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## **WILDLIFE TOURS ORGANISED BY NATOUREST**

### **Island Tour on Hiiumaa**

#### **European mink release sites, beavers, migrating birds, inland and coastal wilderness areas**

Hiiumaa (Dagö – old Swedish name meaning Day Island) is a 1000-km<sup>2</sup>-island some 22 km from mainland Estonia boasting numerous bays and islets with forests covering 70% of its territory. The island is known as a remote and quiet destination offering a true escape from the hectic modern life.

Hiiumaa is also the safe haven for Estonia's wild population of European mink, who have been released here by the Species Conservation Research Lab of Tallinn Zoo since 2000. On the tour, we will walk along the island's streams and rivers and look for signs of the European mink. We will also visit the release enclosures, and, in case the European mink live-trapping is taking place, check some of the live-traps in the hopes of seeing a captured mink. The wilderness areas of the island hopefully grant us a chance to see moose, red deer, and roe deer. We will stop at beaver dams and check for wolf tracks on sandy roads. The coastal areas provide ample opportunities to spot migrating birds.



We take off in the afternoon of May 27 and arrive on time to enjoy the long white Nordic evening. On May 28, we travel around the island's wilderness areas as well as the European mink sites. On May 29, we embark on an early morning drive in the forested areas and hopefully see moose and other animals. After lunch, we take the ferry back to mainland and arrive in Tallinn at around 18.00.

Price per person, 200€, is inclusive of:

- top-level tour guide;
- accommodation for two nights;
- transport;
- two breakfasts, on lunch and one dinner;
- ferry tickets.

**Group size 4-8 people**