

## **Isle of May photographic trips Essential information**

1. The boat will depart from **North Berwick Harbour**. You must check-in and meet your guide at the Boat Trip Booking Office at the harbour 20 minutes prior to departure. Your arrival will be registered and you will be equipped with waterproofs (for use on the boat only as they are bright yellow and can disturb wildlife if worn on the island), a life jacket and given a safety briefing.  
**The boat cannot wait for latecomers and no refunds will be given for being late or not appearing.**
2. We use our high speed Seabird Seafari Ribs which can cross to the Isle of May in approx 30 mins (weather and sea conditions permitting) allowing up to three hours ashore. These vessels carry a maximum of 12 passengers. En-route you will stop briefly just off the world famous Bass Rock.  
The total trip lasts approximately four and a half hours.
3. On arrival at the Isle of May you will be met by the Scottish Natural Heritage reserve manager.
4. Even when dry and sunny, you are **strongly advised to bring a waterproof bag to protect your equipment** and a waterproof bag for sitting on the island. **A reasonable level of fitness and agility is required. This trip is not suitable for anyone with back ailments or who is pregnant.**
5. Due to the important research that is ongoing throughout the season, you are escorted by a knowledgeable guide who will not only show you the best locations but will also ensure that you do not stray into sensitive research areas or disturb the wildlife. Venturing off the marked paths is not permitted as it may result in crushing a puffin burrow containing an egg or chick. Eider ducks also nest close to the path edge. Be aware it is an offence to disturb nesting birds and the guide has the authority to ask you to leave if inappropriate behaviour is shown. You will remain in the group at all times.
6. The Isle of May photographic experience is ideal for dedicated naturalists, photographers and artists. Photographic trips are not for a casual ramble! Please see our general Isle of May trips to book this kind of trip.
7. The Isle of May is a remote island in the Firth of Forth. **It can be cold and damp with wind chill reducing temperatures.** You are advised to wear warm layers, waterproof clothing, hat and gloves, walking boots and to use sun protection. It is advisable to bring food and hot drinks. There are toilet facilities beside the small visitor centre.
8. **Please note:** your trip may be cancelled due to severe weather conditions or insufficient passengers. **Please check the day before that the trip is going ahead by contacting the Scottish Seabird Centre on +44 (0)1620 890202 or alternatively your guide, Maggie, on 07709 505133 (out of office hours).** If the trip is cancelled, you will be offered an alternative date (weather permitting) or a full refund.
9. Please allow sufficient time to park and to reach North Berwick Harbour.
10. **For more information on parking and travel to North Berwick, please visit www.seabird.org**  
**And for more information on the Isle of May visit http://isleofmaynr.blogspot.com/**

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