!

The Accommodation? *Busta House Hotel*, overlooking Busta Voe north of Lerwick for the 5-nt. stay. Sprinkled with centuries of history and a liberal touch of elegance, add a generous helping of fine cuisine, accompanied by a carefully chosen wine, blend in a mature malt and place all the above on a carefully prepared bed of tranquillity, character & romance. Then just enjoy!

The Itinerary? Morning flight from Aberdeen to Sumburgh, Shetland Mainland. Exploring *Mainland* inc. Sumburgh Head, Lerwick, Nesting & Northmavine plus boat excursion around *Bressay/Noss*. Boat excursions to explore *Yell* searching for Otter, *Unst* inc. the world famous Gannetry at Hermaness and the Keen of Hamar for rare plants, and *Fetlar* to seek out the endangered Red-necked Phalarope. Early afternoon flight back to Aberdeen.

The cost: £985 [s/s £125]

Deposit: £200

B/L due: May 1

Included in the cost: 5 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at *Busta House Hotel*, boat excursion to Bressay/Noss, inter-island ferries to Yell, Unst & Fetlar, all transportation & full guidance throughout.

Not included in the cost: Return n flight Aberdeen/Shetland [approx. £145], lunches, travel insurance, drinks, gratuities, & items of a personal nature.



Puffins



Gannetry, Hermaness



Oysterplant