

Photography and wildlife break

A three-day break with photographer Ben Shakespeare. Perfect your landscape and wildlife photography skills while exploring Islay's wild beauty.



WHAT TO EXPECT

From coastal sunsets to soaring sea eagles, you'll master your camera's capabilities and develop your creative eye. Cover technical skills and post-production with time to explore the island's unique atmosphere.

DAY ONE

- 3pm **Guest check in**
Arrive as early as you like and make full use of the hotel. We can look after your luggage while you have a treatment, visit the wild garden or explore the grounds.
- 7.30pm **Meet & greet**
Meet Ben and the other guests for a short presentation and ask any questions
Screening room
- 8pm **Dinner**
To be arranged by guest - group dinner optional
18 Restaurant & Bar
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DAY TWO

WILDLIFE DAY

- 8am **Short presentation**
Screening room
- 8.20am **Breakfast**
18 Restaurant & Bar
- 9am **Leave for Oa RSPB Nature Reserve**
Meet by front desk
- 9.30am **Wildlife session**
Covering photography techniques and the wildlife present on Islay
The Oa RSPB
- 12pm **Ardbeg lunch**
Taking time to review the morning's session
Ardbeg Distillery

- 2pm **Islay Sea Adventure**
Join David Dinsley and look out for sea eagles, seals, dolphins and otters from your boat. Returning to the hotel at 4.30pm.
- 5pm **Short editing session with David back at the hotel**
Kildalton room
- 6pm **Dinner**
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DAY THREE
LANDSCAPE DAY

- 7am **Breakfast**
18 Restaurant & Bar
- 8.30am **Landscape techniques**
A session to learn about landscape techniques
Kildalton room
- 9am **Leave for Carraig Fhada and Singing Sands**
Meet by front desk
- 9.30am **Landscapae photography session**
Time to explore Islay's pristine landscapes, using the techniques learnt in the morning.
Carraig Fhada and Singing Sands
- 12pm **Picnic lunch**
Picnic provided - weather dependant
- 1pm **Landscape photography session**
More time to shoot the landscape in the second location of the day. Returning to the hotel at 4pm
Machir Bay & Saligo Bay
- 5pm **Editing session back at the hotel**
Kildalton room
- 7.30pm **Dinner**
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- 9pm **Astro photography session**
Making the most of Islay's dark skies and continued peak solar activity.
Meet by front desk
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DAY FOUR

7-10am

Breakfast

18 Restaurant & Bar

11am

Check out

We'll look after your luggage so you can spend all day with us.
