

# Mull, The Outer Hebrides & Skye

## “Eagles & Otters”, Seabirds & Cetaceans, Flowers & Butterflies”

Jul. 3-11

**The Habitat?** Another remote region of heather-clad mountains, peat bogs, shallow sea lochs, empty white beaches, broad green-blue seascapes, fertile grassland & *machair*. With a unique quality of light, subtly beautiful, infectious! Hebridean Magic!



White-tailed Eagle



Corn Crane

**The Wildlife?** Listen to the sounds of wailing Red-throated Divers, a crèche of Eider Ducks swimming offshore, bubbling Curlews, repetitive Corncrakes & mournful Golden Plovers. Watch magnificent soaring White-tailed or Golden Eagles, quartering Short-eared Owls & gliding Hen Harriers. Skimming Puffins & Manx Shearwaters low over the water often accompanied by diminutive Storm-petrels. A surfacing Minke Whale, Basking Shark or school of Common Dolphins. Enjoy colourful orchid-covered *machair*; dancing Dark-green Fritillaries, roaming Red Deer or elusive Blue Hare. Hush...an Otter fishing just offshore. Let's quietly watch!

**The Itinerary?** Depart Inverness after breakfast along the Great Glen, crossing over to explore Mull. Sailing to the Outer Hebrides past Coll & Tiree, Canna, Muck, Eigg & Rhum to explore North & South Uist and Benbecula, with boat excursion to Barra & Watersay via Eriskay. Returning through Skye to Inverness early evening.



Red-throated Diver

**The Accommodation?** Firstly 3 nts. based on Mull at the *Druimnacraish Hotel*, a converted 19th century farmhouse & watermill beautifully situated overlooking Glen Bellart and specialising in quality local produce. Followed by 5 nts. at the *Orasay Inn*, overlooking Loch Carnan on South Uist and serving as our base for exploring the Outer Hebrides, offering probably the finest food in the Western Isles!

**Cost:** £1495 [s/s £175]

**Deposit:** £200

**B/L due:** May 3

**Included in the cost:** 3 nights dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Druimnacraish Hotel*, 5 nights dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Orasay Inn*, all transportation, all inter-island ferries and full professional guidance throughout.

**Not included in the cost:** Travel insurance, lunches, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature.



Northern Marsh Orchid & Dark-green Fritillary