

Cley Windmill Norfolk - Birdwatching break



Pink-footed Geese at Holkham

You are invited to spend two special days at Cley Windmill in the company of expert birder – Andy Stoddart.

Dates: A two night midweek break on 24th to 26th November 2010

Cost: £270 per person based on two people sharing double room.

Focus: Mainly for beginner birdwatchers or those with some experience.



Come and enjoy a fantastic bird-watching mini break at Cley Windmill one of Britain's best Bed and Breakfast venues on the wild and stunning marshlands of the North Norfolk coast, overlooking Cley Nature Reserve.

**This is our very first bird-watching break.
We have only twenty places for guests.**

Book now on 01263 740209
Or by email: info@cleywindmill.com

Tour itinerary

Day One

Arrival and check in to your rooms at the Windmill and enjoy a Norfolk Cream Tea with your tour leader, Andy Stoddart, who will give you a short introductory talk about the programme and some of the birds we hope to see.



Gather in the circular sitting room for pre – dinner drinks and an opportunity to meet your speaker for the evening, a representative from Norfolk Wildlife Trust. A superb three course dinner will be followed by coffee and truffles and a chance to hear a talk about the wildlife and history of the north Norfolk coast.



Day Two

Breakfast and spend the morning exploring the Cley Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserve and its pools, reed-beds, grazing marshes, shingle bank and open sea.

Here the birds will be dominated by wintering wildfowl – dark-bellied Brent Geese, Wigeon, Teal and Pintail – but we will also look for local specialities such as Egyptian Goose,



Black-tailed Godwit, Avocet, Marsh Harrier, Little Egret, Bearded Tit, Water Pipit, Stonechat,

Cetti's warbler and Snow Bunting.



Lunch at the NWT Visitors Centre and pick up coach to Holkham.

In the afternoon we will focus on the grazing marshes of Holkham where we will see more wintering wildfowl but here we



will also look for some of the area's large flocks of Pink-footed Geese as they graze in the afternoon and flight in to roost at dusk. Here is also a good spot for woodland birds, particularly Long-tailed Tit, Jay and Great Spotted Woodpecker.



There is a nightly roost flight of Little Egrets and there is also a chance of Peregrine and Barn Owl.

Afternoon tea will be served after our return and then another superb dinner in the Windmill's candlelit dining room.

After dinner there will be a chance to gather in the sitting room in front of a roaring fire and discuss with Andy and fellow birdwatchers your own bird roll call.



Day three:

Perhaps an early morning walk before breakfast and look out for our resident Barn Owl often found hunting around the marshes or sitting on Cley Windmill's garden wall.

Breakfast and check out



Food

Breakfast, dinner, afternoon tea is included in the cost. Lunches at Cley Visitors centre, drinks and other beverages are not included.

You will need to purchase permits to enter Cley Reserve unless you are a member.



Additional information

Grading:

Gentle walks on mostly flat terrain and some walking on beach shingle. The walks will take 3-4 hours. If it rains, shelter can be found in the bird hides.



Clothing and equipment

Wear stout walking shoes and warm waterproof clothing. Bring along your binoculars and a telescope if you have one.

Non birdwatching partners are welcome to accompany birders and

to participate in any talks or excursions. There are many places of interest in the area for walkers, birdwatchers and photographers as well as naturalists. We will be pleased to advise you.

How to book

Call 01263 740 209 to book your place. We will need 33% of the total cost as a deposit to secure your booking. The balance will be due 8 weeks before the commencement of the break.



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