



Pine Marten – Carl Chapman

Tour Dates 1st to 6th June 2025

£2331

This is a personalised 6 day round Britain trip taking in Northumberland, the central Scottish Highlands as well as the very furthest point of mainland Britain.

Departure is from Norfolk early morning of Sunday 1st June and drop off is in Norfolk very late evening Friday 6th June. Pick up and drop off 'en route' can be arranged.

Day 1	Northumberland
Day 2/3	Scottish Central Highlands
Day 4/5	John O'Groats
Day 6	Return Travel to Norfolk

Although we will endeavour to follow our planned programme due to bad weather and other considerations this is not always possible. You can rest assured that any alterations to our planned itinerary will be made to make maximum use of our time and weather conditions.

Overview

This is a tour taking in the beautiful coastal region of Northumberland where it is not only possible to see Bottlenose and White beaked Dolphins from the shore but also a heard of Wild Cattle; the only ones in the UK. Moving north we will spend a couple of days exploring the highland region of Scotland for iconic creatures such as Red Squirrel, Scottish Badger, Pine Marten, Mountain Hare, Red Deer, Feral Goats and the Bottlenose Dolphins of the Moray Firth. Moving North again our tour takes in the annual migration of Orcas around the very northern point of mainland Britain.

It will be time to return South all too soon but there may be time to call in at a few hot spots as we travel home.

Day 1 - Sunday

An early start from Norfolk will enable us to visit the Chillingham Wild Cattle of Northumberland. These are wild animals. They are not cared for in any way and are truly wild and have been for many, many years. With the assistance of the park ranger we will try to get close ... but not too close ... to these fascinating creatures that have remained unchanged for millennia. Moving on we may have time to check the sea for Dolphin species. Bottlenose are the predominant species here but White beaked are also possible. Overnight in a comfortable hotel in Northumberland



Wild Cattle – Carl Chapman

Day 2 – Monday

Leaving the coastal region of Northumberland we will venture north to the Spey valley in Scotland. We may well call in at a reserve where Beavers and Otters are sometimes seen. After checking in at our hotel and having an evening meal we may well venture out to find Roe and Red Deer on an evening drive.



Red Deer – Carl Chapman

Day 3 – Tuesday

Our second day based in the Spey Valley gives us an opportunity to explore the region. We will look for Mountain Hares which at this time of the year come down into the valleys to have their young. Herds of Red Deer and Feral Goat are possible but our main target for the day will be the Moray Firth Bottlenose Dolphins. These animals come close to shore as they chase Salmon. It is possible we will see them down to a few metres.



Bottlenose Dolphin – Moray Firth – Carl Chapman

After returning to our hotel for our evening meal we will visit a local hide in an attempt to see the enigmatic Pine Marten and Scottish Badgers. A reintroduction of Wildcat has taken place in the area and a sighting is certainly possible. We will return to our hotel for a well-deserved good night's sleep.

Day 4 - Wednesday

Rising early we will make our way north once more to the very north of mainland Britain. Over the past few years Orcas have been observed passing the headlands on a migration. We will spend the later part of the day perhaps joining the Sea Watch Foundation team watching the sea in anticipation of spotting a Killer Whale as it feeds in British Waters.

We will check into our hotel and have a hearty meal before retiring for the evening.

Day 5 – Thursday

We will spend the days searching from the local headlands for passing cetaceans. As well as Orca in recent years Risso's Dolphins and Minke Whales are possible. Once again we will return to our hotel for our evening meals.



Orca – Carl Chapman

Day 6 – Friday

After breakfast we must venture south and return to Norfolk. It may be possible to stop at a site or two as we do so.

What is included?

All meals and lunches from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 6 are included within the price. The evening meal on day 6 will be at your own expense.

Transport to and from Norfolk and pick up en route at suitable locations.

Accommodation is in en suite rooms and lunches will be packed to give us more time in the field.

A single room supplement of £90 is payable although sharing can be arranged on most occasions.

What is not included?

All drinks with meals and items of a personal nature.

Any entrance fees to reserve we visit.

Further notes.

This is a trip which will give us the maximum amount of time in the field therefore early mornings and late evenings to make use of available light is usual. Walking on the tour is minimal but any we do will be on level or gently undulating ground.

National Trust and RSPB members are asked to bring along their membership cards.

Group Size.

3 to 4

How to Book

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