

# heatherlea

## birding and wildlife news

Spring 2015 *Holiday edition*

## Heatherlea announces 2016 holiday dates

**Exciting birding and wildlife holidays,  
with more choice than ever before!**

From Capercaillie in the Scottish Highlands to Coursers in Fuerteventura and Nepal, we are busy at Heatherlea preparing great holidays for you in 2016. This Newsletter gives you first notice of our plans, and we will add more detail and more new holidays on our website in the coming weeks.

In Scotland our 3 Star Hotel in Nethy Bridge is famous as the home of Scottish birding holidays, and we have 24 different itineraries in 47 weeks of the year – the best of Scottish wildlife whenever you want to come! We have some new Scottish island holidays and all these have limited availability – many fill rapidly! Overseas, our Pre-flight Service includes free pre-flight airport hotels and lounges, included by Heatherlea to make your holiday better and save you time and money. The emphasis everywhere is on personal service to you, our valued client.

We offer the standards you deserve, with 5-star Wildlife Experience accreditation in Scotland, and ATOL-protected holidays overseas. Heatherlea is a small specialist company run BY birders FOR birders, where clients really do come first. Come and see!

*Kevin, Caryl and the Heatherlea team*



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# SCOTLAND IN 2015 – LATE

Heatherlea is THE place for top quality birding holidays in Scotland. Stay in our own three star Small Hotel, and enjoy first-rate birding with Scotland's best guiding team. We think you will see far more with a Heatherlea Guide than under your own steam, and you can relax and enjoy yourself, as we do all the planning. Our fully inclusive guided holidays concentrate on the real experience, and once your deposit is paid, we guarantee not to cancel your holiday or increase the price. There is no single supplement, and we also offer free Swarovski binocular loan and a courtesy transfer to Aviemore rail station – everything you need!



## Scottish holidays based at Mountview Hotel, Nethy Bridge.

HOLIDAY	PRICE	HOLIDAY	PRICE
<b>HIGH SEASON ACROSS THE HIGHLANDS</b> May 30 Glorious Handa Island is a great day out, and we stay west to see White-tailed Eagle the following day.	£1095	<b>NEW! TWENTY SCOTTISH TARGETS</b> Jul 4, Jul 11, Jul 18 A relaxed holiday aimed at the 'improving' birdwatcher, featuring a number of informal ID workshops.	£895
<b>HIGHLANDS AND ORKNEY</b> Jun 13 Orkney in summer, where breeding Short-eared Owl, Hen Harrier and Black-tailed Godwit are found.	£1195	<b>THE TOP 30 IN SUMMER</b> Jul 25, Aug 1 Ever popular, featuring the birds and mammals of a Highland summer.	£1195*
<b>SCOTTISH BIRDING IN SUMMER</b> Jun 27, June 30, Jul 7 Fully-inclusive 4-night short breaks, ideal for busy birders. Three full days birding on each holiday. Includes mountain visit for Ptarmigan and Dotterel.	£545	<b>SCOTTISH BIRDING IN EARLY AUTUMN</b> <b>NEW!</b> Aug 8, Aug 11, Aug 22, Aug 25 Fully-inclusive 4-night short breaks, ideal for busy birders. Three full days birding on each holiday. New itinerary includes an exciting west coast voyage, and a '2-for-1' special offer with limited availability!	£595 '2 for 1' special offer!
<b>HIGHLAND WILDLIFE</b> Jun 27, Jul 4 Birds, mammals, insects and flora on this unique holiday aimed at the natural history all-rounder.	£1095*	<b>HIGH SUMMER WILDLIFE BY LAND AND SEA</b> <b>SPECIAL OFFER!</b> Aug 15 Birds and sealife, boat trips for dolphins and whales, plus all the speciality birds.	£895
<b>EAGLES, DIVERS AND DOTTEREL</b> Jul 11, Jul 18 The best British birding in July? Both eagles on Mull, Dotterel, Ptarmigan and divers inland – great birding!	£1095*	<b>SPECIALS AND MIGRATION, FEATURING THE BURMA BANK</b> Aug 29 Sabine's, Sooties and much more on 'the Burma Bank', Scotland's newest birding hotspot!	£895
		<b>MIGRATION AND SCOTTISH SPECIALS</b> Sept 5, Sept 12 Migration in full swing, with waders, terns, skuas and more at the coast, and specialities inland. Features a ferry trip to the Outer Hebrides.	£895

# AVAILABILITY

<b>THE OUTER LIMITS ADVENTURE</b> Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3 With two nights based on the Outer Hebrides, this exceptional trip takes you to the 'outer limits' of Scottish birding.	£1195*	<b>BIRDS OF STRATHSPEY IN AUTUMN</b> Nov 7, Nov 10, Nov 14, Nov 17 Fully-inclusive 4-night short breaks, ideal for busy birders. Three full days birding on each holiday. Targets Capercaillie, Black Grouse, Golden Eagle and more.	£545
<b>THE TOP 20 IN AUTUMN</b> Oct 10, Oct 17 An extraordinary holiday for those who love mammals and birds.	£1095*	<b>HOGMANAY BIRDING FESTIVAL</b> Mon 28 Dec 2015 – Sat 2 Jan 2016 Hogmanay and wonderful Scottish birding.	£1095*
<b>LATE AUTUMN IN THE HIGHLANDS</b> Oct 24, Oct 31 Geese, seaduck and Scottish specials in an absorbing week, now with an overnight in Aberdeenshire.	£1095*	* Discounts may apply to these published prices – contact us for details. <b>No single supplement!</b>	

## Scottish Island Adventures – 2015 Late Availability

### Birding and wildlife holidays on the Scottish islands.

These great holidays take you to far flung Scottish outposts at the right time to connect with the best birding. Our spring **Outer Hebrides** is brilliant for Corncrakes, whilst the **Unexplored Outer Hebrides** is superb for seabirds and raptors. **Shetland Birders and Outer Hebrides Birders** are exciting rarity-oriented trips, **Islay and Jura** and **Solway Firth** are goose-filled holidays conducted at a gentle pace. We always work hard to bring you everything the destination has to offer, including great birding!



<b>OUTER HEBRIDES in SPRING</b> Leaders: Toby Green & Dave Pierce	Sat 23 May – Fri 29 May <i>2 places due to cancellation</i>	<b>Price £1195pp</b> ssupp £145
<b>UNEXPLORED OUTER HEBRIDES</b> Leader: Ian Ford	Sat 4 July – Fri 10 July <i>1 single remaining</i>	<b>Price £1645pp</b> ssupp £120
<b>SHETLAND BIRDERS</b> Leaders: Toby Green & Phil Knott	Sat 26 Sept – Sat 3 Oct <i>2 places due to cancellation</i>	<b>Price £1095pp</b> ssupp £140
<b>OUTER HEBRIDES BIRDERS TOUR</b> Leaders: Ian Ford and Phil Knott	Sat 10 Oct – Fri 16 Oct	<b>Price £995pp</b> ssupp £140
<b>ISLAY and JURA</b> Leader: Phil Knott	Sat 24 Oct – Wed 28 Oct	<b>Price £895pp</b> ssupp £60
<b>SOLWAY FIRTH</b> Leader: Ian Ford	Sat 14 Nov – Wed 18 Nov	<b>Price £745pp</b> ssupp £80

# OVERSEAS – 2015 Late Availability

'The Heatherlea Way' gives our overseas holidays a reputation for being 'less-intensive', in the company of capable Leaders who really look after you. All itineraries are planned carefully so you enjoy memorable wildlife experiences, during relaxed, informal days that are great fun, with a maximum of 12 clients and two leaders on the majority of trips. We choose comfortable, welcoming accommodation, reflecting our need to be close to wildlife, aim to provide good quality rooms and meals, and seek to include a real flavour of the country we are visiting. We take regular comfort breaks and sensible midday breaks when in very hot places.



Our unique '**Pre-flight Service**' gives you more benefits, including **FREE** pre-flight hotel and entry to a comfortable airport lounge (terms and conditions apply). More details in this newsletter and on our website.

A big thank you to all of you who have chosen to travel with us!

<b>SPITSBERGEN</b>	Fri 12 June – Fri 19 June Sat 18 June – Sat 25 June	<b>Price £3495pp</b>
<b>NEW! PICOS DE EUROPA</b> <i>1 space due to cancellation!</i>	Thu Sept 10 – Thu Sept 17 Leader Cristian Jensen & Phil Knott	<b>Price: £1695pp</b> ssupp £110pp
<b>ANDALUCIA and N. MOROCCO</b>	Tues Sep 15 – Tues Sep 22 Leader Josele Saiz	<b>Price: £1595pp</b> ssupp £140pp
<b>HUNGARY IN AUTUMN</b>	Sun Sep 27 – Sun Oct 4 Leader Gerard Gorman	<b>Price: £1395pp</b> ssupp £130pp
<b>BRAZIL</b>	Sat Oct 17 – Sun Oct 25 Leader Chris Townend	<b>Price: £2795pp</b> ssupp £125pp
<b>PANAMA</b>	Mon Nov 2 – Mon Nov 16 Leader Paco Madrigal	<b>Price: £3995pp</b> ssupp £610pp
<b>NEW! ETHIOPIA</b>	Fri Nov 6 – Wed Nov 18 Leader Josele Saiz	<b>Price: £3195pp</b> ssupp £220pp
<b>NEW! MEXICO</b>	Mon Nov 16 – Fri Nov 27 Leader Cristian Jensen	<b>Price: £3495pp</b> ssupp £395pp
<b>FLORIDA</b>	Thu Nov 12 – Sun Nov 22 Leader Peter Cosgrove	<b>Price: £2695pp</b> ssupp £385pp
<b>GOA</b>	Sat Nov 21 – Sun Dec 6 Leader Toby Green	<b>Price: £2495pp</b> ssupp £360pp
<b>NEW! SENEGAL</b>	Mon Dec 7 – Sat 19 Dec Leader Cristian Jensen	<b>Price: £2895pp</b> ssupp £160

## SEEN IT CHEAPER? PLEASE TELL US!

We try to give excellent value on all our holidays, and invest in many things to offer you the best. Our holidays often include things which others might invite you to pay yourself, for instance international Departure Taxes and tips to hotels. We offer a telephone and email service outside normal office hours, and have a substantial team in our 'Back Office', who organise all your pre-flight and other travel needs. We hold a full ATOL Licence and full Tour Operator Insurance for your protection.

We are very keen to offer competitive prices to match our service, so if you have seen any holiday in these pages substantially cheaper elsewhere, please let us know. We are always looking to improve!

# Heatherlea Pre-flight Service

WITH HEATHERLEA, YOU'RE A VIP!

**FREE!**

Many of us enjoy birding and wildlife holidays overseas, and the Heatherlea Pre-flight Service offers everything you need, so let us take the strain! Our friendly, knowledgeable team will advise you and organise all details to your requirements.



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

### **PRE-FLIGHT HOTEL** *included in your holiday price*

Heatherlea select your hotel from our approved shortlist. If your Heatherlea Guide is staying in the same hotel, he may be able to join you for an informal chat the night before travel. If you don't want this pre-flight hotel, tell us when you book, and we will make a price deduction from your invoice.

### **PRE-FLIGHT AIRPORT LOUNGE** *included in your holiday price*

We want your holiday to start early! A busy airport terminal is hardly the ideal place to relax, and by the time you've bought food, drinks and a magazine to pass the time, can prove expensive too. Instead, unwind in the comfort and choice of an airport lounge, where you can enjoy yourself for up to three hours before your flight.

Each of our lounges is a secluded getaway from the crowded terminal, and most offer unlimited free drinks and snacks, magazines and newspapers, broadband, TV and comfortable seating in quiet surroundings. Your Heatherlea guide will join you after everyone has checked-in, and you can get to know fellow travellers or just sink into a comfortable armchair. If you've never used an airport lounge before, you don't know what you're missing – the only concern is you might get too comfortable and forget to catch your flight!

## MORE PRE-FLIGHT SERVICES

Should you wish anything else, we will be very pleased to help you. Our prices are very competitive, and could save you both time and money! Ask us about;

- ✓ **REGIONAL DEPARTURES/CONNECTIONS**  
Prefer to fly from your local airport? We tailor flight options to your requirements.
- ✓ **FLIGHT UPGRADES**  
Need extra legroom or a reclining seat? Heatherlea offer Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades.
- ✓ **TAILOR MADE EXTENSIONS**  
We arrange travel services before or after your wildlife holiday. It's quicker and easier than doing it yourself, and includes ATOL protection.

## DID YOU KNOW? *Some recent developments*

\* Sometimes flights leave in the evenings (eg to India and Nepal), so you may not need a pre-flight hotel. Your return flight may arrive back in the UK late in the evening on the final day, so you may take your courtesy Hotel at the end of the trip instead of the start, and finish your journey home the following day. Many of our clients now do this.

\* Some airlines no longer provide a check-in service at the airport, and require you to check-in online, in advance of travel, and print your own Boarding Pass. If you don't do this, you could be charged for a Boarding Pass on the day of travel at the airport. Heatherlea check-in all customers in advance where required by the airline, and forward Boarding Passes by post, saving you time and potentially avoiding charges.

\* At Heathrow, some hotels now have machines which issue 'Hoppa' tickets at a discount price. This means you can save a little compared with charges levied when boarding the bus.

\* If you need airport car parking, we often access 'sleep, park and fly' packages, which are convenient, and can save you time and money. Ask when you book your holiday, and we will organise everything for you.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE WHY CHOOSE HEATHERLEA?

Heatherlea have been organising holidays for over 25 seasons, and have a highly experienced and capable team. All elements of our package holidays are sold under our licence (ATOL 6113), and our business partners include British Airways, Delta Airlines, Premier Inn and Hilton Hotels. Our specialist knowledge will help you get exactly the right services, at the best price. We offer all your airport needs with just one call, so to save time and money choose Heatherlea, your complete holiday provider.

# Overseas with Heatherlea in 2016 a world of choice!

Our 2016 programme offers established favourites and exciting new destinations. Full details including prices will be released on our website over the next few weeks, so check [www.heatherlea.co.uk](http://www.heatherlea.co.uk) for the latest info, and to download an 'Extra Pack' including a recent Trip Report. Many holidays fill quickly, so don't delay - we look forward to your company!



## EUROPE

**M**  Manchester departure available

### SPAIN - BIRDING AND LYNX

Thurs 5 Jan – Thurs 12 Jan

Leader Cristian Jensen. Max 7 clients.

Price £1495 ssupp £90

If you want to see Iberian Lynx, don't leave it much longer. The animals are sadly declining rapidly due to the lack of rabbits, their staple food, in central Spain. We have an excellent record, and with extra private estate access in 2016, you have every chance. This holiday also includes the fabulous birding spectacle of Coto Donana, as well as Andujar – and we target many birds including Spanish Imperial Eagle, Black Vulture, Marbled Teal, White-headed Duck and Azure-winged Magpie. A special trip.

### FUERTEVENTURA

Fri 29 Jan – Wed 3 Feb ... already nearly full!

Fri 5 Feb – Wed 10 Feb ... second departure

Leader Toby Green.

Price £1095 ssupp £90

An exciting few days discovering the avian life of the barrancos, the arid desert interior, and key coastal locations. We focus on a handful of key species whilst also finding overwintering birds and individuals on very early migration. High on our list is Houbara Bustard, which at this time of year conduct an impressive breeding display. Other highlights include Fuerteventura Chat, Black-bellied Sandgrouse and Cream-coloured Courser.

### HOLLAND and FLANDERS by train

Eurostar to Brussels then great winter birding

Sat 6 Feb – Sat 13 Feb

Leader Josef Leestmans.

Price £1395 ssupp £110

A unique trip led by Flanders native Josef, who knows the area inside out. Waterbirds and migrating geese abound, with every chance of rarities. Marsh Harrier, Bittern and Bearded Tit are just some of the other key birds in the marshlands. A second focus is on woodlands, with Black and Middle-spotted Woodpecker, Great Grey Shrike, Woodlark and more. We take Eurostar via Brussels, so if you want to avoid flying, this is a great overseas choice.

### ICELAND BIRDS AND BOREALIS

Thurs 25 Feb – Mon 29 Feb

Leader Trausti Gunnarsson

Price £1545 ssupp £125

Aurora borealis and birding in the northern winter. Gyrfalcon, Harlequin, Barrow's Goldeneye, White-tailed Eagle, Ptarmigan in winter-white plumage, Glaucous and Iceland Gulls and more provide the birding highlights. The natural wonders of Iceland are just as important, and glaciers, volcanos, huge waterfalls and geysers are part of the experience. We include an exciting boat trip, with birding and cetaceans in mind.

### NEW! FUERTEVENTURA in Spring

Thu 17 March – Thu 24 March

Leader Toby Green

Price £1495 ssupp £130

During this holiday we spend an exciting week discovering the avian life of the barrancos, key coastal locations, and the arid desert interior. In mid-March we will enjoy searching for the desert specialities of the island, plus other breeding birds and a variety of migrants. High on our list is Houbara Bustard, and we may see an individual conducting its impressive breeding display.



**CAMARGUE**

Wonderful European winter birding

Sat 26 March – Sat 2 April

Leader Toby Green.

**Price £1495 ssupp £110**

Fantastic winter break, with birds as diverse as Bonelli's and Great Spotted Eagle, Little Bustard and Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Bluethroat, Wallcreeper, Alpine Accentor and flocks of Greater Flamingo. Watchout for Wild Boar, Coypu, and the famous white Camargue Horses. Early migration should produce a big bird list on a trip with interest everywhere.

**ITALY – PO DELTA and VENICE**

Sat 9 April – Sat 16 April

Leader Kevin Shaw

**Price £1695 ssupp £295**

A great birding short break with the option of continuing to Venice. Birds include Pygmy Cormorant and a host of other waterbirds, with breeding Slender-billed Gull a recent addition on a lovely boat trip. Migration can be fascinating, and our hotel is very comfortable with fantastic food. In Venice, Kevin will help you get the best from the city, and your waterbus pass (included) gives access to all its special places. Another very stylish and comfortable hotel, and the chance to experience breathtaking concerts, galleries, and ice-cream all await!

**NEW! PORTUGAL**

Iberian specialities and Spring Migration

Sat 9 April – Sat 16 April

Leader Ian Ford

**Price £1395 ssupp £125**

A superb new holiday to the south of Portugal, covering the birdlife of the Algarve and Alentejo regions. We have chosen this week to give a great selection of migrant birds at the numerous wetlands, as well as the Iberian specialities

including Azure-winged Magpie, Spanish Imperial Eagle and Black-shouldered Kite and good numbers of migrants moving through the beautiful region.

**CROATIA**

Thu 21 April – Thu 28 April

Leader Toby Green

**Price £1695 ssupp £140**

Croatia has great birding which is easily accessible. Dalmatian Pelican, Pygmy Cormorant, Rock Partridge, Rock Nuthatch, Scops Owl, Wryneck, Savi's Warbler and Ferruginous Duck are just a few of the birds. Stunning scenery and a relatively unexplored and unspoilt part of Europe make for something different, and we sample local Croat and Dalmatian cuisine (a blend of Italian and Balkan) plus local wines.

**LESVOS**

Eastern Mediterranean specialities and migrants

Sat 16 April – Sat 23 April

Leader Chris Townend

**Price £1645 ssupp £125**

A classic trip with many special birds, including Cretzschmar's and Cinereous Bunting, Kruper's Nuthatch and many colourful and uncommon migrants. The scene changes daily, and we are adept at judging the weather to be in the right place for 'falls'. We also enjoy lunches at tavernas, an experience not to be missed! Great local produce, exciting birding and lots of fun. One of our favourites.

**EXTREMADURA**

Birds of prey, bustards, sandgrouse and brilliant birding

Sat 16 April – Sat 23 April

Leader Cristian Jensen.

**Price £1645 ssupp £125**

Another classic destination, filled with birds. Five eagles, three vultures, both storks, both bustards, two sandgrouse species, Eagle Owl, Bee-eater, Roller, Collared Pratincole, Hoopoe, Black-shouldered Kite and many other Spanish specialities. Comfortable rural accommodation and rugged scenery all around on a beautiful trip to central Spain.

**SKYROS**

Exciting birding on an unspoilt Greek island.

Sat 23 April – Sat 30 April

Leader Phil Knott.

**Price £1645 ssupp £125**

'Lesvos without the crowds!' This unspoilt island is a new birding destination which includes several experiences not found on nearby Lesvos, including a relaxed cruise around the island for Shearwaters and breeding Eleanora's Falcon. Taverna meals and a relaxed itinerary with time to explore or just keep on birding in a delightful quiet location.

**ESTONIA**

Birding the specialities of north-eastern Europe

Sun 1 May - Sun 8 May

Leader Dave Pullan.

**Price £1695 ssupp £130**

Owls and woodpeckers, Nutcracker, Lesser and Greater Spotted Eagle, lekking Great Snipe, Citrine Wagtail, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Capercaillie, Hazel and Black Grouse, Montagu's Harrier and many terns and other seabirds. We stay in three locations giving us the best chances of difficult specialities, and our local contacts will be key to finding many of these.

**MALLORCA**

Lovely Mediterranean Birding in spring

Sat 30 Apr – Sat 7 May

Leader Rob Jordan

Price £1645 ssupp £125

A relaxed itinerary, staying in a small family hotel in the right place for exciting daily migration. The experienced birder might want to catch up with Moustached and Marmora's Warbler, and the newcomer to European birding will be delighted by Golden Oriole, Hoopoe, Bee-eater, Roller, Wryneck and more. Many raptors include Short-toed Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, Booted Eagle, Eleanora's Falcon and Red-footed Falcon.

**HUNGARY in Spring**

Forest specialities and the Hortobagy National Park

Sat 7 May – Sat 14 May

Leader Ian Ford

Price £1595 ssupp £125

The classic two-centre Hungarian holiday, with the famous Hortobagy and the forests and flood-plains of the northern hills. Nine Woodpeckers, Tengmalm's and Ural Owl, Great Bustard, River, Booted and Marsh Warbler, Common Crane and white-spotted race of Bluethroat. Full of key European birds.

**NEW! ITALY – Bears and Birds**

Mon May 23 – Fri May 27

Leader Chris Townend

Price £1195 ssupp £125

An exciting short-break to the beautiful Abruzzo NP in the Apennine Mountains, looking for birds and mammals, including Marsican Brown Bear and Wolves. Birdlife should include a good range of raptors, woodpeckers and open country species, with numerous forest birds including Collared Flycatcher. The tour starts and ends in Rome and offers an excellent opportunity to have a short city break before or after your holiday.

**SPAIN – from PYRENEES to EBRO DELTA**

Our tremendous birding tour from mountain top to the marshes of the Ebro delta.

Sat June 11 – Tues June 21

Leader Cristian Jensen

Price £1895 ssupp £165

Three fabulous centres from the high Pyrenees (Lammergeier, Wallcreeper), through the steppes (bustards and sandgrouse) to the coast at the Ebro delta (a myriad of waterbirds), this is one of our most popular and rewarding European trips. A 'grand tour' of eastern Spanish habitats and key avian delights.

**SPITSBERGEN**

Polar Bear, Walrus, birding and an unforgettable Arctic expedition.

Various dates June/July – contact our office for details

We again offer a tremendous cruise based in the northern archipelago of Svalbard, to see the spectacular wildlife of an Arctic summer. Heatherlea can reserve cabins at a very attractive price, and pass these savings to you. Don't book without comparing our prices, usually available in June.

**ICELAND in summer**

Bird, cetaceans and geology – 'Complete Iceland'.

Thurs July 21 – Thurs July 28

Leader Trausti Gunnarsson

Price £2595 ssupp £250

A complete tour of Iceland in summer. Birdlife includes Gyrfalcon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Harlequin, Brunnich's Guillemot and more, including Black-tailed Godwit and Red-necked Phalarope in breeding colours. We enjoy three birding/cetacean boat trips, and don't forget the breathtaking geology, with volcanos, geysers, waterfalls, glaciers and stunning scenery.

**PICOS MTS – Birds and Bears**

Fri Sep 9 – Fri Sep 16

Leader Cristian Jensen

Price £1795 ssupp £110

This holiday targets some of Spain's most sought after montane and forest birds, combined with excellent chances to see Cantabrian Brown Bear. Birding includes Wallcreeper, Snowfinch, Egyptian Vulture and Black Woodpecker, as we stay in quiet hotels with a rural flavour.

**NEW! BULGARIA in Autumn**

Sat 10 Sep – Sat 17 Sep

Leader Phil Knott

Price £1495 ssupp £100

An exciting new tour focusing on the spectacular annual migration of thousands of birds of prey, pelicans, storks and passerines along the Black Sea flyway, known as the Via Pontica. The tour is based in just two centres, giving a thorough exploration of the Black Sea coastline, the bottleneck for all manner of migratory and resident birds. A big birdlist guaranteed with lots of Eastern specials!

**ANDALUCIA**

Tue Sept 15 – Tues Sept 22

Leader Ian Ford

Price £1595 ssupp £140

Classic autumn migration at the southern edge of Spain. Raptors should number in excess of fifteen species, plus both storks and many migrant passerines. Spanish specialities include White-headed Duck and Marbled Teal, and we also experience migration directly as we cross to Tangier in Morocco on a day trip.

**HUNGARY IN AUTUMN**

Sun Sept 27 – Sun Oct 4

Leader Ian Ford

Price £1395 ssupp £130

Spectacular Common Crane migration, with upwards of 40,000 birds, plus autumn birding in two centres, with our targets including Great Bustard, Saker Falcon, White-backed Woodpecker, Dotterel, White-tailed and Eastern Imperial Eagle. The first arriving winter visitors include Rough-legged Buzzard and Great Grey Shrike.



**More European holidays coming soon – please contact us for details or watch our website!**



# AMERICAS

## **NEW! ST LUCIA – birding and leisure**

Thu Jan 7 – Thu Jan 14, Leader Kevin Shaw  
**Price £2495 ssupp £395**

This holiday is something a little different from Heatherlea, a birding holiday which includes a couple of days completely at your leisure. We travel in early January for warm, sunny days, and seek out the endemic and speciality birds of the island, leaving plenty of time for you to relax and enjoy the sun and scenery.

## **COSTA RICA**

Land of the Quetzal



Sat Jan 16 – Sat Jan 31, Leader Paco Madrigal & Phil Knott  
**Price £4395 ssupp £465**

Our classic tour, filled with birds and other wildlife at a relaxed pace. We visit spectacular and unforgettable places including Arenal Volcano and Tortuguero, where brackish mangrove swamp reaches to within 200 metres of crashing Caribbean waves. Excellent accommodation and meals, great guiding from Paco, and wonderful wildlife.

## **CUBA**

Thu Mar 10 – Tue Mar 22, Leader Gerard Gorman  
**Price £2495 ssupp £275**

Cuba is a fascinating island to visit, and a highly exciting birding destination. There is a long list of both resident and migrant birds to be found in a variety of habitats, and there are approx 26 endemic species, about half of which are endangered, plus a few more near-endemics. Some of these will be memorable highlights of the tour, including miniscule Bee Hummingbird, colourful Cuban Green Woodpecker, and beautiful Cuban Trogon. Its geographic and climatic features make Cuba the most important wintering ground for Nearctic migrants in the West Indies, and with 285 birds species regularly occurring on the island, one of the most important and rewarding Caribbean birding destinations.



## **ARIZONA and GRAND CANYON**

Sat April 9 – Sat April 23, Leader Pete Cosgrove  
**Price £4495 ssupp £595**

This is a two week trip to one of America's top birding destinations featuring stunning cacti desert and 'sky-island' mountain landscapes, with a diversity of fabulous birds to match. From desert and Mexican specialities, to gorgeous and gaudy breeding plumaged American wood warblers heading northwards into the mountains, this is a trip every birder should do at least once. Migration will be in full swing as we visit some of the most beautiful places in North America, and enjoy wonderful hospitality. We end our trip at wonderful Grand Canyon.

## **TRINIDAD, TOBAGO and ST LUCIA**

A unique tour featuring classic Trini plus endemic birds in St Lucia and Tobago,

Mon April 25 – Sat May 7, Leader Mike coleman.

**Price £3895 ssupp £295**

Rapidly becoming a firm favourite, this trip is a marvellous Caribbean birding experience on three fabulous islands. St Lucia has several endemics and many birds not found on the more southerly islands. In Trinidad we stay at Asa Wright, home of the Oilbird, and from Tobago we visit Little Tobago to see boobies, frigatebirds and tropicbirds.

## **YELLOWSTONE and GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS**

Mon July 18 – Sun July 31, Leader Ian Ford

**Price £4695 ssupp £595**

This is a tremendous tour of both Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, as we visit spectacular locations to see a fantastic range of birds and mammals. This relaxed and non-intensive holiday gives you the chance to experience this marvellous place in all its grandeur. Visiting three States (Utah, Wyoming and Montana), you will enjoy a comprehensive tour of all the key places, and have an excellent opportunity to see wolves, both bear species, beaver and much, much more including a wide range of bird species.

## **BRAZIL - PANTANAL**

July 2016 – dates tbc, Leader Chris Townend

Brazil's Pantanal wetlands are one of the world's largest tropical wetland areas, undoubtedly one of the greatest wildlife areas in South America. This vast ecosystem is home to around 740 bird species, 150 mammals and 480 reptiles. We visit in September, when travel is relatively easy, and wildlife generally at its most accessible. Birding is our main focus, with magnificent Harpy Eagle a key target amongst many, and a list of around 360 - 380 species can be reasonably expected. Other avian highlights should include Hyacinth Macaw, the world's largest parrot. Superb mammal watching should include Giant River Otter, Giant Anteater, Brazilian Tapir, and one of the most iconic cats, the Jaguar.

## **NEW! PERU – Northern Tour**

Sun Oct 2 – Sun Oct 16, Heatherlea guide Kevin Shaw,  
 joined by local expert Wilson Diaz.

**Price £4295 ssupp £190**

Heatherlea have devised this holiday to give you a rewarding birding tour in this fascinating country, with a massive list of birds which will be new to most visitors. The holiday is carefully planned so you spend enough time in Peru to justify the long travelling time required, and to be relatively affordable when compared to more comprehensive, very long itineraries. You will enjoy travelling in remote places, and seeing some of the world's most fascinating birds, while experiencing a taste of the rich culture of the country, and staying in good quality accommodation.

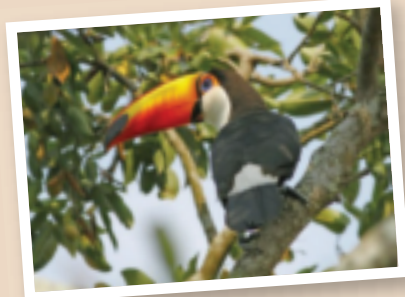
**American holidays continued on p10 ▶**

**NEW! MEXICO**

Mon Nov 14 – Fri Nov 25, Leader Gabor Orban

**Price £3695 ssupp £425**

Enjoy winter sunshine while birding around Mexico's Yucatan peninsula on this brand new, leisurely-paced tour. We visit varied habitats against a background of world-famous Mayan archaeological sites. Endemics include Yucatan Bobwhite, Yucatan Wren and Mexican Sheartail, our tour coincides with the migration of North American warblers, shorebirds and passage birds, we enjoy a boat-trip into the bird-rich lagoons, tasty Mexican food, well-located hotels and breathtaking scenery.



**More American holidays coming soon – please contact us for details or watch our website!**

## REST OF THE WORLD

**GAMBIA**

African rainforest birding and migration

Fri Jan 8 – Fri Jan 15

Leader Ian Ford

**Price £1945 ssupp £180**

A superb option for British birders, offering the nearest rainforest jungle to the UK, easy access from the UK and great birding in coastal locations close to our base near the airport. The weather is largely dry and sunny in January, and birding is very rewarding, as we visit key sites including the excellent Marissa Rivercamp.

**NEPAL**

Birds, mammals and culture – specially designed for the first-time visitor.

Fri Feb 26 – Wed Mar 9

Leader Ian Ford plus experienced local guide(s).

**Price £3395 ssupp £345**

A carefully planned and relaxed itinerary, covering Nepal's birds, mammals, landscape and lifestyle. Royal Chitwan and Koshi Tappu are our key sites, and with time birding in Kathmandu and Mt Phulchowki, we expect a big list. We seek Indian Rhinoceros on elephant back, and hope to repeat 2014's sighting of Bengal Tiger. An optional extension to fly round Mt Everest and visit a sacred Hindu temple and a 5th century Buddhist 'stupa' is highly recommended. Upgraded in 2016 with an extra day birding and high quality Kathmandu hotel.

**INDIA**

Fri March 4 – Tues March 15

Leader Dave Pullan

**Price £3145 ssupp £345**

A northern tour focused on birding and mammals. Bengal Tiger, Asiatic Lion, Blackbuck and Indian Rhino will be our main mammal targets. Birding will be varied and exciting, and amongst the many species we hope to see are Spotted and Jungle Owlet, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Red Junglefowl (the original chicken!), Brown Fish Owl, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Purple Sunbird and Blossom-headed Parakeet. We should see many other mammals, perhaps including Leopard, Sloth Bear, two monkey species, Jungle Cat, herds of the delicate Chital (or Spotted Deer) and more including perhaps a pack of the rare Dhole (Indian Wild Dog).

**MOROCCO**

A big birdlist with a real flavour of North Africa!

Tues 22 March – Fri 1 April

Leader Cristian Jensen

**Price £1995 ssupp £190**

An eleven day delight, covering the birds of desert, mountain, coast and wetland, plus the spectacle of spring migration. We expect a mouth-watering birdlist with a real flavour of north Africa. A key highlight is our time in the amazing Sahara Desert, and we include an optional visit to Marrakech city. Comfortable en-suite accommodation throughout.

**North MOROCCO**

Sat Oct 1 – Fri Oct 7

Leader Josele Saiz

**Price £1495 ssupp £105**

A short tour during autumn migration to the internationally recognised area of Merja Zerga, where Marsh Owl is an important target. We visit watch points to see soaring vultures, kites, eagles and storks heading south from Europe. Black-crowned Tchagra, Great-spotted Cuckoo, Red-necked Nightjar and Little Bustard are also found here.

**ETHIOPIA**

Fri Nov 4 – Wed Nov 16

Leader Josele Saiz

**Price £3195 ssupp £220**

The best birding areas, endemic species and good hotels on this carefully designed new itinerary for Heatherlea clients. We will explore huge Rift Valley lakes teeming with birdlife, moss-draped montane forests, the high altitude Bale Mountains National Park (home to a number of striking endemics including confiding Rouget's Rail), the expansive Sululta Plains, the impressive Jemma Valley, and Awash National Park, a mecca for game and bird watching where it is possible to see up to six species of bustard.

**GOA**

Sat Nov 19 – Sun Dec 4

Leader Toby Green

**Price £2595 ssupp £360**

Goa is one of the easiest and most accessible Indian birding destinations, extremely rich for birding, with many key habitats concentrated in a fairly small and workable area. We visit mountain jungle on the edge of the Western Ghats, mangrove swamp, and estuaries, beaches, wet swamps and paddyfields. We stay in three centres including five nights at the excellent Matkan Backwoods Camp, plus time at the coast and in the interior. The tour is at a relaxed pace, allowing a leisurely but detailed investigation of all the best places.

**SENEGAL**

Wed Dec 2 – Mon Dec 14

Leader Cristian Jensen

**Price £2895 ssupp £160**

Some of the best birdwatching in West Africa awaits on this new and unique holiday especially designed for Heatherlea. We visit the southern limit of the huge Sahel plains and the north of the western tropical forest, including the Gambia River, and birdwatch along beaches, rivers, wetlands, rice fields, riverine tropical forests, and savanna. Species include Arabian Bustard, Finfoot and Pink-backed Pelicans among other waterbirds, a splendid variety of raptors and owls, complemented by an incredible number of typical African beauties, such as Red-throated, Little and Carmine Bee-Eater, with several species of rollers and woodpeckers. One of the highlights is spectacular Egyptian Plover, which we will hopefully see at close quarters. You will also enjoy a unique insight into fascinating local culture, deeply influenced by the Gambia River. There are four boat excursions, in the Djoudj, Wassadow and in the Salum Delta. A great introduction to African birdlife or the next step after visiting Gambia, Senegal is a 'must do' destination!

**TASMANIA and South-eastern AUSTRALIA**

Sat Nov 26 – Sun Dec 11

Leader Phil Knott

**Price £5995 ssupp £800**

An exciting new itinerary 'Down Under', taking in the best of Tasmania and the Melbourne area. This is a superb general tour, with something for everyone. Brilliant birding, with a great array of Australian and indeed Tasmanian endemics, with highlights including Kookaburra, Emu, Galah, Wedge-tailed Eagle, several species of Honeyeater, Pardalote, Cockatoo and a good range of wonderfully coloured Wrens and Robins.

Mammal lovers will be delighted with our encounters with iconic curiosities such as Echidna, Wombat, Koala, Kangaroo, Wallaby, Possum, Quoll and even Platypus and Tasmanian Devil! A key feature of this tour is a pelagic trip to the Continental Shelf – expect 20-30 species of petrel including numerous Albatross at extremely close quarters. A trip of a lifetime!



**More overseas holidays coming soon – please contact us for details or watch our website!**

# NEW! Mainland Scotland in 2016

## Full Week holidays based at Mountview Hotel

Heatherlea offer a massive choice in Scotland. We know the wildlife very well, and from our HQ in Nethy Bridge we have a huge choice of exciting itineraries changing with the seasons, with departures every week until late November to suit your diary. Most of these holidays have been firm favourites for many years. In 2016 we continue to have a maximum of seven clients per guide, meaning great personal attention, to help you get the best possible sightings. We are a small company run **BY** birders **FOR** birders, where our clients really do come first. Come and see!



### 'EARLY BIRDER' PRICES – SAVE UP TO £250pp!

This Newsletter offers our very best prices. Our 'Early Birder' discount prices will be held until 31 August 2015, **strictly subject to availability**. Once your deposit is paid, we guarantee not to surcharge or to cancel your holiday.

This is a strong promise in an uncertain world, so be a Heatherlea **EARLY BIRDER** and reserve your place with confidence! All 'Been Before' discounts are included in these very low net prices.

#### HOGMANAY BIRDING FESTIVAL

Mon 28 Dec 2015 – Sat 2 Jan 2016

A short break to celebrate Scottish birding at Hogmanay. Fancy a treat this New Year? Finish your old birdlist with a flourish and make a great start to your new one.

Price **£1095**,  
**EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £100. No single supplement.

#### NEW YEAR BIRDLIST BOOSTER

Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23

You don't need to be a 'lister' to enjoy this cracking start to the new year! Priorities are Capercaillie, Crested Tit, Ptarmigan and Scottish (Parrot) Crossbill, Black and Red Grouse, Golden Eagle and a host of northern winter visitors. We spend a lot of time at the coast, targeting King Eider, Surf Scoter and other rarities. Target around 110 species.

Price **£895**. **EARLY BIRDER PRICE £795** – save £100. No single supplement. Great value for a full week!

#### SCOTTISH BIRDING IN WINTER

Sat Jan 30, Tues Feb 2, Sat Feb 6, Tues Feb 9

Short breaks for busy birders! Three great birding days local to Mountview Hotel, with Capercaillie, Blackcock, Golden Eagle, Scottish (Parrot) Crossbill and Crested Tit on the agenda, plus exceptional winter seawatching.

Price **£545**. **EARLY BIRDER PRICE £495** – save £50. No single supplement.



#### HIGHLAND WINTER BIRDING

Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27  
*Now with TWO nights away in Caithness!*

Wild landscapes and solitude (you won't see many other birders!) are combined with exceptional birding on this unique holiday, incorporating the very best Scottish winter birding. Features an exciting three days in Caithness and Sutherland, the far north of Great Britain. 2015 highlights included Harlequin, Kumlien's and Bonaparte's Gull, Great Grey Shrike and Green-winged Teal amongst many others!

Price **£1095**, **EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £200. No single supplement.

**ONE Heatherlea Guide per SEVEN clients!**

## TOP 20 BIRDS AND MAMMALS IN WINTER

Mar 5, Mar 12

Both eagles, Otter and Pine Marten on the west coast, where early dusk means we watch wildlife at times convenient to ourselves. Ptarmigan, Capercaillie, Black Grouse, Red Squirrel, Mountain Hare, the list is long!

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £200. No single supplement.

## HIGHLANDS AND MULL

Mar 19, Mar 26, Apr 2

Early spring in the Highlands is a great time for the 'specials'. This is one of our most popular holidays, including an overnight on Mull. A truly cost-effective way to see most of Scotland's special birds in one holiday. Winter and early spring migrants ensure a big birdlist.

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £100. No single supplement.

## SPRING INTO SCOTLAND

Apr 9, Apr 16

Perhaps the ultimate spring wildlife experience in Scotland, including an overnight on the west coast so we can enjoy a day on Mull and a day in Morvern. All resident birds are displaying or breeding, winter birds are still here in good numbers, and summer visitors arrive daily. Ever popular!

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £100. No single supplement.

## HIGHLANDS AND SKYE

Apr 23, Apr 30

Two nights on Skye as we enjoy eagles, otter and a birding boat-trip amid spectacular scenery. All the birds of the mainland too, with many summer visitors arriving. An exciting way to include Skye in your Scottish birding experience!

**Price £1195, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £1095** - save £100. No single supplement.

## BIRDING THE HIGHLANDS IN MAY

May 7, May 14

A gently-paced holiday to see the Scottish specialities without too much

travelling. We are based at Mountview Hotel for a full week, finding all the key breeding birds, and including a great boat trip to the seabird city at Troup Head. Ideal for the 'first-time' birding visitor.

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £100. No single supplement.



## HIGH SEASON IN THE HIGHLANDS

May 21, May 28

Glorious Handa Island makes a great day out, and we stay overnight on the west to see White-tailed Eagle the following day. With all the birds settled for the season this is classic birding at the height of the breeding season.

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £100. No single supplement.

## HIGHLANDS AND ORKNEY

Jun 4, Jun 11

Leisurely birding on Orkney, where we include two overnights in 2016. Breeding Short-eared Owl, Hen Harrier and Black-tailed Godwit, plus auks, duck, passerines and more. Back on the Scottish mainland, we seek eagles, woodland species and more seabirds on this great trip.

**Price £1195, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £1095** - save £100. No single supplement.

## THE 'OUTER LIMITS' IN SUMMER

Jun 18, Jun 25

An exciting new summer itinerary to see the birdlife of mountain and moor, forest and coast, with special attention paid to the rugged beauty and desolate vistas of the islands of Harris and Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, recently voted as the best island destination in Europe!

**Price £1195, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £1095** - save £100. No single supplement.

## HIGHLAND WILDLIFE

Jul 2

A birding holiday which also includes mammals, insects and flora. A unique and highly rewarding holiday, perfect for the birder with an interest in just about everything else in nature. Features many species found only in the north of Scotland, and including a boat trip to Troup Head to see nesting Gannets and auks.

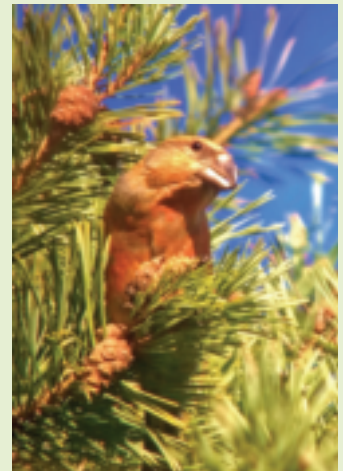
**Price £995, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £100. No single supplement.

## SCOTTISH BIRDING IN SUMMER

Sat Jun 25, Tues Jun 28, Sat Jul 2, Tues Jul 5

Short breaks for busy birders. Three great birding days local to Mountview Hotel, with Ptarmigan, Dotterel, Golden Eagle, Scottish (Parrot) Crossbill and Crested Tit on the agenda, plus enjoyable summer seawatching.

**Price £545, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £495** - save £50. No single supplement.



## EAGLES, DIVERS AND DOTTEREL

Jul 9, Jul 16

The best British birding in July? Both eagles on Mull, Dotterel and Ptarmigan on the tops, divers in breeding plumage inland – great birding! One of our most popular trips.

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £100. No single supplement.

## THE TOP 30 BIRDS AND MAMMALS IN SUMMER

Jul 23, Jul 30

Enjoy the spectacular birds and mammals of a Highland summer amid fabulous scenery. Basking Shark are now regular, and Minke Whale, Pine Marten and Otter add a strong mammal element to a great trip. Crammed with birds and other wildlife!

**Price £1195, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £1095** - save £100. No single supplement.

## HIGH SUMMER WILDLIFE BY LAND AND SEA

Aug 6, Aug 13

Birds and sealife during the height of summer, featuring boat trips east and west of northern Scotland for dolphins and whales, plus all the special birds. A thoroughly enjoyable if less intensive exploration of wildlife by land and sea.

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £200. No single supplement.

## SCOTTISH BIRDING IN EARLY AUTUMN

Sat Aug 6, Tue Aug 9, Sat Aug 13, Tue Aug 16, Sat Aug 20, Tue Aug 23, Sat Aug 27, Tue Aug 30

Short breaks for busy birders! Three great birding days with one local day for the Scottish Specials, a Moray Coast farmland bird and wader day and an exciting west coast sea trip for seabirds and cetaceans. The Highland highlights in early autumn all with a Heatherlea guide.

**Price £595. EARLY BIRDER PRICE £545** - save £50. No single supplement.



## SPECIALS AND MIGRATION FEATURING THE BURMA BANK

Aug 20, Aug 27

Sabine's Gull, Sooty Shearwater and much more on 'the Burma Bank', Scotland's newest birding hotspot, now available with Heatherlea! Waders around the coast and specialities inland too.

**Price £1145, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £250. No single supplement.

## AUTUMN MIGRATION AND SCOTTISH SPECIALS

Sept 3, Sept 10

With migration in full swing this holiday can be very exciting; shearwaters, waders, skuas and petrels, plus of course our resident specialities including Caper, Blackcock, Crestie, Ptarmigan, both eagles and more. Includes a ferry trip to the Outer Hebrides - expect the unexpected!

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £200. No single supplement.

## THE 'OUTER LIMITS' ADVENTURE

Sept 17, Sept 24, Oct 1

Including two nights on the Outer Hebrides, this is an exceptional itinerary which takes you to the 'Outer Limits' of Scottish birding. American rarities are frequently seen on Lewis during this holiday. On other days we seek all the specialities of the Highlands.

**Price £1195, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £995** - save £200. No single supplement.

## THE TOP 20 BIRDS AND MAMMALS IN AUTUMN

Oct 8, Oct 15

A wonderful holiday for those who love mammals and birds. Golden and White-tailed Eagle, Otter, Pine marten and Badgers are just some of the highlights. See reports on our website!

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £200. No single supplement.



## LATE AUTUMN IN THE HIGHLANDS

Oct 22, Oct 29

*Now with a night away in rural Aberdeenshire!*

Autumn in northern Scotland is a wonderful birding time. We have Caper, Blackcock, Crested Tit, Scottish (Parrot) Crossbill and Golden Eagle inland, seaduck flocks are at maximum volume, and this is an excellent time for geese and rarities.

**Price £1095, EARLY BIRDER PRICE £895** - save £200. No single supplement.

## SCOTTISH BIRDING IN AUTUMN

Sat Nov 5, Tues Nov 8, Sat Nov 12, Tues Nov 15

Short breaks for busy birders! Three great birding days local to Mountview Hotel, with Capercaillie, Blackcock, Golden Eagle, Scottish (Parrot) Crossbill and Crested Tit on the agenda, plus exceptional autumn seawatching.

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**Don't forget our great value promise:**

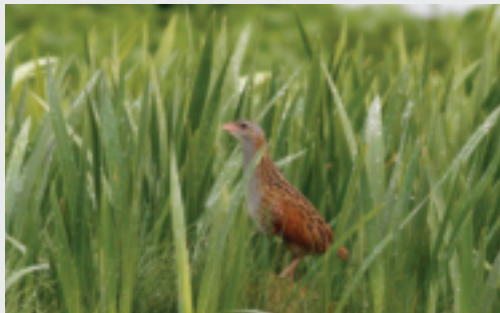
Once you have paid your deposit (just £200), the price of your holiday is guaranteed, and we won't add a surcharge or cancel your holiday. Book with confidence!

# SCOTTISH ISLAND ADVENTURES in 2016

## Birding and wildlife holidays around Scotland.

Fantastically popular with British birders, the Scottish islands always reward the traveller with wonderful scenery and a great sense of space. These holidays are carefully designed to take you to seldom-visited parts of our beautiful country at the right time for the best wildlife experience. All holidays are run at a leisurely pace, and with a maximum of just seven clients per guide, we know you will enjoy exceptional personal service from Heatherlea.

In 2016 we offer firm favourites plus several exciting new and totally unique holidays. There is a wide choice including



### HIGHLANDS and ISLANDS IN SPRING

Strathspey, Applecross, Skye, Mull and Morvern in Spring  
Sat 16 April – Sat 23 April

**Price £1595 Single supplement £160.**

### OUTER HEBRIDES in Spring

Corncrake, eagles and migration on the Uists  
Sat 7 May – Fri 13 May, Sat 14 May – Fri 20 May,  
Sat 21 May – Fri 27 May

**Price £1345 Single supplement £140.**

### **NEW!** NORTH RONALDSAY for Birders in Spring

Sat 7 May – Fri 13 May

**Price £1075 Single supplement £120.**

A new birding tour to our favourite migration outpost, for the first time in Spring! A celebration of Orkney with a real focus on Spring migration. Exciting migrants may include Wryneck, Bluethroat and Golden Oriole.

### MULL, IONA and the TRESHNISH ISLES

Eagles, Otter, seabirds and more  
Wed 18 May – Sat 21 May

**Price £895 Single supplement £75.**

### SHETLAND ISLAND EXPLORER

Unst, Fetlar, Yell, Whalsay, Noss, Mousa and Mainland  
Sat 28 May – Sat 4 June

**Price £1695 Single supplement £140.**

a number of brand new trips, and many have been specifically designed by our enthusiastic and capable guides for your pleasure. Space is necessarily limited, and at the time of writing many holidays are already booking, so if you would like to join us, please don't delay!

Transfers from Nethy Bridge are included on most holidays, and you can stay an extra night, or join us at a convenient point closer to our destination.



### SOUTHERN HEBRIDES

Colonsay, Islay and Jura in Spring  
Sun 29 May – Sat 4 June

**Price £1745 Single supplement £140.**

### ISLANDS on the EDGE

Coll, Tiree, Barra, Eriskay, North Uist, South Uist, Benbecula and Berneray  
Mon 30 May – Mon 6 June, Mon 13 June – Mon 20 June

**Price £1725 Single supplement £140.**

### ORKNEY ISLAND EXPLORER

Westray, Hoy, Burray, Rousay, Mainland and both North and South Ronaldsay  
Sat 4 June – Sat 11 June

**Price £1725 Single supplement £140.**

### SHETLAND and ORKNEY

Fetlar, Yell, Unst, Mousa, Mainland Shetland and Orkney, Burray and South Ronaldsay.  
Sat 18 June – Sun 26 June

**Price £1845 Single supplement £200.**

### INNER HEBRIDES

Canna, Eigg, Muck, Morvern, Ardnamurchan, Mull, Iona, Lunga and Staffa.  
Fri 24 June – Fri 1 July

**Price £1695 Single supplement £160.**

## **NEW! SUMMER in the FAR NORTH and FLOW COUNTRY**

Sutherland, Caithness and Ross-shire in High Summer  
Sat 25 July – Fri 1 July

**Price £1095, £140 single supplement.**

A brand new general natural history tour taking in the best of the unexplored north and west Highlands, including the famous Flow Country and seabird cities such as Duncansby Head and Handa Island. A firm favourite with Heatherlea guides, this region is one of Scotland's best kept secrets. A myriad of flora and fauna and interesting history in some of the most stunning landscapes in the British isles.

## **OUTER HEBRIDES and the SHIANTS**

The best of Skye, Lewis, Harris and the Shiants.

Sat 2 July – Fri 8 July

**Price £1695 Single supplement £120.**

## **ST KILDA and the HEBRIDES**

The ultimate Outer Hebridean experience!

Fri 8 July – Fri 15 July

**Price £1995 Shared cabins.**

## **HIGHLANDS and ISLANDS IN SUMMER**

A grand tour of Strathspey, Applecross, Skye, Eigg, Muck, Morvern and Mull.

Sat 16 July – Sat 23 July

**Price £1595 Single supplement £160.**

## **NEW! ORKNEY in HIGH SUMMER**

Westray, Hoy, Burray, Rousay, Mainland and both North and South Ronaldsay

**Price £1695, Single supplement £140.**

Sat 30 Jul – Sat 6 Aug 2016

An exciting new tour, covering a selection of our favourite Orkney isles, featuring a 3 night stay on North Ronaldsay to look for migrants and to help the Observatory with their Storm Petrel ringing. A holiday with something for everyone with great wildlife, history and culture.



## **SUMMER ISLAND SPECTACULAR**

Strathspey, Applecross, Skye, Rum, Mull, Iona, Lunga and Staffa  
Sat 6 August – Sat 13 August, Sat 13 August – Sat 20 August

**Price £1545 Single supplement £160.**

## **NORTH RONALDSAY and ORKNEY for Birders**

Now with new later dates to maximise rarity hunting chances!  
Sat 17 Sept – Fri 23 Sept, Sat 24 Sept – Fri 30 Sept

**Price £1075 Single supplement £120.**

## **SHETLAND for Birders**

Fri 30 Sept – Fri 7 Oct, Fri 7 Oct – Fri 14 Oct

**Price £1195 Single supplement £140.**

## **FAIR ISLE for Birders** Fri 7 Oct – Thu 13 Oct

**Price £1095 Single supplement £30** (very limited availability of singles)

## **OUTER HEBRIDES for Birders**

A birding adventure to the "Outer Limits".

Sat 8 Oct – Fri 14 Oct

**Price £995 Single supplement £140.**

## **COLL and TIREE for Birders** Sun 16 Oct – Sat 22 Oct

**Price £1445 Single supplement £150.**

## **ISLAY and JURA** Sat 22 Oct – Wed 26 Oct

**Price £895 Single supplement £80.**

## **SOLWAY FIRTH** Sat 12 Nov – Wed 16 Nov

**Price £745 Single supplement £80**

## **For MORE DETAILS of all our holidays**

- READ our colour brochure • VISIT our website [www.heatherlea.co.uk](http://www.heatherlea.co.uk)
- TELEPHONE **01479 821248** to speak to Kevin, Amanda, Emma or Monika.



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