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Suitable for all ages



## Ramsey Island Voyage

This is our most popular sailing, being suitable for all ages and abilities and affording a unique mix of wildlife, spectacular sea-caves and rock gorges. Sailing around the RSPB reserve, we navigate close inshore, stopping at various points to view the large colonies of grey seals, seabirds and to watch porpoise in Ramsey Sound. A fully guided 1 hour wildlife voyage, a family favourite!

Adults £27, Child £15, Under 4's £5



## Puffin & Shearwater Voyage

A one and a half hour evening voyage around Ramsey Island and then further out to the waters of the Bishops and Clerks. Viewing the colonies of puffins, seals and watching the tens of thousands of migrating shearwaters as the sun sets. Fully guided 1½ hour wildlife voyage.

Adults £33, Child £20



## Islands Voyage

Allowing a little more time to discover and explore the wildlife over a greater area, this voyage encompasses all the caves, rock gorges, birds, seals and porpoises of Ramsey and then if conditions allow we may head out a little further to the Bishops Islands depending on the time of year. Fully guided 2 hour wildlife voyage.

Adults £50, Child £25



## Traditional Style Voyage

A more relaxed traditional style sailing. Using one of our fleet of modern purpose built vessels giving you a smoother more stable voyage and allowing for a more interactive and personalised tour. This trip offers superb opportunities for bird, seal and porpoise watching and is suitable for all ages. Fully guided 1½ hour wildlife voyage.

Adults £29, Child £16, Under 4's £5



## Fishing Trips

One hour mackerel trips, suitable for all ages. Fully guided with equipment supplied. Longer trips also available. £22 per person



## Skomer Island Voyage

Experience a spectacular voyage, sailing across St Brides Bay to visit the home of 22,000 Puffins and 350,000 pairs of Manx Shearwaters as well as myriad other seabirds. Keep your eyes open for harbour porpoise and the occasional pod of common dolphin.

Fully guided 2 hour wildlife voyage.

Adults £50, Child £25



## Offshore Islands Whale & Dolphin Voyage

We first sail to Grassholm Island, a spectacular sight, home to the fourth largest gannet colony in the world. We then head offshore on a sweep of distant waters in search of cetaceans. This voyage has provided excellent sightings of dolphin, porpoise, risso's dolphin, minke and even fin whale and leatherback turtle. Fully guided 2½ hour wildlife voyage.

Adults £62, Child £32



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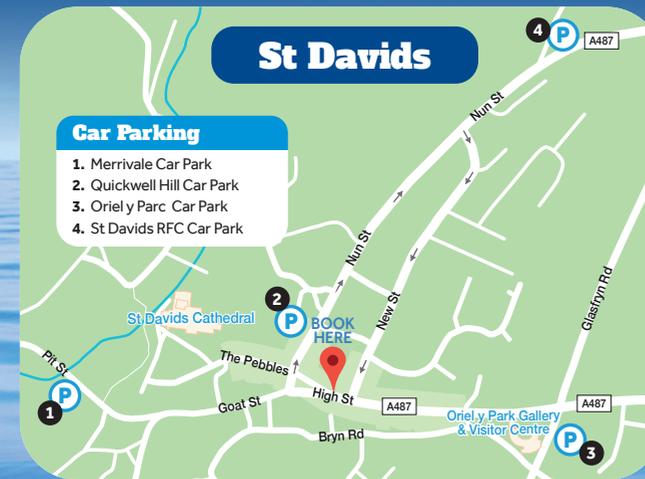
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## Ramsey Island

RSPB Ramsey Island is famed for its wildlife, notably its seal and bird populations.

As home to one of the UK's largest colonies of Atlantic grey seals Ramsey offers superb seal watching. Their numbers peak in late summer and early autumn when they have their pups but can be observed throughout the year at close quarters.

The strong tides of the Ramsey Sound also hold a resident family of harbour porpoise which we see most days.

In spring and early summer the rock ledges are teeming with guillemots, razorbills and kittiwakes. Puffins, resident on the outer islands of the reserve are a regular sight as are gannets from Grassholm Island. Photographers delight at the close proximity of these and other rare species including chough and falcons.

On the western side of Ramsey is an awesome, spellbinding and almost lunar landscape of deep sea caves, towering sea cliffs and breathtaking rock gorges. We venture into the caves no matter what the state of tide staying just long enough to marvel at their architecture.

Skimming across powerful tides, entering the dramatic caves, navigating the intricate shoreline together with the wildlife this is natural interest at its best.



## Skomer Island

Skomer Island, the largest of the Pembrokeshire Islands at around 730 acres is owned by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and managed by the Wildlife Trusts of South and West Wales (WTSWW).

Though barely a mile off the Pembrokeshire coast, it is separated by a treacherous stretch of water known as Jack Sound, home to hidden rocks and reefs and very strong tidal currents. This isolation helps to keep the island free of land predators, making it an ideal habitat for breeding seabirds, especially those that are burrow nesters, such as the puffins and Manx shearwaters

Skomer is the largest puffin colony in southern Britain, with recent counts putting the number of individual puffins at over 22,000. Puffins are very social and gregarious birds and will flock together in large numbers and it is possible to sit surrounded by thousands of puffins, on the water as well as in the air. The sheltered bays around the island are perfect for seeing them at close proximity in their natural environment, often returning with beaks overflowing with sandeels!

The UK is home to over 80% of the world's Manx Shearwater population and more than half of these breed on the Pembrokeshire Islands. Between Ramsey, Skomer, Skokholm and Middleholm, that amounts to nearly a million visiting birds, with Skomer, the largest of the colonies, seeing an estimated 350,00 pairs of Manx Shearwaters arriving each Spring to breed!



## Area Map



## Offshore Islands

The nutrient-rich waters from the Atlantic produce a prolific ecosystem noted as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Here on the edge of the Celtic Deep is one of the few places in the UK where cetaceans, seals and birdlife can be found in large numbers.

First we sail to Grassholm Island, a Voyage of 12 miles to study the second largest gannet colony in the Northern Hemisphere (70,000 plus birds). From here we make a sweep of the waters and if possible, using underwater hydrophones to aid detection of cetaceans.

There are regular sightings of Minke Whale and Orca Whale, occasional sightings of Fin and Pilot Whale and almost daily sightings of Porpoise, Bottlenose, Common and Risso's Dolphin. Our best sailing produced over 500 dolphin, 15 Minke Whale and 2 Orca Whale in one voyage. We also encounter large Basking Shark, Sunfish and Leatherback Turtles. For Children, Adults and Photographers this is a premier sailing.



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