

LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

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Iceland is a mythical world of breathtaking geographical features shrouded in some of the largest glaciers in Europe – around 11% of Iceland's landmass is covered by glacial mass. In stark contrast, its landscape is also dominated by mighty, awe-inspiring volcanoes, including 130 active, dormant and extinct volcanoes. Hence its iconic name, 'The Land of Fire and Ice'.

As the earth turns on its tilted axis, the North Pole faces away from the sun, resulting in several weeks of the year when the sun does not set over the Arctic Circle. This creates 24 hours of daylight, a phenomenon known as the 'Midnight Sun'. In Iceland, only Grimsey Island lies within the Arctic Circle, a 3-hour boat journey from the mainland. Our trip will be focused around this remote island and timed to coincide with this amazing spectacle, offering us hours of exquisite light to photograph.

Half of the world's population of Atlantic Puffin breed in Iceland. This is estimated at around 2 million breeding pairs. Puffins have been in steep decline across Iceland and Europe for the past few decades. However, they have been increasing on Grimsey, and it is now home to around 200,000 puffins. A mind-blowing number. There are many amazing locations to photograph the Atlantic puffin across Europe, but this remote island lying in the Arctic Circle is one of the best. The sheer number of birds, freedom and combination of the 'Midnight Sun' make it a very special location.

It's not just puffins which make Grimsey so special. It's one of the best places to photograph Northern Fulmars, Black-Legged Kittiwakes, Guillemots, Razorbills and nesting Arctic Terns, making this island a dream for wildlife photographers. However, there is so much more than seabirds; snow buntings, red-necked phalaropes & waders also breed here. Plus, a beautiful herd of native Icelandic horses can be found roaming the island's interior.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Seabirds, waders, phalaropes, native ponies & so much more, all bathed in the beautiful midnight sun (weather permitting) as it illuminates the wild and rugged island of Grimsey. We have five nights on the island, which should offer us a multitude of different weather conditions and light. Our trip is timed during the peak of the seabird season; this will also coincide with the height of summer when the sun does not set but does dip low to the horizon, offering hours of beautiful light during the midnight sun. We will have a privately booked guesthouse for our group. This means we can be flexible with meal times, allowing us to photograph where and when we need.

We will meet in Akureyri on the first day of the trip (Wild Lens Nature Tours will advise with travel arrangements). Once you land at Akureyri Airport, our taxi driver for the duration of the trip will greet you and transfer you and the bags to our hotel in Akureyri. Here is where you will meet Kevin & David, who over a light dinner will brief the group on upcoming plans and discuss hopes and aspirations for the trip. Following dinner, we will explore a beautiful fjord on a privately chartered RIB in search of humpback whales and other marine life. If previous trips are anything to go by, wow, we will be in for a very special adventure.

The following morning we will be transferred to Dalvík, where we will board the ferry to Grimsey. This is a 3-hour journey, with the potential to see a host of marine life during the crossing. Once on the island, we will walk a short distance to our guesthouse. Each guest will have their own room, or guests travelling together can share the larger room. There are shared facilities in the guesthouse; however, we will have it booked just for our group. It is clean, comfortable, and an excellent base for our workshop whether we are exploring the north or south side of the island.

The island is relatively small; however, we will be exploring on foot, so a moderate level of fitness is required. Seeing the island by foot allows us to be ready to capture the magic, which may be easily missed by vehicle, whether it's tiny phalarope chicks in the grass or waders posing beautifully in the flowers.

Following our adventure on the island, we will follow a similar route back to the mainland via the ferry, followed by another night back in the Akureyri hotel before flying back to Reykjavik and sadly saying our final farewells.

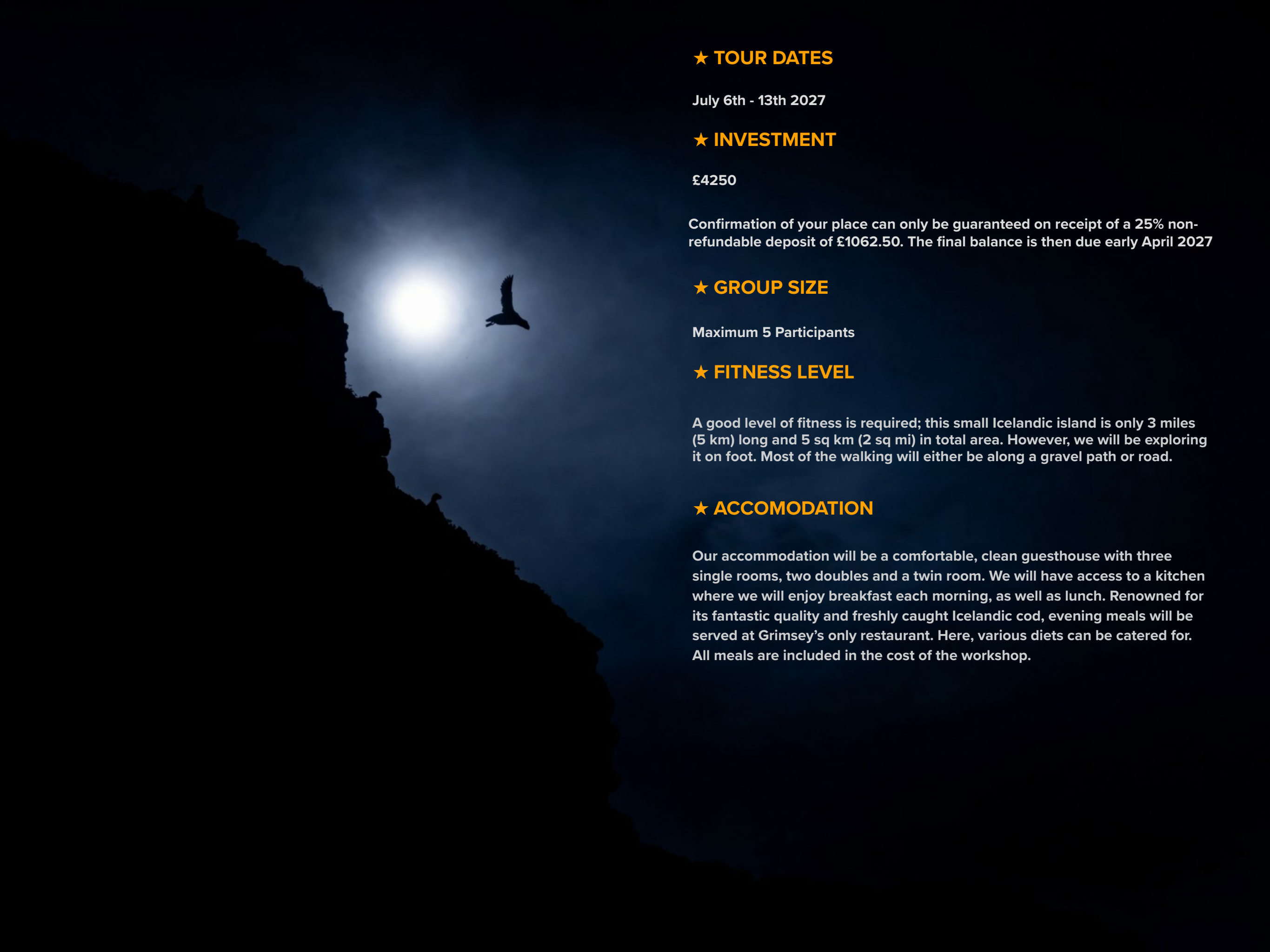




★ ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Species assignment focused on - Atlantic Puffin, Seabirds, Waders, Red-Necked Phalaropes & Humpback Whales.
- Featuring the leadership, expertise and local knowledge from two internationally awarded wildlife photographers: Kevin Morgans author of Puffins: Life On The Atlantic Edge & Arctic explorer David Gibbon who has led expeditions to some of the most inhospitable places on the planet – including Greenland & Ellesmere Island
- Itinerary running over eight days: seven nights' accommodation, six days in the field
- **Midnight Sun & Summer Solstice Celebrations** – The trip is timed to coincide with the midnight sun, if conditions allow, we will be able to photograph in the exquisite Arctic light. On the Summer solstice the islanders will have their annual celebration, an event we are welcome to join
- **Grimsey Island** – Grimsey is best known for its birdlife during the breeding season its home to over 200,000 puffins, as well as fulmars, kittiwakes, arctic terns & countless auks making this remote island a dream for wildlife photography. However, there is so much more than seabirds, with snow buntings, red-necked phalaropes & waders also breeding here. Plus, a beautiful herd of Native Icelandic horses which can be found roaming the islands interior.
- **Private Rib Charter** – Private rib charter offering unparalleled opportunities for photography. Exploring a beautiful fjord, searching for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. This truly is one of the best places in Iceland to photograph these majestic animals.





★ TOUR DATES

July 6th - 13th 2027

★ INVESTMENT

£4250

Confirmation of your place can only be guaranteed on receipt of a 25% non-refundable deposit of £1062.50. The final balance is then due early April 2027

★ GROUP SIZE

Maximum 5 Participants

★ FITNESS LEVEL

A good level of fitness is required; this small Icelandic island is only 3 miles (5 km) long and 5 sq km (2 sq mi) in total area. However, we will be exploring it on foot. Most of the walking will either be along a gravel path or road.

★ ACCOMODATION

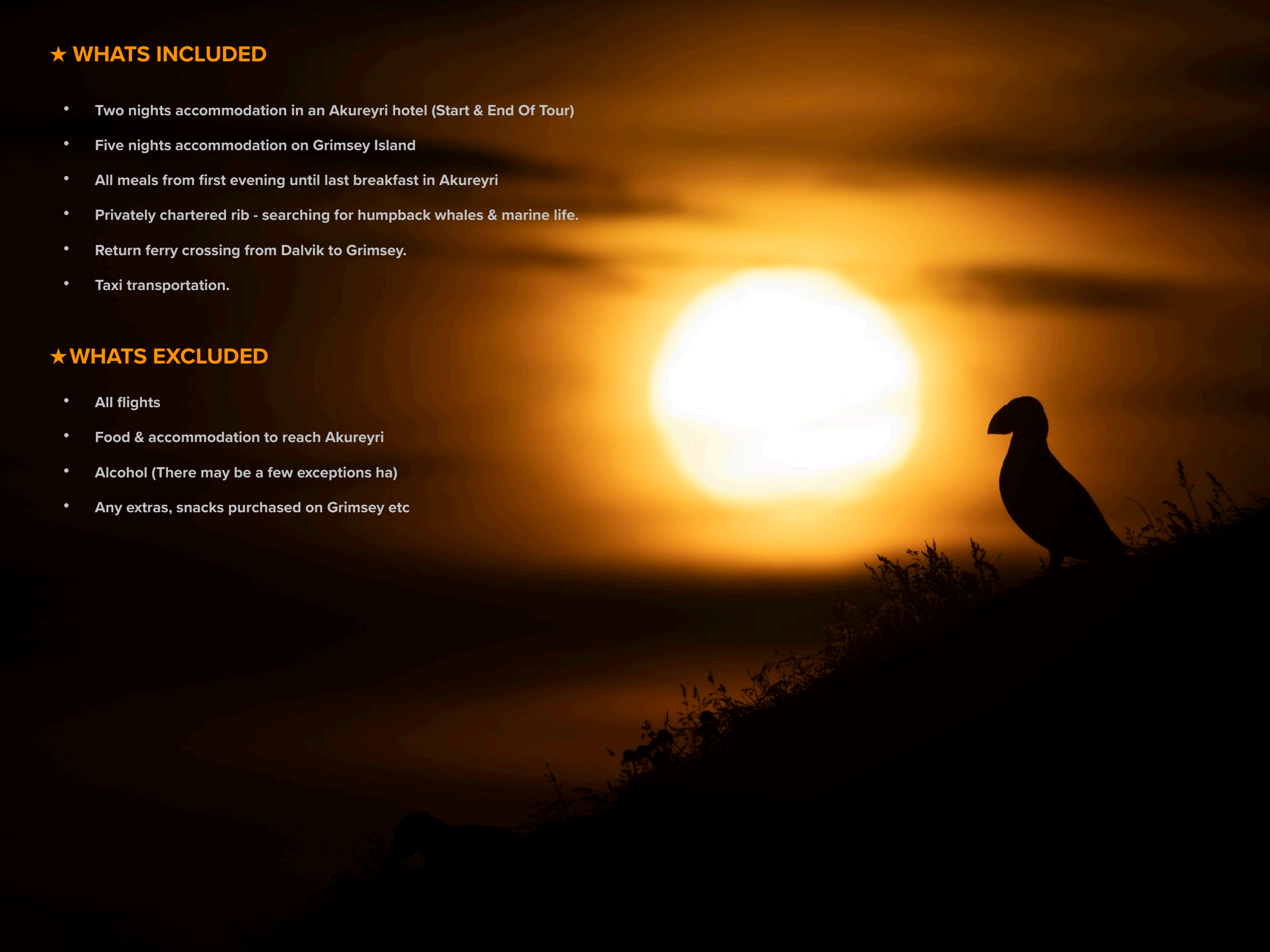
Our accommodation will be a comfortable, clean guesthouse with three single rooms, two doubles and a twin room. We will have access to a kitchen where we will enjoy breakfast each morning, as well as lunch. Renowned for its fantastic quality and freshly caught Icelandic cod, evening meals will be served at Grimsey's only restaurant. Here, various diets can be catered for. All meals are included in the cost of the workshop.

★ WHATS INCLUDED

- Two nights accommodation in an Akureyri hotel (Start & End Of Tour)
- Five nights accommodation on Grimsey Island
- All meals from first evening until last breakfast in Akureyri
- Privately chartered rib - searching for humpback whales & marine life.
- Return ferry crossing from Dalvik to Grimsey.
- Taxi transportation.

★ WHATS EXCLUDED

- All flights
- Food & accommodation to reach Akureyri
- Alcohol (There may be a few exceptions ha)
- Any extras, snacks purchased on Grimsey etc







PRIVATE RIB CHARTER

Exclusive to our Land Of The Midnight Sun trip—we are proud to offer a privately chartered RIB where we will explore a beautiful fjord, searching for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds & other marine life. This truly is one of the best places in Iceland to photograph these majestic animals, and if previous trips are anything to judge by, WOW, we will be in for an amazing experience yet again. The private RIB offers unparalleled opportunities for photography. The RIB holds twelve people, meaning with only seven of us in the RIB, we have enough room to manoeuvre and move about if needed.

This is a spectacle not to be missed and is always one of the many highlights of our Land of the Midnight Sun tour. So put on your life jacket and jump onboard in 2027



THE GUIDES

KEVIN MORGANS

Kevin is a multi-award-winning wildlife photographer, tour leader, and photographic guide. His work with Atlantic puffins recently won the prestigious portfolio prize in Bird Photographer of the Year, along with the publication of his book, Puffins: Life On The Atlantic Edge. Kevin has a passion for photographing UK wildlife. He is an experienced guide who has been running 1-1 and group workshops for many years, using this experience to pass on his knowledge of the natural world and how best to capture it.

CREDENTIALS

- Author: Puffins Life On The Atlantic Edge
- Runner Up Scottish Nature Book Of The Year
- Portfolio Winner: Bird Photographer Of The Year
- Judge Nature Photographer Of The Year
- Speaker: GDT European Wildlife Photographer Year Festival
- Category Winner: Golden Turtle + Multiple Awarded Images
- Multiple Awards Bird Photographer Of The Year
- (x3) Awarded Images Winland Rice Natures Best
- Also Awarded In MontPhoto (x4), Memorial Maria Luisa & Festival D'Oiseau



DAVID GIBBON - OWNER & FOUNDER WILD LENS NATURE TOURS LTD

David is an award-winning photographer, best known for running winter Arctic Fox trips to Iceland since 2018. He has been highly commended in Nature Photographer of the Year for one of his Arctic Fox images and, in 2023, successfully guided an extreme winter expedition to Ellesmere Island, living in tents in -50 degrees, which is the closest land mass to the north pole, to photograph Polar Bears, Musk Ox and Arctic Wolves. David was again awarded in 2023 in Nature Photographer of the Year, coming 2nd in the black and white category for his epic charging Musk Ox image. In 2024, David ran the first ever land based winter wildlife photography expedition across very remote areas of Greenland on snowmobile. David is founder and director of his own tour company - Wild Lens Nature Tours Ltd - which specialises in arctic photography tours to various destinations including Mongolia, Greenland and Iceland.

CREDENTIALS

- Twice awarded in Nature Photographer of the Year
- Highly Commended in British Wildlife Photography Awards
- Highly Commended in Mammal Photographer of the Year and Nature TTL
- In 2022, David was involved in the first ever commercially run tour to one of the remotest places on earth, Ellesmere Island
- In 2025, David organised the first ever wildlife photography land-based snowmobile expedition in winter to Sydkap, one of the remotest areas in Greenland
- In 2025, David was invited to host an exhibition of his Arctic Fox Images at the world's largest photography festival in Sharjah, close to Dubai

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WHY JOIN ONE OF OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOPS?

★ ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE WELCOME

Photographers of all levels are welcome. Whether you are new to the world of wildlife photography or an experienced pro looking to expand your portfolio. We are both full-time wildlife photographers with decades of experience working with wildlife, providing photographic tuition.

★ CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

We are not the type of photographer that will just get you a standard shot. If you look over our portfolios. They are stacked with unique imagery, creatively using light and different camera techniques. Our main focus will be to do the same for you, putting you in the same positions constantly, taking into consideration the light direction and backgrounds.

★ DAILY WORKSHOPS & IMAGE REVIEWS

Throughout the tour we will be on hand to discuss post-processing and photographic techniques or review your images so far. The goal of the tour is to create a stunning and varied portfolio of work you are proud of.



"We have just returned from a six-day photography experience on Grimsey Island, and what fun it was! Not just a great wildlife spectacle but also lots of laughter and good humour aided and abetted by the organisers, David and Kevin. Turning to the wildlife, there were the expected masses of puffins but also kittiwakes, fulmars, guillemots, razorbills, eiders, skuas, kittiwakes, redshanks, phalaropes, turnstones, ring plovers, snow buntings, oyster catchers and so much more. We were also fortunate to see the young of eiders, kittiwakes, phalaropes, snow bunting, redshanks and terns. Overall, an excellent holiday which we shared with an amazing group of fellow photographers – well organised and very enjoyable. We have returned home with a wealth of photographs and many happy memories."

- Peter & Lin (Land Of The Midnight Sun)

"This trip was on my bucket list for so long, especially because of the puffins. As soon as we arrived, I knew the next 6 days were going to be awesome. I felt like I was in photography heaven. Thanks to the flawless organisation of the group leaders David and Kev and their unearthly friendship, and of course for the group itself... See you someday somewhere..."

- Bali (Land Of The Midnight Sun)

"I have left with memories that will last a lifetime, from our first night on a private whale watching rib boat where we were lucky enough to have several sightings 5 humpback whales under the midnight sun, watching kittiwakes and puffins in high tides with huge waves crashing around them, or spending time with the wild Icelandic ponies. As well as the happy memories, I am leaving with a portfolio of images that I am really proud of, that I will look back on for years to come with a smile on my face. Thank you both so much - looking forward to booking on another trip with you soon"

- Katie (Land Of The Midnight Sun)

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