



## Owls, Owls, Owls - Netherlands

<b>Destination:</b> Netherlands	<b>Time:</b> 30 June – 3 July 2020	10 – 13 July 2020
<b>Focus:</b> Barn and Little Owls	3 – 6 July 2020	14 – 17 July 2020
<b>Grading:</b> Short walks	7 – 10 July 2020	17 – 20 July 2020
<b>Group Size:</b> 2 photographers, ask about 3rd one	<b>Price:</b> 1650 €	

### Photograph enigmatic Owls from hides

At Finnature, Owls have always been close to our hearts and we proudly offer this great short photography break for Barn and Little Owl photography in an innovative setup.

During this exclusive photography tour you will be picked up from Amsterdam airport and taken care of during the whole tour by our local partner Noctua Nature Hides in the Netherlands. Our partner has developed unique opportunities for Barn Owl photography in a shed that is lit by studio lights. Spotlights create a thrilling experience and the contrast between the light-colored Barn Owls and the darkness of the night allows for breathtaking photos. Photography sessions with lively Little Owls in a more natural setting complement this tour beautifully.

Main targets of this photography tour are Barn Owl and Little Owl, but there might be other photography opportunities available as well. Finnature has reserved the peak season from Noctua Nature Hides for our clients to photograph these beautiful Owls. Please notice that when talking about nature and wild Owls, we reserve the rights to change the program if something unexpected happens. Our local partners Hans Menop and Cees Uri are passionate photographers and they will do their utmost to offer you the best possible photography opportunities available that there are!



### Highlights

Barn Owls in studio setting and Little Owls

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival to Amsterdam

Arrival to Amsterdam in the afternoon. Local guide will pick you up from airport. About two hours transfer to Barchem. Dinner at accommodation. Evening photography session with Barn Owls.

### Days 2 - 3

Morning starts with early photography session with Little Owls. Late breakfast after morning session.

Early Dinner at 15.00. Departure to second session with Little Owls. Departure to Barn Owl hide at 18.00. Rest of the evening Barn Owl photography. Evening snack in the hide.

### Day 4

In the last morning you have the last photography session with Little Owls before late breakfast and departure to the airport.

### Thrilling Barn Owl experience

Finnature owners Jari and Kaisa visited this place in July 2017 and had great photography opportunities. Barn Owls were breeding in a local farm and they were able to photograph mainly the adult birds coming to the beautiful setup which was lit by studio lights.

The shed features spotlights (white balance: daylight) that create an interesting experience during darkness. This makes the Barn Owl setting particularly unique and thrilling.

Local guide will use dead mice to attract the Barn Owls and before you know, adult Barn Owl comes to get easy food for the young ones. During July young ones are busy exploring the attic and practicing their flying skills. A little bit clumsy, the birds hiss and shake their heads like ghosts in the dark. In the distance sounds the alarm call of a Blackbird and screeches of a Little Owl. A night to remember!

Duration of a session is normally 4 hours, from 20.00 – 24.00. This might seem long but we ensure that the time flies. Because of the observant nature of the Barn Owls, **we strongly encourage visitors to wear dark, preferably black clothing.**

The location and the hide have been rated 5/5 stars (source: 'Vogelbescherming Nederland').

We advise to bring:

- Tripod head
- Lens (between 150-500mm)
- Charged batteries
- Charger (electricity is present in the hut)



### Little Owls in a natural setting

While visiting this place in summer 2017, Little Owl family visited a garden regularly. After only a little wait, several Owls visited straight in front of the hide using different posts for perching. Little Owls came to look for food put up for them (dead mice and insects). This place offered also good chances for flight shots of Little Owls.

Actually, a few Little Owls have made their home on a terrain of a small farm near Borculo. They have bred there for many years in a nest box which is located in an old chestnut tree. Little Owls can be photographed from a hide in the rough meadows near the chestnut tree.

The setting appears very natural as it is, but some attractive perches have been added. The perches will be frequently changed to keep the setting lively and exciting.

Aside from Little Owls, a family of Great Tits, Redstarts, Great-spotted Woodpeckers and even Green Woodpeckers can be frequently spotted at this location.

Morning and afternoon sessions in this hide.

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**For more pictures:** [Owls, Owls, Owls -gallery in Flickr](#)

**Price includes:** land transportation from Amsterdam airport, all meals (excluding drinks), accommodation, guiding and use of professional photography hides.

**Accommodation:** Clean and cozy hotel.

**Food:** Local delicious dinners, picnic lunches in hides, breakfast.

**Leader:** Local partner

**Booking:** [shop.finnature.com](http://shop.finnature.com)

**Please notice:** The itinerary might change due to weather conditions and bird situation. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee any of the species, but our expert local guides do their utmost to ensure the best possible photography opportunities during the tour.

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