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## Osprey - Spectacular Fisherman

PHOTO WORKSHOP  
18 - 24 JULY 2026  
MASURIA - POLAND



## Photographing Osprey

The osprey is an extremely rare breeding bird in Poland. According to the latest data from the Polish Society for the Protection of Birds from 2022, only 40 breeding pairs of these birds were found. One of the largest concentrations of ospreys is in north-eastern Poland. About half of the population lives there. A large part of this area is Masuria - a beautiful land of forests and lakes.

A pair of ospreys nests by one of these lakes, about 1.5 km away. Birds arrive at the turn of March and April from their wintering places in Africa – between 23.03 and 6.04. It is possible to photograph a hunting male from specially prepared hides on the shore of the lake, in the period from April to the end of July.

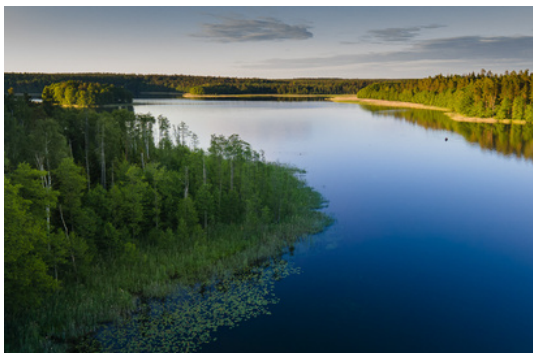
This is always the amazing spectacle of nature.



**Destination:** Masuria-Poland  
**Main focus:** Photographing osprey

**Time:** 18.07 - 24.07.2026  
**Group:** 5+1

**Here you will photograph osprey**





## What you will photograph:



Osprey

### Other species like:

- lesser spotted eagle
- marsh harrier
- grey heron
- raccoon dog
- badger
- red fox
- common crane
- marten
- a wide variety of small birds
- and more...



## **What we will do:**

### **Day 1**

Arrival in Masuria, accommodation in the local forester's lodge by the lake, dinner in the lodge.

### **Day 2 – Day 6**

Morning session starting before sunrise, breakfast in the lodge, midday session, afternoon session, and dinner in the lodge.

During those days, you will learn about the behaviour and habits of the osprey, as well as optimal ways to photograph it during the sessions.

### **Day 7**

Breakfast in the lodge and departure.

### **Important:**

The arrival of the birds is always confirmed as soon as they appear in their territory. Then, the photo workshop will be finally confirmed. In case something happens to the osprey, the photo trip will be cancelled based on the common decision of the participants and the organizer at no cost, and the deposit will be fully returned within 7 days.

# Hides



## **Hide #1: Osprey hide**

Hide located at the edge of the lake. Hunting place for a local osprey. There is also a possibility to photograph other birds living around the lake.

Possibility to photograph: osprey, goldeneyes, great crested grebes, herons, mallards



## **Hide #2: Cranes hide**

Hide located on a meadow, at the edge of the forest. Place of feeding and mating of 1-2 local pairs of cranes.

Possibility to photograph: cranes



## **Hide #3: Forest hide**

Hide is located in the middle of the forest, around 7-8 km from the other hides. There is a small water facility for the birds.

Possibility to photograph (day and night):  
foxes, raccoon dogs, squirrels, woodpeckers, a variety of tits (big, blue, marsh, crested), robins, blackbirds, blackcaps, sometimes birds of prey (kite, common buzzard), and others



### **Hide #4: Overflow pond hide**

Hide located on a meadow near the lake.

Possibility to photograph: marsh harrier, white stork, buzzards, lesser spotted eagle, black kites, cranes, foxes, a variety of small birds



### **Hide #5: Reflection table hide**

Place of bathing and feeding of small birds, woodpeckers, and squirrels.

Possibility to photograph: sparrows, tits (great, blue, marsh, willow), yellowhammers, hawfinch, greenfinch, nuthatch, woodpeckers (great-spotted, middle, lesser), squirrels



### **Hide #6: Badger's den**

Den is located in a nearby forest. This is a place where a local family of badgers live. Possibility to photograph: badgers



### **Hide 7: Forest hide 1 (night)**

Hide located in the forest near the lake.

Possibility to photograph: martens, foxes (during the night), foxes, buzzards, small birds (during the day). This is a new hide, so a number of species visiting the place is expected to be growing.



## Accommodation

Local forester's lodge by the lake, around 10 minutes walking from the lake and hides - one single and two double rooms, and shared bathroom. The house was built in 1833.



## Meals

All meals will be served at the forester's lodge – breakfasts and dinners. The timing of the meals is flexible and depends on the length of the photo sessions during the day. We will be fixing this during the day.

In case of any food allergies or requirements for any special diets – please let me know.



## Recommended equipment

**Lenses:** In the case of the DX camera, the recommended minimum focal length is 300 mm, and in the case of the FX camera, it is 400 mm.

Optimal in the osprey hide - 500 mm, in others - 400-500 mm.

In the osprey hide, it is possible to adjust the distance between the hide and the place where the bird is expected to hit the water according to the focal length of the lenses of the participants.

Tripod with head. There is a possibility to photograph lying on the floor (only a head is needed or also a groundpod if you have one) or sitting on a chair (tripod with the head is needed).



## **What participants say:**

*"The trip was 100 % positive. I experienced a very friendly, family atmosphere. I loved the time when we were eating meals together. Organization – perfect, service – perfect, food – perfect, accommodation – very good, information, daily guiding, preparation of the hides – perfect.*

*Osprey was the main reason I decided to participate in the trip however, there were many opportunities to photograph other animal species."*

### **Enrico, Germany**

*"Considering the effort to get here and not knowing what was coming on my way, it was all worth it. I was able to take beautiful photos. The organizer was experienced and had things under control. All were friendly and flexible. A good addition was a presentation about some facts from the life of an ospreys. Accommodation was very good with a friendly atmosphere. There was plenty of tasty food."*

### **Gerjan, Netherlands**

*"I felt always very well during the trip. The area is simply beautiful and the nature is impressive. The organization was very good. The length of the trip is just correct. It is always good to stay longer but 5 days of photographing was enough. The flexibility during the trip is always a value – the wishes or needs of the participants were always well recognized. It was very cool to get some extra and special information about the life of the osprey. The accommodation was very good and friendly. I loved the food. "*

### **Florian, Germany**