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THE SOLWAY FIRTH & ARGYLE

Early Spring Wildfowl Special

“In Comfort & Style”

April 5-12



Birding Areas & Highlights

The Solway Firth An internationally important area for wildfowl, Caerlaverock WWT is “home” to 5000+ wintering Barnacle Geese plus herds of Whooper Swans, waders & wildfowl inc. Dunlin & Knot, Curlew & Bar-tailed Godwit, along with Shelduck, Wigeon & Pintail, Teal & Gadwall. RSPB Mersehead holds further numbers of wildfowl, with the RSPB Ken-Dee Marshes hosting Red Kites and Greenland White-fronted Geese. To the west, Loch Ryan boasts large numbers of divers, grebes & mergansers, often accompanied by Long-tailed Duck, Scoter, Scaup & Pale-bellied Brent Geese.

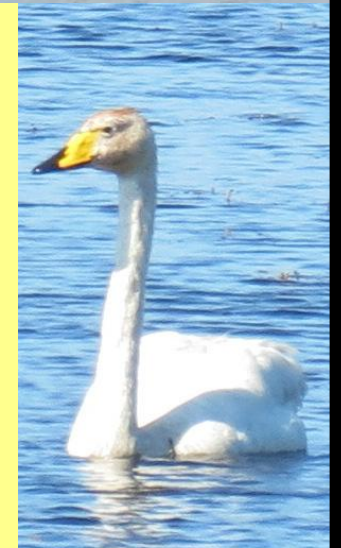
Argyle Exploring the Scottish Beaver Trail in Knapdale Forest, perhaps locating Red Squirrel, Otter, Osprey, Golden Eagle & even Beaver! The shores of Crinan Loch & The Sound of Jura offer plenty of opportunities to view more sea-duck, divers & wildfowl, plus a visit to the nearby Kilmartin Glen & Museum of Ancient Culture which traces 5000 years of human history, whilst viewing the many standing stones, chambered cairns & rock carvings.

Accommodation & Itinerary

Depart Glasgow Airport after breakfast & drive via RSPB Mersehead to *Craigadam Country House* for 4-nt. stay. Set in 700 acres of rolling Dumfries & Galloway countryside, the 18th century farmhouse offers themed bedrooms and fine traditional Scottish fare within a gracious, oak-pannelled dining room, all in perfect “*Comfort & Style*” !

Driving back through Glasgow & north of Lochgilphead to the *Crinan Hotel* at the northern end of the Crinan Canal in SW Argyle for further 3-nt stay. Family owned for forty years, the Hotel boasts breathtaking views, offering fine & exciting fare in it’s *Westward* restaurant.

Return to Glasgow Airport late afternoon.



Cost: £1895 (s/s £165)

Deposit: £200

B/L due: Feb. 5

Included in the cost: 4nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at *Craigadam Country House*, 3 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at *Crinan Hotel*, entrances to Caerlaverock WWT & Kilmartin Museum, full transportation & guidance throughout.

Not included in their cost: Lunches, drinks, travel insurance, gratuities & items of a personal nature.

(NB: Cost based on 8 pax min.)