

# Puffins, Arctic Birds' and Wild Horses Tour

Grimsey Island, Iceland

July 9th to July 15th, 2024

Led by Kevin Morgans and David Gibbon

Join Kevin and David on an exciting trip to photograph a range of arctic birds, including Puffins, as well as Icelandic wild horses on this beautiful remote island that lies inside the arctic circle.

Situated 41 kilometres off the north coast of Iceland, Grimsey was formed with volcanic rock.

It is just 5.3 square kilometres and 5.5 kilometres long and home to around 70 people, but also a vast array of wildlife.

Over 40,000 Puffins, as well as Snow Buntings, Red-Necked Phalaropes, Arctic Terns and more birds live on Grimsey, as well as a small herd of wild horses.



## Photographing Puffins in the Midnight Sun



**G**rimsey is most famous for its large number of Puffins and their position on the island means it's possible to photograph them beautifully backlit, which is what Kevin is most famous for.

Our tour to Grimsey is timed so that when we arrive the sunsets will be golden as they dip below the horizon for a short period.

This will allow for some potentially beautiful light on the Puffins. And Kevin and David will be on hand to assist to help you capture such images.

Our tour is also timed to coincide with when the Puffins are most likely to be bringing sand eels back to their young.

If you would like the chance to capture Puffins at eye level on an island that sits inside the arctic circle then this is the perfect tour for you.



## Photographing Arctic Birds and Horses



As well as Puffins, Grimsey is also home to a range of other arctic birds. This includes Red-Necked Phalarope. The image captured above was taken by David during a recce trip to Grimsey and shows just what breathtaking images of this arctic species can be captured on Grimsey.

A lake close to our accommodation allows us to get eye level with these beautiful birds.

Also on Grimsey are Arctic Terns, Snow Buntings, Golden Plover and more besides.

We will also attempt to photograph the Icelandic wild horses found on Grimsey.



## Accommodation and Food



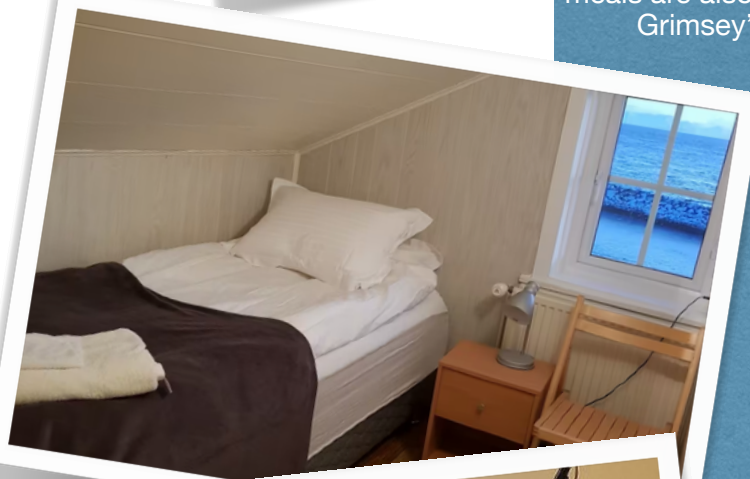
We will all stay on Grimsey in this very comfortable and clean guesthouse.

There are 3 single rooms, two double rooms and one twin bed room available.

Sharing accommodation on this trip is possible and so please be prepared for this.

We will have access to a kitchen where we will enjoy breakfast each morning, as well as lunch. Evening meals are also included, which will be served at Grimsey's only restaurant.

Here, various diets can be catered for. The restaurant is renowned for its fantastic quality, offering freshly caught Icelandic cod, burgers and more.



## Itinerary of the trip

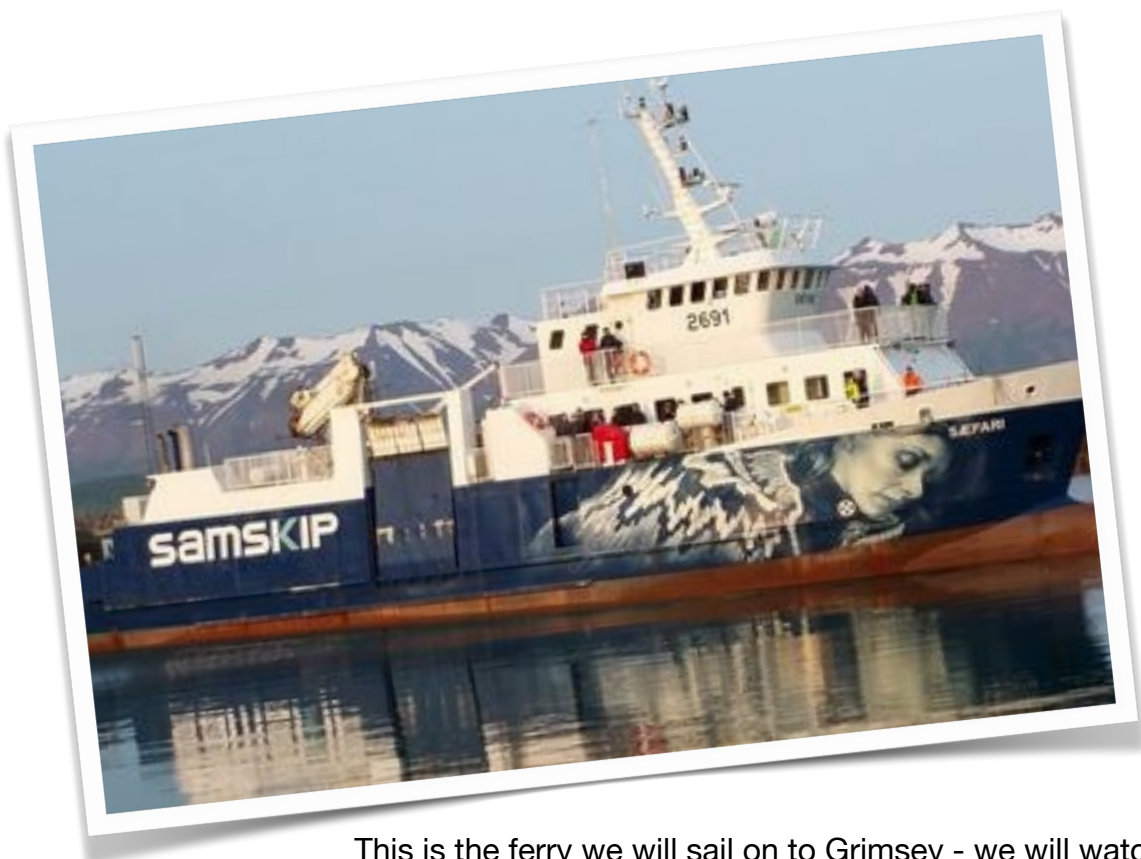
- The trip begins July 9th, when we will all be collected by 2 taxis from a hotel in Akureyri. We will be taken by taxi to the ferry - taking around 50 minutes to get there.
- This will take us to a ferry where we will make an approx 3 hour crossing. During this time, there is the potential to see Humpback Whales.
- We will then spend 5 nights on Grimsey, before sailing back to Akureyri on July 14th.
- Two taxis will be waiting to collect us and take us to a hotel in Akureyri, This ride is around 50 minutes.

## What's Included

- The taxi from Akureyri to the ferry and back to Akureyri
- The ferry to and from Grimsey
- All meals on Grimsey and accomodation
- Photo tuition on Grimsey
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## What's Excluded

- All flights, food and accommodation up to and including Akureyri
- Alcohol. Any extras such as snacks purchased in the shop on Grimsey etc



This is the ferry we will sail on to Grimsey - we will watch out for Humpback Whales during the 3 hour crossing

## Trip Guides



**K**evin Morgans 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 latest book, Puffins Life On The Atlantic Edge

He has a passion for photographing UK wildlife, but his journey has seen him travel further afield across Europe, Falklands, and the polar regions in search of 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.

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**D**avid 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.

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## Total Investment



Puffin photographed in beautiful backlight on Grimsey Island by David during his recce trip in 2023

Total price of trip is £2,600. A deposit of £600 is payable upon booking, with the balance payable early May 2024.

