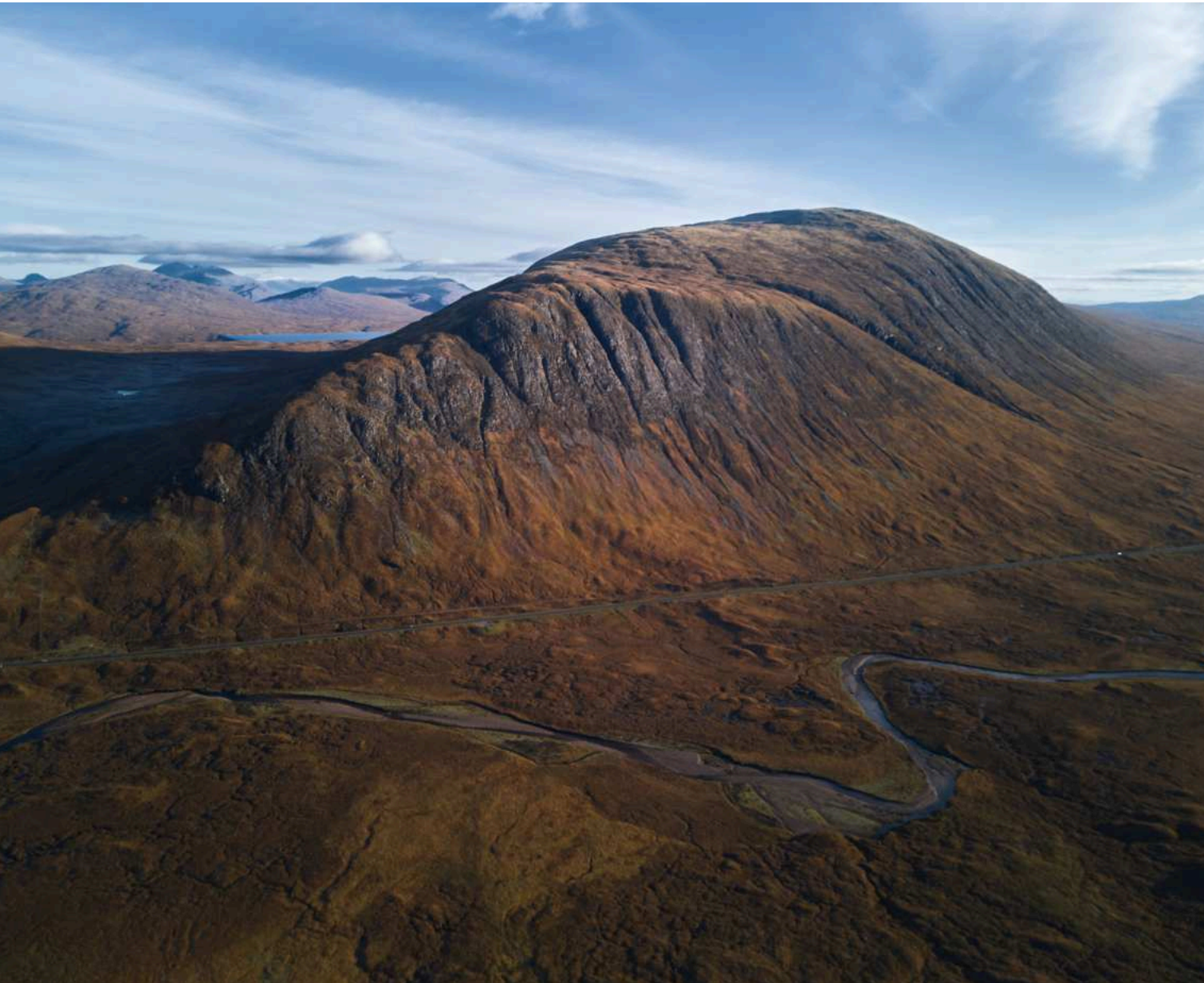


SCOTLAND WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR





We invite you to join us for a
photography adventure in
Scotland!

Scotland is a country of incredible contrasts, where history, culture, and nature seamlessly intertwine. From the vibrant cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow to the tranquil beauty of its remote landscapes, Scotland offers something for everyone.

The Scottish Highlands are known for their rugged, dramatic landscapes. From towering peaks and ancient forests to its vast lochs, this region offers an adventure waiting to be explored. Amidst this breathtaking wilderness, we'll capture Scotland's iconic wildlife, including red deer, mountain hares, red squirrels, and crested tits. You'll also gain insight into the ongoing conservation efforts that aim to preserve these species.

THE DESTINATION

Wildlife Photography

As we explore the Scottish Highlands, you'll have the chance to photograph some of the UK's most iconic wildlife. One of the most spectacular events to capture is the Red Deer rut, where stags engage in dramatic displays of dominance. Other highlights include Red Squirrels, Crested Tits, and Mountain Hares, with a chance to spot the elusive Ptarmigan in the higher Cairngorms.

Landscape and Astrophotography

Along with wildlife, Scotland's landscapes provide awe-inspiring vistas for photography. You'll also have the chance to capture the night sky during optional astrophotography sessions. With its dark skies, Scotland offers the perfect setting for photographing stars and the Milky Way.





Conservation and Fieldcraft

In addition to photography, the workshop will cover fieldcraft and conservation. You'll learn how to track animal signs, understand wildlife behavior, and delve into the science behind the conservation efforts that protect these extraordinary species.

Guided by wildlife photographer Will Hall, you'll refine your skills and make the most of this experience. While the focus is primarily on wildlife photography, there will also be ample opportunities to practice and enhance your landscape and astrophotography techniques. This workshop is suitable for photographers of all levels, with Scotland's dramatic landscapes offering an abundance of photographic opportunities. From misty glens to towering mountains, the scenery is both majestic and serene, providing the perfect backdrop for wildlife photography.



TOUR & DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

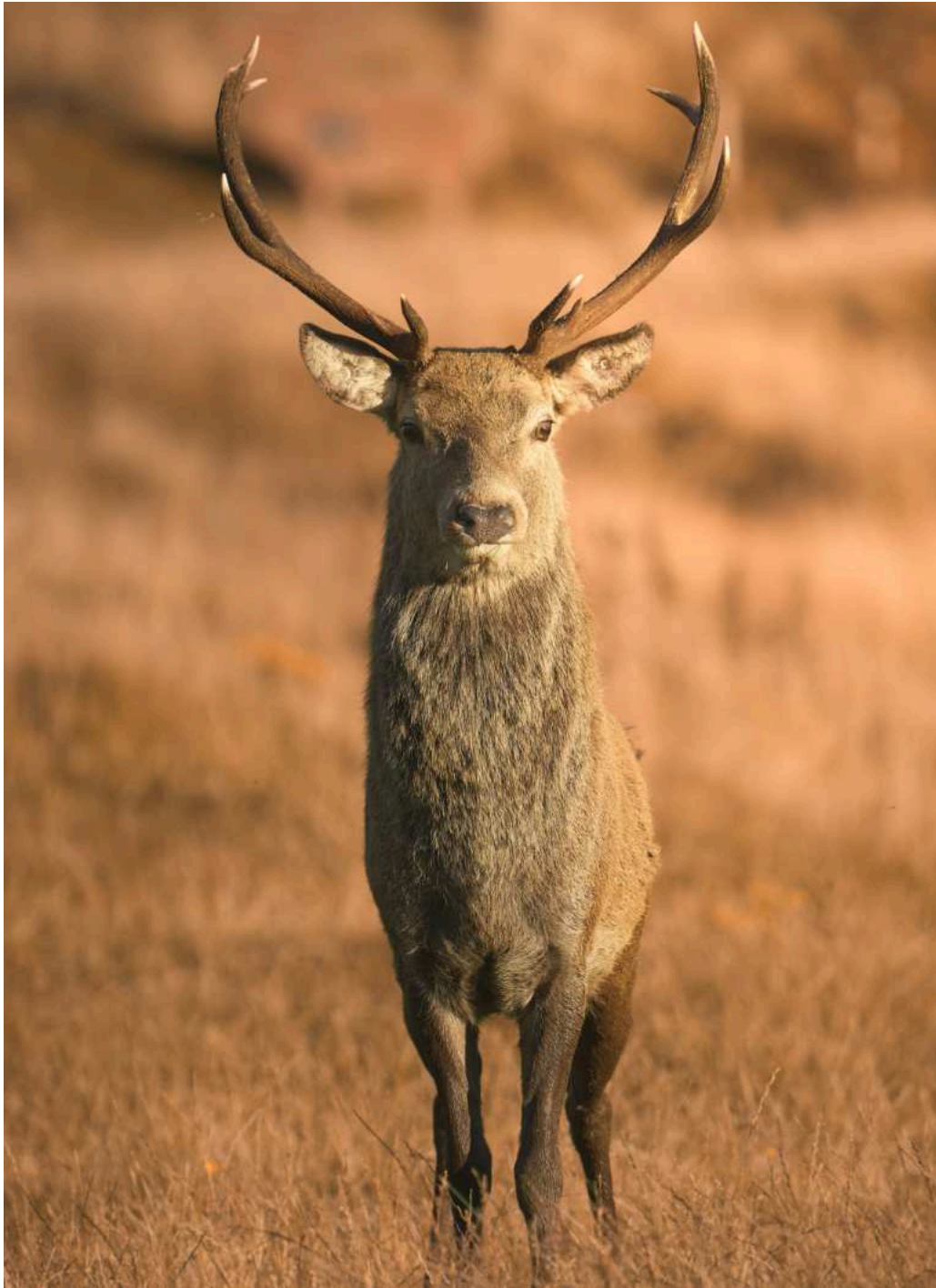
- **Iconic Scottish Wildlife:** Photograph the red deer rut, red squirrels, crested tits, and mountain hares, with a possibility of encountering Ptarmigan.
- **Landscape & Astrophotography:** Explore the stunning landscapes of the Scottish Highlands and capture the night sky with optional astrophotography sessions.
- **Expert Guidance:** Learn fieldcraft and conservation techniques as you improve your photographic skills with guidance from Will Hall.
- **Exclusive Photography Hide:** Gain access to an exclusive hide for a unique wildlife photography experience.
- **Conservation Focus:** Learn about wildlife conservation and biology while enhancing your photography skills in the field.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE:



WILL HALL

Will is a professional wildlife guide, photographer, filmmaker and outdoor instructor. He has presented for ITV and written for the BBC, RSPB and more. Will's passion lies within education and adventure and he loves sharing the natural beauty of Scotland and all it has to offer. Will has previously led tours to remote and exotic locations including Borneo, Norway and Java.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL

Arrival at accommodation, settle in, and welcome briefing for the week. Please Note: The daily schedule is flexible and may be adjusted based on weather conditions and wildlife movements.

DAY 2: BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

Morning & afternoon photography with crested tits and woodland birds.

DAY 3: RED DEER

Morning & afternoon photography sessions with red deer, followed by an optional astrophotography session.

DAY 4: MOUNTAIN HARES & PHOTOGRAPHY HIDE

Morning photography with mountain hares, followed by an exclusive hide session in the afternoon/evening.

DAY 5: RED SQUIRRELS

Morning session with red squirrels and an afternoon optional session to revisit a particular species.

DAY 6: PTARMIGAN

Optional return to a location for specific species or an attempt to photograph ptarmigan. Evening image review session and group meal.

DAY 7: FINAL SESSION & DEPARTURE

Final morning photography session, followed by breakfast and departure.

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS & FACILITIES

Nestled in the heart of Aviemore, the Cairngorm Guest House offers a fantastic location just a short walk from the town's vibrant bars and restaurants. This charming guest house provides a comfortable and convenient base for your Scottish getaway.

You will be staying in a twin room, with the option to upgrade to a double room for an additional cost. For those who prefer more privacy, we do have a few single supplement options available. (Please enquire about availability if you're keen.)

Your stay includes a fantastic breakfast to start the day, featuring a range of tasty options. You'll have access to modern amenities including complimentary tea and coffee, free WiFi, a Smart TV, a hairdryer, and an ensuite bathroom. The guest house also offers free on-site parking for your convenience.



Note: Breakfast is included in the trip price. Lunch and dinner excluded.



RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

We recommend the following equipment. If you'd like to discuss your specific gear, just reach out, and we'll be happy to advise.

Recommended Camera Gear:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera
- Range of lenses; ideally ranging from wide angle for landscape to telephoto for wildlife
- Tripod (useful)
- Sturdy camera bag
- Enough spare batteries and memory cards (you'll be able to charge your batteries at our accommodation)
- Hard drive and a laptop / external drive
- Laptop with editing software

Essential Travel Gear:

- Comfortable and warm clothing (layers recommended)
- Waterproof jacket
- Sturdy walking shoes/boots
- Binoculars (not essential)
- Power adapters if you need them

DATES & RATES

**FOR UP-TO-DATE
INFORMATION ON
DATES, RATES, AND
AVAILABILITY, PLEASE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

This includes:

- All accommodation
- All breakfasts
- One exclusive photography hide session
- All photography tuition and activities
- Wildlife and conservation guidance

This does not include:

- Lunches & evening meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Insurance
- Flights/transport to Aviemore



WHY PENDA

Everything is built around photography.

- Our photography tours are created by photographers, for photographers. Our itineraries are designed around creating the best possible photographic opportunities. We'll make sure to bring you to the right place, at the right moment.
- We're travel experts. We love travel, and have many years of experience in creating and running tours, workshops, volunteer programs, and safaris. We know what makes a great holiday, and will match every person with their perfect experience.
- Our photography tours are led by top photographers. Each photo tour or safari is guided by an experienced professional photographer, who is dedicated to creating the best possible experience for you by taking you to the right spots, and tutoring you at the same time.
- We respect what we photograph. We're committed to exploring and adhering to the most ethical ways of photographing new places.

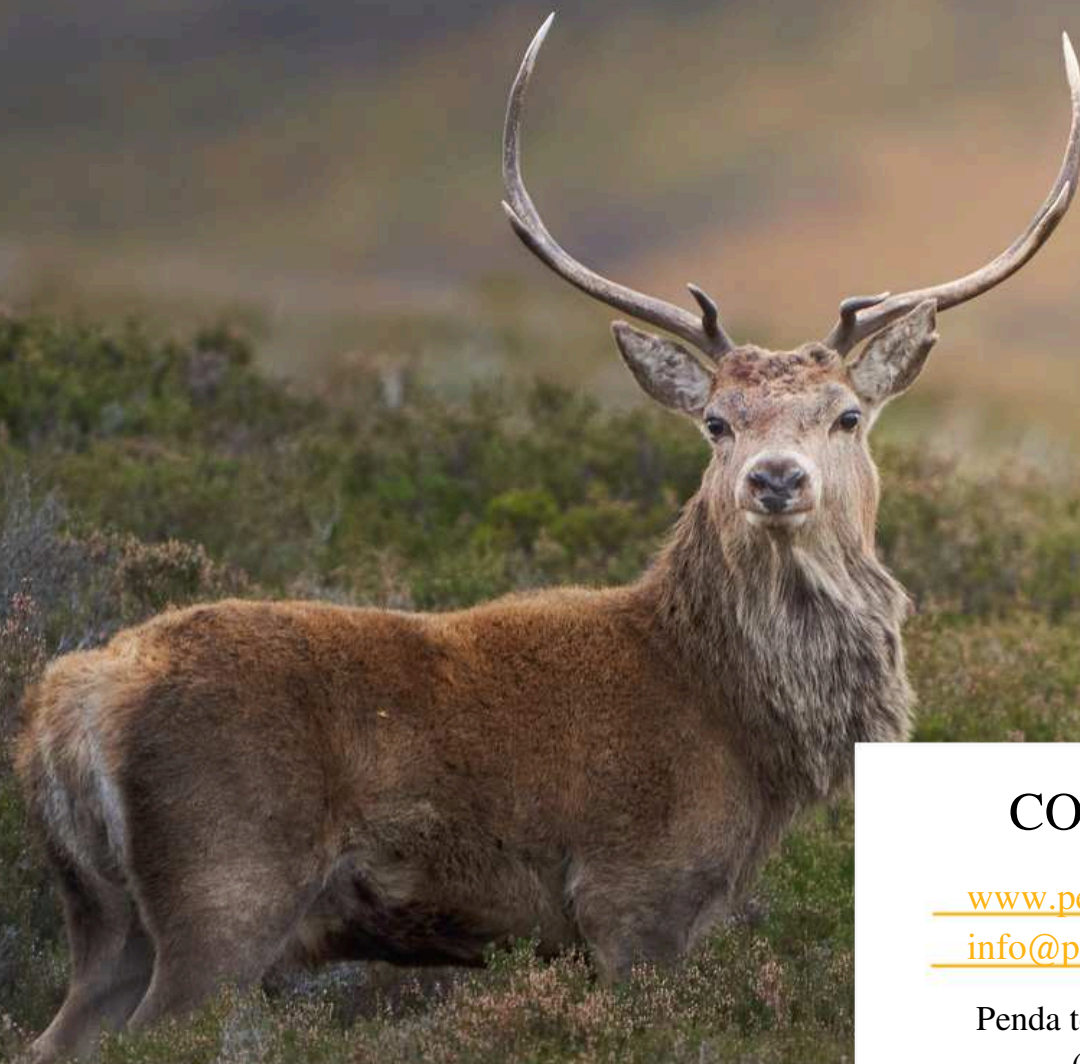


CARBON FOOTPRINT COMPENSATION

If you join one of our trips, we'll plant a tree on your behalf. We've teamed up with Greenpop to make this happen. Greenpop is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reforestation, urban greening, and environmental education across Sub-Saharan Africa. They restore and protect ancient African forests by using a sustainable development approach. They also provide green spaces and food gardens in under-resourced urban areas, improving food security, creating opportunities for income generation and spreading environmental awareness in the process.

If you join us on one of our photography adventures, Greenpop will plant a tree for you – and you'll get a certificate with the GPS coordinates of your tree, so that you'll know exactly where it's growing.





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