

the ultimate island
wildlife adventure awaits



TREASURED ISLANDS

The stunning islands of **Skomer** and **Skokholm** are located a few miles off the beautiful Pembrokeshire Coast.

Managed by the *Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales*, these islands are home to a variety of amazing wildlife including **Puffins**, **Manx Shearwaters**, **Dolphins**, **Harbour Porpoises**, **Atlantic Grey Seals**, **Razorbills**, **Gannets**, **Fulmars**, the unique **Skomer Vole**, **Bluebells** and much more...

The *Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales* and *Dale Sailing* have been providing visitors with this unique opportunity to **cruise, land** and **stay** on **Skomer** and **Skokholm** for over 30 years.

Dale Sailing is the **only** boat operator permitted to land on these islands.

The Wildlife Trust
South and West Wales
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Operated by
Dale Sailing

15 minutes by boat...
a million miles from everywhere!



Surrounded by shaded inlets, off shore rocks and sheltered coves, **Skomer** is an island full of mystery and discovery – it's a unique island just waiting to be explored!

The island is bursting with **amazing wildlife**; here our visitors have the unique opportunity to get within a few feet of **Pembrokeshire's beautiful Puffins**.

Wildlife enthusiasts, photographers, walkers and visitors who are looking to find a sense of solitude will instantly fall in love with **Skomer**!

SKOMER LANDINGS 2015							
Sailing Times 1st April – 30th Sept							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
No sailings (except bank hols)	Depart 10am, 11am & 12noon Return trips run from 3pm During peak season, additional crossings may be scheduled. On Bank Holiday Mondays the Tue – Sun timetable applies						

Up to date info from
Twitter @skomer_boatinfo

NO ADVANCE BOOKING

The boat departs from *Martin's Haven (SA62 3BJ)*, near *Marloes*.

For *Skomer* landings, tickets must be obtained before your trip, at *Lockley Lodge (on the hill that leads down from the car park to the boat)*.

Tickets are issued daily on a 'first come first served basis', so please arrive early to secure your place.

The boat fee is payable on the boat – the boat fee is accepted in cash only.

SKOMER LANDING FEES 2015			
Prices	Boat fee	Landing fee	Total
Adult	£11	£10	£21
Children under 16	£7	FREE	£7
Senior Citizen	£11	£9	£20
Student	£11	£5	£16
WTSWW members (with card)*	£11	FREE	£11

*As a member of The Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales you can now land on the island for free. Join at *Lockley Lodge* on the day and get your landing fee refunded.

LAND

island sunsets and wild nights



Staying on Skomer Island...

Wave goodbye to the last visitor boat of the day...the island and its unique evening wildlife are yours to enjoy!

Relax in comfort at the 'Old Farm' self catering accommodation or wander off to find your perfect spot to watch one of the island's amazing sunsets.

Staying on Skokholm Island...

A perfect getaway break for people who want to avoid the crowds and unwind. **Skokholm** is home to Pembrokeshire's only bird observatory and a must for any nature lover.

Visitor accommodation is available in the recently renovated 'Cottage' and 'Cow Shed'.

STAYING ON SKOMER ISLAND 2015			
April – July:	£130pp for 3/4 nights	£250 per week	
Aug – Sept:	£100pp for 3/4 nights	£160 per week	
Guided bird watching weekends 2015			
18 – 20 April (3 nights)	£199pp – booking essential		
19 – 21 Sept (3 nights)	£149pp – booking essential		

Both islands offer a nightly 'bird log', so guests have the opportunity to discuss their wildlife sightings, hear from experts and contribute their experiences.

You'll meet our island wardens, chat to our researchers, be inspired by our fantastic volunteers and learn all about **Skomer** and **Skokholm**.

In true Latin spirit, the **Manx Shearwaters** only join the island's party late into the evening. They travel all the way from South America to raise their young on these two beautiful Welsh islands! After dark, guests on both **Skomer** and **Skokholm** are invited to witness the arrival of thousands of 'Manxies' returning to their island burrows after a day spent at sea. This truly is an experience not to be missed!

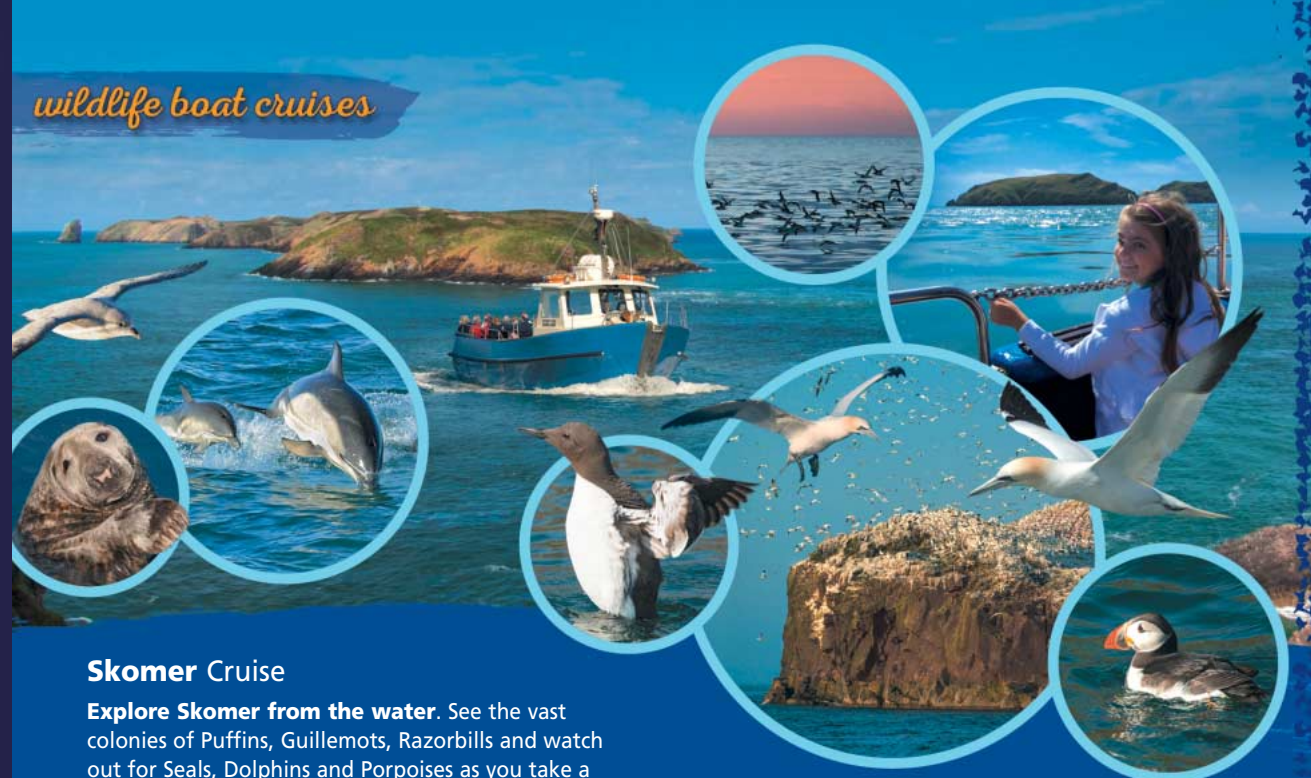
Prepare yourself for a WILD night!

STAYING ON SKOKHOLM ISLAND 2015			
April – July:	£130pp for 3/4 nights	£250 per week	
Aug – Sept:	£100pp for 3/4 nights	£160 per week	
Guided bird watching weekend 2015			
11 – 13 Sept (3 nights)	£219pp fully catered – booking essential		

TO BOOK YOUR STAY Tel: 01239 621212
or email: islands@welshwildlife.org
or visit www.welshwildlife.org

STAY

wildlife boat cruises



Skomer Cruise

Explore Skomer from the water. See the vast colonies of **Puffins**, **Guillemots**, **Razorbills** and watch out for **Seals**, **Dolphins** and **Porpoises** as you take a cruise around **Skomer's Marine Conservation Zone**.

1 hour Adult £12 Child £8 NO ADVANCE BOOKING
Fee is payable on the boat – cash only please

Grassholm Cruise

A Monday afternoon trip to the remote island of Grassholm – home to one of the world's largest **Gannet** colonies (over 35,000 pairs). **Seals** bask on the rocks surrounding the island whilst **Porpoises** and **Dolphins** are regular sightings.

3 hours All ages £35 BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Tel: 01646 603123 or 01646 603109

Seabird Spectacular

An evening cruise around the island of Skomer guided by a wildlife expert.

Take in the incredible atmosphere as thousands of seabirds take flight above the cliffs of the island, before we head out into **St. Brides Bay** to see **Manx Shearwater** return from their day's fishing.

2 hours Adult £16 Child £10 BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Tel: 01646 603123 or 01646 603109

Please note that these cruises do not land on the islands.

SKOMER CRUISES 2015							
Sailing Times	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Skomer Cruise 1st April – 30th Sept	10.30am 11.45am (except bank hols)	Depart 1pm daily On Bank Holiday Mondays depart 1pm only – no 10.30am or 11.45am cruise					

GRASSHOLM CRUISES 2015							
Sailing Times	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Grassholm Cruise 13th April – 21st Sept	1.00pm (except bank hols)	No sailings on the Dale Princess Grassholm trips also leave daily on a Dale Sea Safari RIB Tel: 01646 603109 to book / more info					

SEABIRD SPECTACULAR CRUISES 2015							
Sailing Times	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Seabird Spectacular 21st April – 7th August		7.00pm	7.00pm		7.00pm		

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CRUISE



Skomer: what to see and do in 2015

APRIL

- 1st Skomer Island Opening Day!
- 3rd-6th Easter Weekend – Family Quiz Trail with prizes. Raffle to win an overnight stay in August (excluding Shearwater Week)
- 18th-21st Guided Birding Weekend with Dave Astins Migrant Birds 3 night stay £199pp
- 27th Monday Guided Walk with Dave Astins (£40pp).

EYE SPY Visitors can meet migrant birds, witness the first landings of Puffins to the Island, watch the amorous displays of Guillemots and Razorbills and see the island start to bloom with daffodils and wild flowers! Up to two hundred Seals gather to moult in April at North Haven, entertaining visitors with their squabbles during the day, and haunting their night time walks with their singing.

MAY

- 4th Bank Holiday Monday
- 11th Monday Guided Walk (£40pp)
- 18th Monday Guided Walk

26th-31st Whitsun Week

EYE SPY During spring Skomer is covered in a display of Bluebells so vast that the island appears blue. The old fields, the valleys, the cliff tops – no part of the island is spared from this Bluebell explosion. Puffins, Rabbits and Short-eared Owls are particularly active throughout the day.

JUNE

- 8th Monday Guided Walk (£40pp)
- 22nd Monday Guided Walk (£40pp)

EYE SPY Gannets diving and Puffins landing next to their burrows are a common sight during June. Our Puffins waddle, march, scurry, hop or walk right past your feet – we're not sure how to describe them so you'll have to come and decide for yourself! A shade of pink is added to the island's colour as Campion decorates the land.

JULY

- 6th Monday Guided Walk

EYE SPY Keep your eyes open for Dolphins and Harbour Porpoises playing in the turquoise waters; the 'Garland Stone' is a favourite 'hang out' for our sea friends! Select your island spot and enjoy watching the Puffins returning to their burrows with their beaks full of Sand Eels!

AUGUST

- Island Adventures:
- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Wednesday Family Walks
- 27th - 4th Sept Shearwater Week
2 night min. stay starting 27th, last arrival date 4th. Shearwater talk every other night.
Manx Shearwater chick weighing the next morning. £70 adults, £30 kids.

EYE SPY Atlantic Grey Seals are preparing to give birth to their pups on the pebble beach whilst young Ravens tussle in the sky. For overnight guests Manx Shearwater chicks can be seen exercising their wings and launching clumsily in preparation for their long first flight. The Shearwaters calls come from the sky, the land and underground. Torch light gives you fleeting glimpses of the white underwings as thousands of Manxies search the island for their burrows.

SEPTEMBER

- 5th & 19th Seal watching with National Park – FREE normal landing free applies.
- 12th & 26th History Walks "A Trip Through Time" with National Park – FREE, normal landing fee applies
- 19th-21st 3 night Guided Birding Weekend £149
- Special Offer: Stay one night and get a second half price in September (exclusive of Birding Weekend).

EYE SPY Skomer is one of the best places to see Seal Pups during September. Our Seals continue to entertain island visitors with their squabbles during the day, a colony of Atlantic Grey Seals can often be found on the beach just below the research office.

For further information on events or to make bookings
Tel: 01646 603123 email: islands@welshwildlife.org
or visit: www.welshwildlife.org

meet our islands' wildlife



Puffin

April – Early August

Did you know?

Skomer and Skokholm Islands form the largest Puffin colony in Southern Britain.



Guillemot

March – July

Did you know?

Guillemots are among the deepest diving of all birds, reaching depths of over 150 metres!



Razorbill

March – July

Did you know?

Razorbills will choose one partner and stay with them for life.



Chough

All year round

Did you know?

The chough is the rarest British breeding crow.



Manx Shearwater

March – September

Did you know?

Skomer and Skokholm Islands are home to the largest known concentration of this species in the world!



Atlantic Grey Seal

All year round

Did you know?

Within 3 weeks of being born a seal pup will treble in weight.



Northern Gannet

All year round

Did you know?

Northern Gannets are the largest seabirds in the North Atlantic, with a wingspan of up to 2m.



Dolphins and Porpoises

All year round

Did you know?

Pembrokeshire is home to 3 different species of Dolphin – Common, Bottlenose and Risso's.

Other island birds to look out for include Kittiwakes, Fulmars, and Storm Petrels, as well as other summer breeders such as Wheatears, Swallows and Sedge Warblers, who use the islands as a stopover.

There are also resident birds of prey – Buzzards, Peregrine Falcons, and Owls.

On the island keep an eye out for the famous Skomer Vole, thousands of Rabbits, and the annual flower blooms of Bluebells and Campion, a beautiful sight not to be missed!

please remember...

- All trips are subject to cancellation should adverse sea/weather conditions prevent us from sailing.
- Roads to our departure point are narrow – please allow plenty of driving time.
- Skomer visitor numbers are strictly limited to protect the wildlife, all Skomer landings are 'first come first served' and can be very busy during peak periods.

Please arrive early to ensure a place.

- Snacks are available at Lockley Lodge at Martin's Haven and in Marloes Village. There is no food or drink available on the islands so please bring refreshments with you.

- Wear suitable outdoor clothing and walking shoes/boots as paths are uneven. Bring waterproofs/sunscreen for protection.

- Please note that landing steps and paths are very steep in places – if you have limited mobility please see www.welshwildlife.org for additional access information.

- Dogs are not permitted on the islands but are welcome on the Skomer and Skokholm Cruises.

- The sea birds depend upon the islands remaining rodent free – please take care with your luggage and follow our quarantine rules.



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A world of island wildlife and adventure



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DEPARTURE POINT
Our boats depart from Martin's Haven (SA62 3BJ), near Marloes.

Follow the B4327 from Haverfordwest and follow the signs for the Skomer embarkation point. Parking is available in the National Trust car park at Martin's Haven (charges apply).

DAY TRIP TICKETS
For Skomer landings, tickets must be obtained before your trip from Lockley Lodge (on the hill down from the car park to the boat). Tickets are issued daily on a 'first come first served basis'.

STAYING ON SKOMER AND SKOKHOLM
The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales offers self catering accommodation on Skomer and Skokholm between April and September – see the inside pages of this leaflet. For further information and booking contact:
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