



Estonian Nature Tours

Trip	: EAGLES AND MORE – A TASTE OF AN ESTONIAN WINTER
Period	: Thu06Mar – Mon10Mar 2014 : Mon10Mar – Fri14Mar 2014
Group size	: 2 pax
Grading	: Photography will be from hide(s) and on walks in the snow. Therefore, an element of physical fitness and good mobility is necessary
Accommodation	: Local guesthouse with private facilities
Food	: Breakfasts, packed lunches and dinners
Leader	: Luke Massey and a local guide(s)
Agent/Organizer	: Estonian Nature Tours, e-mail: info@naturetours.ee

A 5-day holiday focusing on photographing eagles in the snow as well as other Estonian wildlife in Winter.

Estonia is an up and coming destination for wildlife photography. Boasting fantastic species such as European Lynx and wolves, White-tailed Eagles, Wild Boar and Elk. All of which you may get the chance to photograph if you visit Estonia already this Winter.

This is trip for keen wildlife photographers, you'll be spending two full days in the eagle hide. You will have the opportunity to photograph the eagles from different distances (from 5 metres up to 50 metres) to give you a variety of shots. The feeding site is situated in a bog with a background of low pine trees providing photogenic surroundings. There are several dead branches positioned around the feeding site which make for ideal perches. Based in the Southeast of Estonia, a land of pine forests and wetlands and a hotspot for a wide range of mammals and birds.

Day 1 Arrive in Tallinn, to South-East Estonia

Day 2/4 White-tailed Eagle photography

Day 5 To Tallinn, departure...

Highlights

In winter, the hide is usually visited by 2-4 eagles daily. Sometimes Golden Eagles and Buzzards are also in attendance, along with Red Foxes, Raccoon Dogs and even Wolves. Photographing the eagles in winter allows for the opportunity to photograph them with snow on the ground and if you're really lucky falling snow. When not in the hide, you'll have the opportunity to try and photograph the local birdlife, from Black Woodpeckers to Crested Tits and many more in between. Along with this opportunity a local guide will take you to a number of different habitats in search of a wide range of animals and birds.

You will also have the chance to spend time photographing passerines and woodpeckers at a local feeding station along with an afternoon being guided around the local area where it is possible you'll have the chance to photograph mammals like Elk, Otter, Wild Boar or Raccoon Dog. From the beginning of March onwards it may be possible to photograph Capercaillie or lekking Black Grouse. If there is a good Hawk Owl year they arrive in December and stay around until mid-February.

Weather

Weather conditions during winter can vary. Average daytime temperatures from November to March are usually between -10 and 0°C. During the night average temperatures could reach as low as -15 and -5°C. However there can be some much colder periods. Snowfall usually occurs in mid-December and stays on the ground till late March. In the absence of snow, the feeding site is situated in a bog with rough grasses and moss, surrounded by low spruces.

Booking and deposits can be made if you click on our Tour calendar. **BOOK HERE** will guide you to our booking system, where it is possible to insert data and also instantly pay by credit card (coming next week). Another possibility is to pay through bank transfer. Automatic invoice and confirmation will be sent to your email address.

CANCELLATIONS

More than 70 days	deposit (20%) only
70-15 days before departure	50% of total tour cost
15 days or less before departure	100% of total tour cost

INSURANCE

It is a condition of joining one of our holidays that you must be fully insured against medical and personal accident risks. Please send to us the name of your insurance provider, the contact telephone number, your policy number, expire date and details of the medical and repatriation cover provided.

Terms and Conditions Instruction: <http://www.naturetours.ee/terms-and-conditions/>

NB! There are many amazing holidays you can't afford to miss... When you would like to travel with your friends we would be happy to give you more information or offer an extra tour with special price whenever you find a suitable time.

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