## - ACTIVITY · VISIT THE NESTING COLONY IN JUNE -

## Lånan is the largest producer of eiderdown in the Vega archipelago. They preserve the old eiderdown tradition, which is the reason the islands of Vega was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2004.

The people and eider ducks of the Island Lånan have always had a close relationship. The bird keepers prepare nests and protect the birds from danger during the hatching season. As a reward, the birds return year after year and provide their keepers with valuable down, eggs and unforgettable experiences.

The bird keepers arrive at Lånan in mid-April in order to start preparing the nests. The eider runs and stone houses from the previous year have to be repaired and lined with dried seaweed. The birds arrive in May to select their «accommodation». They often choose the same site year after year. The bird keepers visit the nest sites twice a day to make sure they are safe from predators.

Experience the eider ducks during their nesting season. Between 1 June and 1 July, when 500–1000 eider ducks are nesting on Lånan, they are protected, and visits to the island are only allowed in the company of a birdkeeper.

An Eiderduck- safari with one of the Birdkeepers includes a guided tour of Lånan, and a unique opportunity to get close to the birds without disturbing them. The trip can be rounded off with coffee and traditional lefse in the home of the bird guardian.

## Important information:

All visits to Lånan must be booked in advance. Lånan is reached by boat from the main island of Vega.



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Based on the island of Lånan Nearest town: Brønnøysund Travel from: the island of Vega

Pick up at Gardsøy Harbour

NOK 2.300.- each person **Minimum 4 persons** 

Duration: 2 hour stay on the island. Totally 4 hours trip.









