



ICONIC UK WILDLIFE

ADVENTURE INTO THE CELTIC DEEP

THE TRIP

OVERVIEW

Head into history - above and below the water! Just offshore of the Welsh coastline lies a part of the United Kingdom where time stands still.

Visit uninhabited (by humans) islands, snorkel in sheltered bays, and dive into the deep looking for blue sharks.

Come with us on a The Marine Diaries' Adventure to Pembrokeshire's offshore and island habitats!

Discover blue sharks, tuna, and whales in the Deep and seabirds and seals around the islands of Skomer and Skokholm.



3 Days / 2 Nights



29 - 31 July 2022



Dale, Pembrokeshire



9 Spaces



£770 per person

TRIP

Mission

MISSION

The Marine Diaries' has launched ocean adventures with impact to continue our mission to connect people with the ocean.

Our intimate trips are curated and hosted by marine biologists, and we work with trusted operators who respect ocean wildlife. Each bespoke expedition will incorporate citizen science, education, or ocean-positive activities.

We welcome anyone who wants to get their feet wet - whether you're an experienced explorer, diver, freediver, or photographer, or just at the beginning of your ocean journey. We can't wait for you to join us!



TRIP LEADER

ABOUT REBECCA

Rebecca Daniel is a marine biologist and science communicator. Director of The Marine Diaries, she is a fierce advocate for ocean conservation and works tirelessly to connect people with our blue planet through ocean storytelling.

Having always had a passion for nature, Rebecca holds a BSc in Biological Sciences and MSc in Tropical Marine Biology. She learnt to dive when she was 10, and fell in love with the underwater world.

Rebecca is a keen public speaker and will be sharing her ocean knowledge on The Marine Diaries' Adventures.

Rebecca



Credit: Liam Webb

THE CELTIC DEEP

DALE, PEMBROKESHIRE

The rugged coastline of Pembrokeshire (rated the second best in the world) is known for its rugged cliffs, beautiful beaches, and wildlife-filled islands. Dale village sits in the heart of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

CELTIC DEEP

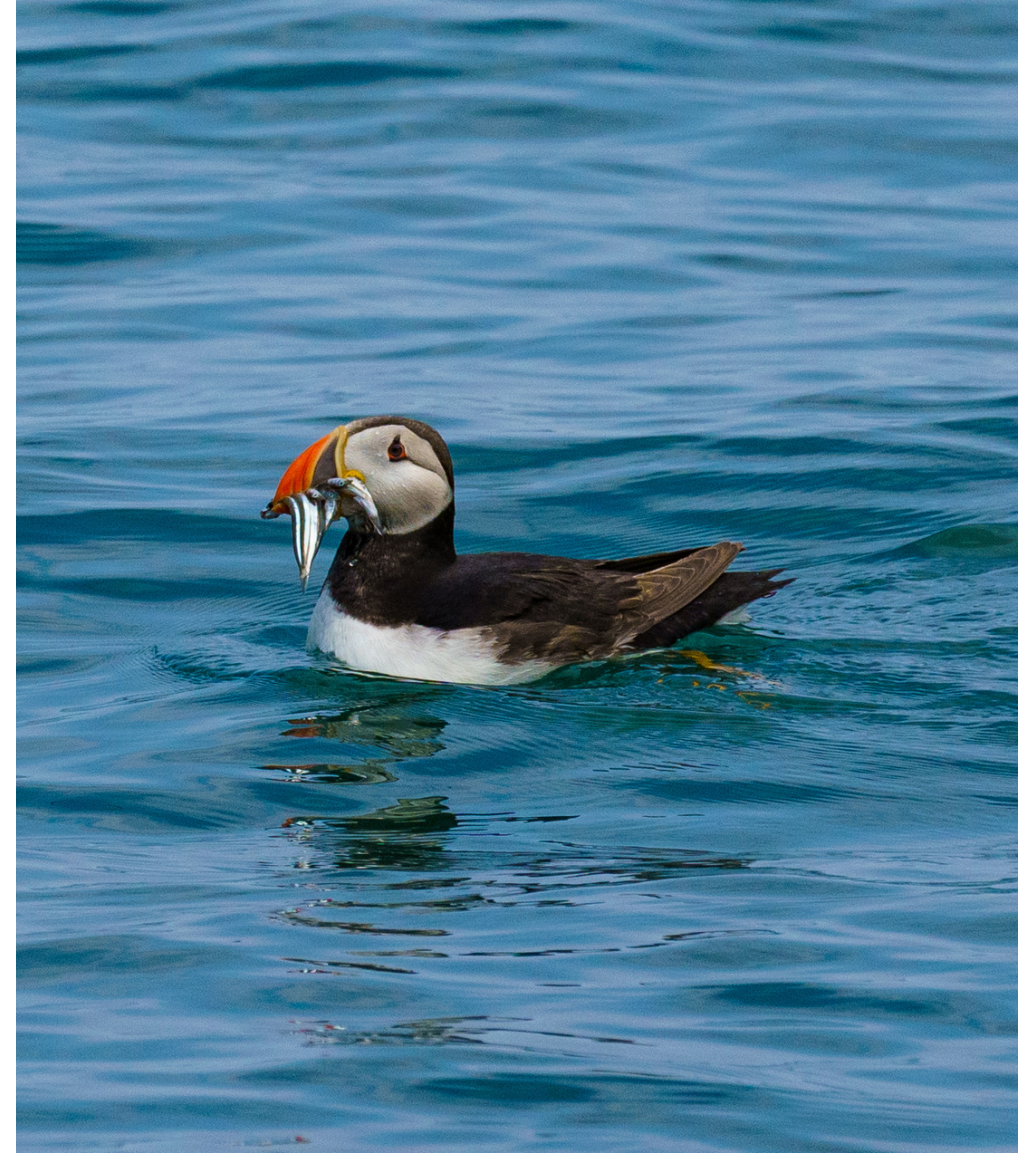
The rich waters of the Celtic Deep are found 30 miles offshore and are a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The waters are known to be a feeding ground for blue sharks in the summer months. But you may encounter porbeagle sharks, sunfish, minke and fin whales, dolphins and bluefin tuna! Orca and humpback whales are also infrequently encountered in this area.



CELTIC DEEP

PEMBROKESHIRE

"The kind of experience I might have associated with South Africa or the Baja peninsula has been had right on my doorstep."
- The Guardian



Credits: Liam Webb



Itinerary

** Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions.

DAY 1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Our team will meet you at our accommodation, where you can drop your bags.

Upon arrival, head to the Celtic Deep offices for a welcome briefing and orientation. Meet Rebecca and the Celtic Deep team and have a tour of the base to orient yourself with our departure points.

In the afternoon, we'll take a quick dip at a local beach to assess snorkel comfort levels and check your equipment.

Check in to your room from 4pm and relax before a group dinner at Dale Fort, followed by an educational talk with The Marine Diaries. Get to know each other and then head for an early night before an early start to explore the Celtic Deep!



DAY 2

OCEAN SAFARI

On Day 2 we'll be spending all day offshore in the Celtic Deep, setting off at 8am. There is plenty to see on our way with whale watching, dolphin action, and sea birds galore.

Once at our location we will switch off the engines and drift with the currents, whilst we wait for megafauna like blue sharks, whales, and tuna. And we'll be jumping into the water with any we find so you can get up close and personal with these curious creatures. Any sharks spotted will contribute to Shark Trust's 'Great Shark Snapshot Week' so be sure to bring your cameras!

In the evening, we'll head to a local restaurant (optional) for a tasty meal. As darkness falls, we'll gather on the beach to wind down and stargaze (or take a dip moonlit dip for those brave enough!)

Credit: Liam Webb



DAY 3

ISLAND HOPPING & DEPARTURE

With a more relaxed departure time, you'll check out of your accommodation and then join the Celtic Deep team on the boat again. This time we'll be exploring the local islands.

When not stealthily snorkelling with seals and puffins in seagrass and kelp ecosystems, we'll be cruising around the islands of Skomer and Skokholm birdwatching. In addition to spectacular seabird colonies, we may encounter leaping sunfish and playful pods of porpoise and dolphins.

We'll spend the afternoon conducting a beach clean and egg case hunt at the local beach - logging our finds. For those that want to stick around, we'll go for a short hike to experience the spectacular Pembrokeshire coastline.





ACCOMMODATION

DALE FORT

You'll be in dorm-style accommodation in a 150-year old fortress on the cliffs of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. With stunning sea views, the fort is ideally located just short drive or 20 minute walk from the Celtic Deep offices.

Fully catered (3 meals per day) with freshly prepared, seasonal meals, made with locally sourced ingredients.

Facilities: Free wifi, car parking, licensed bar, lounge, workrooms, shop, outdoor seating, climbing wall, and outdoor clothing which can be borrowed.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation.
- Full board - 3 meals per day and hot drinks.
- 2 hour snorkel and swim test.
- Full day boat trip in the Celtic Deep.
- Skomer and Skokholm boat trip.
- 2 Celtic Deep guides on both trips.
- 1 half-day poor weather activity, if required (e.g. coasteering, surfing, sailing, sea kayaking).
- Talk by The Marine Diaries.



NOT INCLUDED

- Snorkel equipment - can be rented at a special rate of £50 for the whole weekend.
- Travel costs, including car parking.
- Visa requirements.
- Personal insurance.
- Snacks.
- Meal out at a local restaurant (optional).
- Food & drink for beach evening (optional).
- Any drinks purchased at Dale Fort.
- Personal spending money and gratuities.

BOOK NOW



To book onto this trip, please visit The Marine Diaries's website by clicking below. You can pay via Apple Pay, Stripe, or Paypal.

If you have any questions about the trip, please check out the FAQs or drop us an email at media@themarinediaries.com.

Booking will open exclusively to newsletter subscribers for 24 hrs on the 18th April, and to everyone on the 19th April. Subscribe to our newsletter so you don't miss out!

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GIVING BACK

THE MARINE DIARIES

All profits will be reinvested into The Marine Diaries' work to give a voice to the ocean.

CELTIC DEEP

This expedition will help Celtic Deep to continue collaborating with researchers - such as their recent project collecting DNA from blue sharks.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Any sharks, rays, and skates spotted during our adventure will be added to the Shark Trust's 'Great Shark Snapshot' global citizen science programme. The data will help shark scientists and conservationists put effective conservation plans in place.

A shark is shown swimming underwater, but its face has been replaced with a human-like face, complete with large, wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. The shark's body, including its dorsal fin and pectoral fins, is visible against a dark blue, slightly grainy background. The text 'THE MARINE DIARIES' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, and 'Adventures' is written in a white, cursive script below it.

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