

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Shearwater Wildlife Tours

After very succesful trips in 2018 & 2019 Yorkshire Coast Nature once again team up with Shearwater Wildlife Tours based in the Irish county of Cork to bring you a holiday teaming with fabulous wildlife encounters

<p><b>Day One</b></p>	<p>Day one (morning): You will be met at Cork Airport by mark Pearson YCN and Niall Keogh from Shearwater Holidays. Please meet your guides in the arrival area look out for them as you arrive, there is a very close café to the arrivals where you will be able to gather and meet the rest of the group. The group will then board the transport for the trip to start.</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 <b>Celtic Ross Hotel</b>. Lunch on the way and evening meal at Rosscarbery either at the hotel or Pilgrims Restaurant.</p>
<p><b>Day Two</b></p>	<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&amp;B accommodation before an evening meal.</p>
<p><b>Day Three</b></p>	<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 approximately. 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 café/restaurant. Return to accommodation on Cape Clear.</p>
<p><b>Day Four</b></p>	<p>Light breakfast before a 7am start for our second pelagic boat trip in search of seabirds and cetaceans. We will either take lunch with us on the boat or return to the Island for lunch at 2pm, depending on sea conditions and wildlife encounter options. Dinner in the café/restaurant on Cape Clear. Return to accommodation on Cape Clear.</p>
<p><b>Day Five</b></p>	<p>In the morning we will leave Cape Clear island, back to Baltimore and travel north slowly making our way back to Cork Airport taking in wader hotspots such as the famous Ballycotton area. Lunch on the way. Travel to Airport for departure in the late afternoon.</p>



*Cape Clear Harbour with our boat ready for the trip © Richard Baines*



*The Fastnet Lighthouse © Paul Connaughton*

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!

**Guides Mark Pearson and Niall Keogh**

(See our web site [yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk](http://yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk) for profiles) will be leading this tour.

**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 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.



*Wilson's Petrel © Paul Connaughton*



*Irish estuaries are famous for their waders © Paul Connaughton*



*Common Dolphin © Paul Connaughton*



*Great Shearwater © Paul Connaughton*