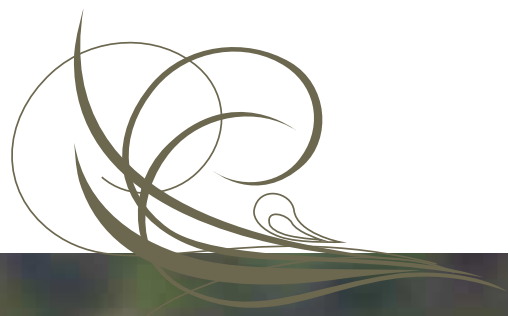


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MISSING LYNX

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Get close to one of the world's rarest felines, the sleek and handsome Iberian Lynx
 - Observe one of Europe's rarest raptors, the Spanish Imperial Eagle
 - Enjoy winter birds, mammals and sunshine
- This tour includes exclusive access to a private estate in the Andújar Natural Park in the Sierra Morena.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival at the Sierra Morena from Málaga or Sevilla (under 3 hours drive). Afternoon observation from public areas, followed by a talk on the ecology of the Iberian Lynx.

DAYS 2 AND 3: Excursions to observe the Iberian Lynx on a private estate, managed by the WWF. Picnic and birding at the quiet times of day. Morning and evening stake-outs at strategic points for observation of the Iberian Lynx.

DAY 4: Excursions to observe the Iberian Lynx in a public area, with morning and evening stake-outs at strategic points for observation of the Iberian Lynx.

Day 5: Morning excursion for birdwatching and Lynx observation in public places. Return to Málaga or Sevilla.

KEY SPECIES:

Iberian Lynx, Red Deer, Wild Boar, River Otter, Mouflon, Egyptian Mongoose, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Iberian Magpie, Thekla Lark, Dartford Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Blue Rock Thrush, Firecrest, Crested Tit, Rock Bunting



COOL EXTREMADURA

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- See and hear large flocks of trumpeting Common Cranes
- Go birding in the delightful dehesa habitat, among ancient cork oaks
- Watch eagles and vultures in the Monfragüe National Park

ITINERARY

DAY 1: From Madrid we transfer to Torrejón el Rubio, birding en-route, probably in steppeland and scrub habitat.

DAY 2: Monfragüe National Park. Most of the day will be spent in this magnificent park, offering opportunities for birding and bird photography.

DAY 3: Exploring the Cáceres plains in search of bustards, sandgrouse, larks and much more, followed by a short walk around the historic centre of Trujillo, and then a visit to a wintering site for Alpine Accentors.

DAY 4: The Alcollarín reservoir, irrigated fields and channels form a very interesting wetland complex well-worth discovering. There will be large flocks of cranes and plenty of aquatic birds.

DAY 5: Return to Madrid, route variable according to weather and preferences. Maybe a repeat visit to a site, a quick look at the Sierra de Gredos, or...?



Key birds:

Purple Swamphen, Great Bittern, Bluethroat, Black-winged Kite, Dartford Warbler, Iberian Magpie, Black Vulture, Blue Rock Thrush, Bonelli's Eagle, Golden Eagle, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Eagle Owl, Hawfinch, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Great Bustard, Little Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Hen Harrier, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Stone Curlew, Common Crane, Black Wheatear, Kentish Plover, Black-winged Stilt, Ferruginous Duck, Common Waxbill, Red Avadavat ...



WONDERFUL WINTER WALLCREEPER

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- See thousands of Common Cranes at their most important stopover site in Western Europe.
- Search for Wallcreepers as they descend to accessible areas in the Pre-Pyrenees.
- See Spain's mountain birds such as Lammergeiers, Black Woodpeckers, Citril Finches. Then enjoy plains and wetland birds galore too

ITINERARY

DAYS 1 TO 3: Meeting at Barcelona, the birding starts big on the plains near Lleida. We finish in the beautiful Sierra de Guara, where we stay for three nights.

Here we visit a number of sites where both Lammergeiers and Wallcreepers are regularly encountered. We bird along the mountain roads and valleys, exploring tracks and streams for the local birdlife. The mountain scenery will be spectacular.

DAYS 4 AND 5: First off we visit the Monegros plains, including the ruins of Belchite. The next day we visit the Gallocanta area to admire the large flocks of Common Cranes and many raptors, and make a scenically delightful gorge walk.

DAYS 6 AND 7: En-route to the Ebro Delta we plan to visit a local gorge where Spanish Ibex roam, an interesting wetland which is often full of ducks, and some delightful ancient olive groves. Our last full day of birding we will spend searching for birds in the Ebro Delta, among ricefields, sea bays, reedbeds, sandy beaches and lagoons.

DAY 8: We leave the Ebro Delta after some last birding and make our way back to Barcelona.



Key birds:

Little Bustard, Great Bustard, Black Wheatear, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Eagle Owl, Golden Eagle, Booted Eagle, Alpine Accentor, Blue Rock Thrush, Rock Bunting, Lammergeier, Wallcreeper, Citril Finch, Black Woodpecker, White-throated Dipper, Alpine Chough, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Dartford Warbler, Hen Harrier, Red Kite, Common Kingfisher, Penduline Tit, Kentish Plover, Audouin's Gull, Whiskered Tern, Greater Flamingo, Eurasian Spoonbill, lots of waders and ducks, Bluethroat and Moustached Warbler.



EBRO PLAINS & DELTA

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Take part in a short tour with a lot of special birds and landscapes
- See sandgrouse, bustards, flamingos, Iberian Ibex and more
- Follow a circular route Barcelona-Barcelona



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meeting at Barcelona we drive to our first birding around Lleida before continuing on to the steppelands of Aragón, and our hotel.

DAY 2: Birding around the local steppes for larks, sandgrouse and more, as well as gorges and gallery woodland. Hotel Ebro Valley.

DAY 3: Birding en-route to the Ebro Delta. Our route will be flexible depending on the species we want to see and other factors. Night at Deltebre.

DAY 4: Birding the Ebro Delta ricefields, bays, salt pans and lagoons. Night at Deltebre.

DAY 5: There may should be time for some last birding in the Ebro Delta and en-route to our return to Barcelona.



Key birds:

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Little Bustard, Great Bustard, Calandra Lark, Thekla Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Black Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush, Dartford Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Golden Eagle, Booted Eagle, Red Kite, Little Owl, Eagle Owl, Rock Bunting, Moustached Warbler, Bluethroat, Greater Flamingo, Purple Swamphen, Whiskered Tern, Audouin's Gull, Slender-billed Gull, Kentish Plover...



CATALONIA: WETLANDS&DRYLANDS (Ws&Ds)

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- You'll find a superb contrast of wetland and dryland birds
- For foodies there's delicious seafood, olive oil and, of course, some great red wine
- See a lot of variety of landscapes and birds



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meet up at Barcelona or Reus airport. Transfer to hotel in Ebro Delta, birding en-route.

DAY 2: Birding the Ebro delta and en-route to Lleida.

DAY 3: Birding the plains around Lleida.

DAY 4: Birding around Lleida and return to Barcelona or Reus airport.

Key birds:

Little Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Calandra Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Thekla Lark, Black Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush, Penduline Tit, Bonelli's Eagle, Greater Flamingo, Purple Swamphen, Slender-billed Gull, Audouin's Gull, Bluethroat, Moustached Warbler, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, . . .



THE SUNSHINE SOUTH

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Watch hundreds or thousands of raptors flying across the straits of Gibraltar
- Encounter rare birds you can see nowhere else in Europe
- Dote on dolphins in the straits between Europe and Africa

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Departing from Sevilla we transfer to our hotel on the edge of Doñana National Park. Birding in the pre-park area, visiting marshes, wetlands, pine woods, reedbeds and more.

DAY 2: Crossing the River Guadalquivir on a ferry we investigate the bird-rich eastern shores along the Brazo del Este and the Bonanza salt pans, among others.

DAY 3: We head north to the sierras to look for large raptors and songbirds in a very different setting with cork oakwoods, chestnut trees and scrubland slopes.

DAY 4: We head towards Tarifa and the Straits of Gibraltar, birding en-route. We pass white-washed Andalusian towns and villages and a number of interesting birding sites.

DAY 5: Keeping an eye on the sky and another on the straits, we'll be birding the coast, lagoons and woodland areas in search of a good variety of birds.

DAY 6: In addition to watching active migration and visiting some of the key birding areas we'll also take part on a 3-hour dolphin-watching excursion from Tarifa.

DAY 7: We hope to have time for some last migration watching in the morning before ending the tour at either Sevilla or Málaga.



Key birds:

Black Vulture, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Golden Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Booted Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, Rüppell's Vulture, Montagu's Harrier, Black-winged Kite, Collared Pratincole, Black Stork, Northern Bald Ibis, Little Swift, Marbled Duck, White-headed Duck, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Wryneck, Iberian Magpie, Iberian Chiffchaff, Western Orphean Warbler, Golden Oriole, Bee-eater, Greater Flamingo . . .
Mammals: Common Dolphin, Striped Dolphin, Bottle-nosed Dolphin, Long-finned Pilot Whale.



EXTREMADURA & COTO DOÑANA

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Marvel at the superb raptor spectacle in Monfragüe National Park
- See rare wetland birds at the Doñana National Park
- Enjoy the lovely Gredos mountains, the plains, the coast-a bit of everything.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meeting at Madrid. Visit to the Sierra de Gredos en-route to the Monfragüe area.

DAY 2: Visit to the Monfragüe National Park, the dehesa, and then to a reed-fringed wetland.

DAY 3: Early morning to the plains near Cáceres, then breakfast and a stroll around Trujillo. Visit to Alcollarín reservoir and Madrigalejo.

DAY 4: Birding along the back roads, maybe as far as Cabañas del Castillo and Guadalupe.

DAY 5: We leave for the Coto Doñana National Park, birding en-route at a number of stops, including the Roman bridge in Mérida.

DAY 6: We'll be birding the fields and wetlands of the pre-park area, the marshes, the dehesa and the local pinewoods.

DAY 7: We cross the Guadalquivir and bird along its east bank, visiting sites such as the Brazo del Este and the Bonanza saltpans.

DAY 8: Return via Sevilla airport in the morning, perhaps after a walk through the woods.



Key birds:

Spanish Imperial Eagle, Eurasian Black Vulture, Bonelli's Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, Eurasian Eagle Owl, Black Stork, Purple Swamphen, Crested Coot, Marbled Duck, White-headed Duck, Little Bittern, Iberian Magpie, Red-necked Nightjar, Great Bustard, Little Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Collared Pratincole, Golden Oriole, Slender-billed Gull ...



THE GREAT SPRING

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Get a concise look at the most spectacular birding areas in Spain
- Wonder at high mountains, plains, rivers, delta and a pelagic cruise
- Expect over 200 species of birds!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meeting at Madrid we transfer to Extremadura, birding the charming Sierra de Gredos mountains en-route to our hotel on the edge of Monfragüe National Park.

DAY 2: Visiting the National Park of Monfragüe and the surrounding dehesa and wetlands.

DAY 3: Birding the extensive, flowery plains of Cáceres in search of a variety of steppeland birds, followed by a stroll around Trujillo. Then on to some wetland birds before our return.

DAY 4: We'll spend most of the day driving to the Ebro Valley. However, we'll make some time to enjoy some birding en-route.

DAY 5: The morning starts with a pre-breakfast outing in search of the rare and elusive Dupont's Lark. Later we visit a reed-fringed wetland, gallery woodland and Mediterranean scrubland.

DAY 6: Today we search the forests for woodpeckers, especially the Middle Spotted Woodpecker, and then stroll around the Salburua wetlands.

DAY 7: Today we're heading for the hills – the Pyrenees. En-route there will be rocky gorges, forests (more woodpeckers, including Black and White-backed!) and lush green landscapes.

DAY 8: We'll spend a whole day birding the high mountain passes between France and Spain, searching for some localised, high altitude birds.

DAY 9: Today we make a concerted effort to spot the magical Wallcreeper, before searching for warblers and buntings lower down the valley.

DAY 10: We make our way to Lleida via several interesting birding stops. Then we may spend some time birding around Lleida itself, where we spend one night.

DAY 11: Birding around the drylands, farmland, gallery woodland and hillsides of Lleida will allow us to catch up on some of the birds we may have missed earlier. Hotel in the Ebro Delta.

DAY 12: We spend all day birding the Ebro Delta, looking for the many wetland birds that can be found among the lagoons, ricefields, bays, reedbeds and marshes of this great wetland area.

DAY 13: We take a chartered vessel into the Mediterranean sea to encounter skuas, petrels, shearwaters and other seabirds. The tour ends with an afternoon transfer to Barcelona.

Key birds:

Wallcreeper, Lammergeier, Dupont's Lark, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, Great Bustard, Little Bustard, Black Woodpecker, White-backed Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Black Stork, Bluethroat, Citril Finch, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Iberian Magpie, Red-necked Nightjar, Bearded Tit, Great Bittern, Little Bittern, Balearic Shearwater, European Storm Petrel, Greater Flamingo, ...



MARVELLOUS MAY

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- We'll be seeing the countryside at its very best
- Encounter a lot of birds but at a relaxed pace
- See how sea, wetlands, plains and mountains are all rolled into one

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Departing from Barcelona, we will drive to a Mediterranean massif just inland from the coast to enjoy our first look at the rich and colourful birdlife of the Mediterranean.

DAY 2: Birding the Ebro Delta north and south of the river Ebro. Calm sea bays, spits, brackish lagoons, ricefields and salt pans.

DAY 3: We head inland to the beautiful Sierra de Guara. En-route we'll be visiting Ebro River meanders, wetlands, gallery woodland and dryland areas.

DAY 4: Today we seek out some plains specialties in the drylands of Monegros, visiting impressive sandstone cliffs and semi-abandoned farmland along the way.

DAY 5: We follow the winding roads to high Pyrenees. En-route we admire gorges, stone bridges, sunny slopes and tiny hillside villages and their birds.

DAY 6: Today we'll be birding the high Pyrenees of Huesca: forests, pastures, mountain passes and river valleys, and some scenery you'll just love!

DAY 7: We depart for Barcelona, adjusting our itinerary perhaps to see a key bird or two we may have missed, or to visit a new area en-route. Tour ends in Barcelona.



Key birds:

Balearic Shearwater, Squacco Heron, Little Bittern, Purple Swamphen, Audouin's Gull, Slender-billed Gull, Collared Pratincole, Scop's Owl, Red-necked Nightjar, Penduline Tit, Egyptian Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Bonelli's Eagle, Little Bustard, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Wryneck, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Western Orphean Warbler, Dartford Warbler, Western Bonelli's Warbler, European Roller, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Lammergeier, Red Kite, Black Woodpecker, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Ring Ouzel, Alpine Accentor, Ortolan Bunting.



SPRING ACROSS SPAIN

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arriving at Sevilla, we make our way to the Doñana National Park and start exploring its wetlands, dehesa and woodlands.

DAY 2: We visit the wetlands and marshes of the Doñana National Park in search of a wide range of wetland birds, including some of the regional specialties.

DAY 3: We make our way to the southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula, near Tarifa, birding en-route at pools, salt pans, wetlands and farmland along the shores of the River Guadalquivir.

DAY 4: We search the area for rare species which have a mere toehold on the European continent here. Later we'll take a pelagic trip for seabirds, whales and dolphins.

DAY 5: We return to Sevilla to catch the fast train to Lleida, from where we will continue to the Ebro Delta, birding en-route.

DAY 6: We have a whole day birding the Ebro Delta - the lagoons, ricefields, bays, reedbeds and marshes of this great wetland area.

DAY 7: We head inland along the course of the River Ebro, stopping en-route to Lleida, to bird at gallery woodland, inland wetlands and drylands.

DAY 8: Our next destination is in the Pyrenees of Navarra. We will seek out some of the key birds we can see along the way, which may include Black Woodpecker and Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush.

DAY 9: Today we follow the Roncal Valley into France, birding all the way. The pastures, fields, forests and mountains offer a wide range of high mountain birds and magnificent landscapes.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- This is a variation of the Great Spring Tour, covering more ground, but with less driving
- You'll be going from the southwest to the northeast of Spain - really across Spain

DAY 10: Today we do all we can to see a Wallcreeper, along with some of the species which usually occur in the same areas, such as Lammergeier, Citril Finch, and more.

DAY 11: Our search for elusive birds continues with a quest for the White-backed Woodpecker before heading south to a reed-fringed wetland, where we hope to see Bearded Reedling as well as a variety of ducks and grebes.

DAY 12: A pre-breakfast outing is best for locating the Dupont's Lark, along with sandgrouse and other dryland species. Then we look for woodland birds, especially woodpeckers, concluding with a walk around some nearby wetlands.

DAY 13: Time for some last birding perhaps before catching the fast train from Zaragoza to Barcelona, where our tour ends.

Key birds:

Mostly as for the Great Spring Tour but with likely additions of Marbled Duck, White-headed Duck, Crested (Red-knobbed) Coot, Northern Bald Ibis, Rüppell's Vulture, Little Swift, White-rumped Swift, Rufous Bush Robin, Isabelline Warbler, Black-headed Weaver.



THE PYRENEES

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Enjoy some breathtaking mountain scenery
- Visit the European stronghold of the incredible Lammergeier
- Stay in a welcoming hotel in a quiet valley



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meeting at Barcelona we do our first birding around Lleida before making our way to our hotel in the Pyrenees, in the Chistau valley.

DAY 2: We'll be visiting sites in the upper reaches of the valleys looking for birds of forest, stream and mountains.

DAY 3: Today we'll drive up to a high mountain pass and over to the next valley to search a site for Wallcreeper. Then we'll retrace our steps back to our hotel.

DAY 4: We'll be birding all day en-route to Barcelona, adjusting our itinerary according to the birds and places we would like to see.

Key birds:

Wallcreeper, Woodcock, Lammergeier, Griffon Vulture, Golden Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, Booted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Red Kite, Alpine Accentor, Citril Finch, Black Woodpecker, White-throated Dipper, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, Bullfinch, Rock Bunting, Ortolan Bunting, Cirl Bunting, Water Pipit, Ring Ouzel, Little Bustard...



BISCAY, PYRENEES & PLAINS

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- You'll see superb mountain scenery in the Pyrenees
- Enjoy a great mix of coast, wetlands, drylands and mountains
- Watch woodpeckers, alpine birds and Wallcreepers



ITINERARY

DAY 1: From Bilbao we visit a coastal headland, the Urdaibai Biosphere reserve, and the Sierra de Urbasa, ending at Villafranca.

DAY 2: We'll be visiting the nearby drylands to look for some specialist bird species, as well as a bird-rich reed-fringed lagoon and gallery woodland.

DAY 3: We'll be searching for woodpeckers and other forest birds in some ancient woodland, and then taking a gentle walk around a nearby wetland area.

DAY 4: Exploring Mediterranean hillsides as we go, our main destination today will be to observe the Wallcreeper in its mountain haunts. From there we drive to the Roncal Valley.

DAY 5: The day is spent exploring the pastures, woodland and mountains of the Roncal Valley and the bordering area in France.

DAY 6: We visit another ancient forest, where we hope to see the rare White-backed Woodpecker. From here we visit a gorge before returning to Bilbao, where the tour ends.



Key birds:

Wallcreeper, Woodcock, Lammergeier, Griffon Vulture, Golden Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, Booted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Red Kite, Alpine Accentor, Citril Finch, Black Woodpecker, White-throated Dipper, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, Bullfinch, Rock Bunting, Ortolan Bunting, Cirl Bunting, Water Pipit, Ring Ouzel, Little Bustard...



CANTABRIA: BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Marvel at some of Spain's most spectacular scenery
- See a good variety of high mountain and forest birds
- It's great for butterflies, as well as Wildcat and Chamois



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meeting at Santander or Bilbao we drive to the Picos de Europa National Park, with some birding en-route.

DAY 2: We take the cable car from Fuente Dé to a mountain habitat of over 1,800 m, providing us with excellent opportunities for seeing some of the special high-altitude birds.

DAY 3: We visit the San Glorio mountain pass, stopping en-route to look at birds and butterflies. In the afternoon we search several sites for Wildcats.

DAY 4: Today we visit another mountain pass to search the forests, slopes and meadows for birds and butterflies.

DAY 5: We leave this day's destination "open" to look at a site or area we have visited, or to explore local paths and tracks and see where they take us.

DAY 6: Return to Santander or Bilbao with visits to coastal wetlands if time permits.



Key birds:

Wallcreeper, Alpine Accentor, White-winged Snowfinch, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Alpine Chough, Egyptian Vulture, Golden Eagle, Black Woodpecker, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Middle-spotted woodpecker, Citril Finch, Water Pipit, Common Redstart, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Wryneck, Red-backed Shrike, Pied Flycatcher, Iberian Chiffchaff, Rock Bunting, ...



AMAZING MAMMALS

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Track top predators such as Brown Bear, Iberian Wolf and Wildcat
- Enjoy high-mountain birds in magnificent alpine scenery
- This is the best time of year for a pelagic cruise into the Bay of Biscay

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Meeting at Asturias airport, Santander or Bilbao and transfer to our hotel near the Picos de Europa National Park.

DAY 2: We take the Fuente Dé cable car to the high mountain zone to look for alpine birds, and later we explore the local valley areas for more wildlife.

DAY 3: We visit the mountain pass of San Glorio, stopping en-route for birds and butterflies. We look for Wildcats too, and in the afternoon we have a programmed wolf-watching session.

DAY 4: We have programmed excursions for observing the Iberian Wolf in the morning and afternoon. In between we explore the valleys and hillsides.

DAY 5: Today we head west to the Somiedo Natural Park, birding en-route. In the evening we have a programmed bear-watching excursion.

DAY 6: We dedicate most of the day to watching the Brown Bear, with sessions in the morning and evening. In-between we explore local meadows, woodlands and hillsides.

DAY 7: After one more session of bear-watching we take leave to return to our point of departure. The optional pelagic cruise extension departs from Bilbao the next day.



Key birds:

Wallcreeper, Snowfinch, Alpine Accentor, Alpine Chough, Citril Finch, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Black Woodpecker, Griffon Vulture, Golden Eagle, Rock Sparrow, shearwaters, storm petrels, skuas, auks, ...
Mammals: Brown Bear, Iberian Wolf, Wildcat, Iberian Ibex, Cantabrian Chamois, Bottle-nosed Dolphin, Common Dolphin, Fin Whale, ...



SOAR&SHORE

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- See hundreds or thousands of soaring birds gathering to cross the straits between Europe and Africa
- Dote on dolphins and whales in the straits of Gibraltar
- Encounter rare birds you can see nowhere else in Europe



ITINERARY

DAYS 1 TO 5: The tour starts at Málaga/Sevilla with the transfer to our accommodation near Tarifa.

Over the next days we will combine morning migration watching sessions with visits to wetlands, hillsides and more to come into contact with some of the rich biodiversity this area offers at this time of the year. One day from Tarifa we can take a boat trip out into the Straits of Gibraltar to look for dolphins and seabirds.

We will also dedicate one full day to exploring the area to the north of Cadiz, and the fringes of the Doñana Natural Park, including the well-known Bonanza saltpans.

Tour ends around mid-day on day 5 with return transfer to Málaga or Sevilla.



Key birds:

- Black Stork, White Stork, Honey Buzzard, Black Kite, Booted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, Montagu's Harrier, Northern Bald Ibis, Little Swift, Rüppell's Vulture, Black-winged Kite, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, European Bee-eater, Iberian Chiffchaff, Balearic Shearwater, Red-necked Nightjar, ...
Mammals: Common Dolphin, Striped Dolphin, Bottle-nosed Dolphin, Long-finned Pilot Whale



SUMMER ICELAND

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Stunning landscapes: Waterfalls, glaciers, volcanoes, craters and pseudocraters, black sand beaches, sea stacks and arches, islands and islets.
- Photography: This tour will be paced to give participants plenty of opportunities for photography of landscapes and wildlife.
- Special moments: Get close to Humpback Whales, get mobbed by Arctic Terns and marvel at the birdlife all around, especially on Myvatn lake!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Starting at Reykjavik we take a domestic flight to Akureyri. From there we visit the Godafoss waterfall and the Húsavík area for our first birding experience. Evening near Akureyri.

DAY 2: Birding around Myvatn Lake, a striking setting with a huge number of interesting breeding birds. Evening near Akureyri.

DAY 3: Whale-watching and birding along the Eyjafjörður. Evening near Akureyri.

DAY 4: Taking leave of Akureyri we'll be looking for seals and birds along the Vantsnes peninsula and en-route to our accommodation in the Snaefellness peninsula.

DAY 5: A return ferry trip from Stykkishólmur to Flatey Island, and a scenic stopover at Kirkjufell, Snaefellness peninsula.

DAY 6: All day exploring the Snaefellness peninsula.

DAY 7: Leaving Snaefellness we seek out more birds at sites such as Akranes, and join the tourist circuit to visit the Golden Circle, before arriving at our accommodation near Hvöllsvöllur.

DAY 8: We drive to Vik and back, looking for birds and marveling at the dramatic scenery along the way. Evening near Hvöllsvöllur.

DAY 9: We return to Reykjavik, adjusting our timing and route to accommodate participants's departure plans.



Key Species:

- Humpback Whale, Grey Seal, Common Seal, White-tailed Eagle, Gyr Falcon, Slavonian (Horned) Grebe, Manx Shearwater, European Storm Petrel, Great Skua, Arctic Skua, Great Northern Diver, Red-throated Diver, Barrow's Goldeneye, Harlequin Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Glaucous Gull, Rock Ptarmigan, Atlantic Puffin, Black Guillemot, Brünnich's Guillemot, Purple Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Grey Phalarope, Short-eared Owl, Common Redpoll, Snow Bunting, and more.



AUTUMN ICELAND

ITINERARY:

This is divided into two parts:
(i) a short "Taster Tour"
(ii) the 10-day "Full Tour".

DAY 1: Arrival Reykjavik previous day or before 9am. Both the Taster Tour and the Full Tour start with pick-up at Reykjavik hotels or airport, followed by birding around Reykjavik and along the Akranes coast. Evening near Hvollsvöllur.

DAY 2: Visit to Golden Circle for birds, geysers and waterfalls, and the Selfoss coastal area. Evening near Hvollsvöllur.

DAY 3: Drive to Vik and back. Amazing waterfalls, headlands, beaches and wetlands. Evening near Hvollsvöllur.

DAY 4: Taster tour ends with return to Reykjavik. Full Tour participants continue from here, driving to accommodation on Snæfellsnes peninsula.

DAYS 5 AND 6: Exploration of Snæfellsnes peninsula for its special landscapes and birds.

DAY 7: Visit to Vantsnes peninsula and places of interest en-route to Akureyri.

DAY 8: Whale-watching and birding near Akureyri.

DAY 9: Birding in the vicinity of Myvatn Lake and Húsavik.

DAY 10: Morning birding before domestic flight from Akureyri to Reykjavik. Tour ends.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Stunning landscapes: waterfalls, glaciers, volcanoes, craters and pseudocraters, black sand beaches, sea stacks and arches, and maybe even the Northern Lights.
- Photography: This tour will be paced to give participants plenty of opportunities for photography of landscapes and wildlife.
- Special moments: Get close to Humpback Whales and marvel at the birdlife on Myvatn lake!



Key Species:

Humpback Whale, Grey Seal, Common Seal, White-tailed Eagle, Gyr Falcon, Great Northern Diver, Red-throated Diver, Pink-footed Goose, White-fronted Goose, Brent Goose, Barrow's Goldeneye, Harlequin Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Rock Ptarmigan, Black Guillemot, Brünnich's Guillemot, Short-eared Owl, Snow Bunting, and more.



CATALONIA: LLEIDA A LA CARTE

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- You'll find a superb contrast of wetland and dryland birds
- For foodies there's delicious seafood, olive oil and, of course, some great red wine
- See a lot of variety of landscapes and birds



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How far do you want to go?
How intensively do you want to bird?

At Lleida you can read the birding menu and make your own choices.

One-centre à la carte birding based at Lleida, Catalonia. Anytime.

Lleida à la carte birding options:

- 1. Lleida drylands and surrounding areas:**
Black Wheatear, Little Bustard, Golden Eagle...
- 2. Lleida Pre-Pyrenees:**
Bonelli's Eagle, Lammergeier, Wallcreeper ...
- 3. Ebro Delta:**
Audouin's Gull, Purple Swamphen, Little Bittern...
- 4. Aragon plains:**
Great Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Dupont's Lark...
- 5. Huesca Pre-Pyrenees:**
Wallcreeper, Lammergeier, Black Wheatear...

All birding sites are within a 2 hour drive of Lleida, most are considerably closer.



Key birds:

Black Wheatear, Little Bustard, Golden Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, Lammergeier, Wallcreeper, Audouin's Gull, Purple Swamphen, Little Bittern, Great Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Dupont's Lark, Wallcreeper, Lammergeier, Black Wheatear



BIRDING ON MALLORCA

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TOUR?

- Choose the number of daily excursions you would like to make, from 1 to 4
- Combine a family holiday with some relaxed birding
- Extend your Spain birding tours easily from Barcelona



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BLUE DAY:

Formentor-Mortix-Cúber

GREEN DAY:

S'Albufera National Park - S'Albufereta Nature Reserve

YELLOW DAY:

Mallorca plains • Santuëri castle

RED DAY:

Salobrar de Campos • Cap Blanc • Cap Regana



Key birds:

Eleonora's Falcon, Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Booted Eagle, Red Kite, Audouin's Gull, Balearic Shearwater, Scopoli's Shearwater, Wryneck, Blue Rock Thrush, Balearic Warbler, Subalpine (Moltoni's) Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Firecrest, Purple Heron, Squacco Heron, Little Bittern, Crested Coot, Purple Swamphen, Marbled Duck, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover, Stone Curlew, Eurasian Hoopoe, European Bee-eater, Moustached Warbler, Thekla Lark, Great Reed Warbler, Montagu's Harrier, Red-footed Falcon, Red-legged Partridge, Alpine Swift, Short-toed Lark, Greater Flamingo, Water Rail, Tawny Pipit.*

* Species you see depend on the itinerary and the time of year.



TRAIN & BIRD

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BIRDING IN SPAIN IS EASY BY TRAIN

Train:

We'll book the tickets for you, all you have to do is to get to the station on time.

Hotel:

We'll drop you at your hotel in the evening of day 1 and pick you up there the following morning.

Includes:

Two days' professional guiding, transfers in a private vehicle, fuel costs and parking fees, 2 nights bed and breakfast in shared en-suite room in a mid-range Lleida city hotel, Lleida station-hotel transfer, return tickets on fast train Barcelona-Lleida (journey time just over 1 hour each way).





BARCELONA, THE FLYING VISIT

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BIRDING IN SPAIN CAN BE DONE BY PLANE

From Barcelona airport we'll whisk you away from the terminal to do at least 3 hours of very productive birding on the outskirts of Barcelona before taking you back to the terminal of your choice. Coastal cliffs, wetlands, pinewoods, Mediterranean scrubland...

Includes: 3-4 hours professional guided birding, transfers in a private vehicle, fuel costs.

*See our list of most frequently observed birds (FOBs)



Key birds:

Western Swampphen, Greater Flamingo, Little Grebe, Balearic Shearwater, Audouin's Gull, Sandwich Tern, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover, Bonelli's Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, European Turtle Dove, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Alpine Swift, Pallid Swift, European Bee-eater, Eurasian Hoopoe, Thekla Lark, Black-eared Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush, Cetti's Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Melodious Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Dartford Warbler, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Firecrest, Penduline Tit, Crested Tit, Eurasian Jay, Golden Oriole, Iberian Grey Shrike, Cirl Bunting, Rock Bunting, Common Waxbill, ducks, waders, herons, etc.



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Book a whole day's guided birding from Barcelona and we'll pick you up at your Barcelona city hotel and take you birding around the local wetlands, coast and massifs for a full taste of Mediterranean birds before returning to the hotel.

Includes: One day's professional guided birding (approximately 8.30 am to 5pm), transfers in a private vehicle, fuel costs.

See list of most frequently observed birds (FOBs)

* Similar First time birding offers also available from Lleida, Bilbao, Sevilla and Lisbon.



Key birds:

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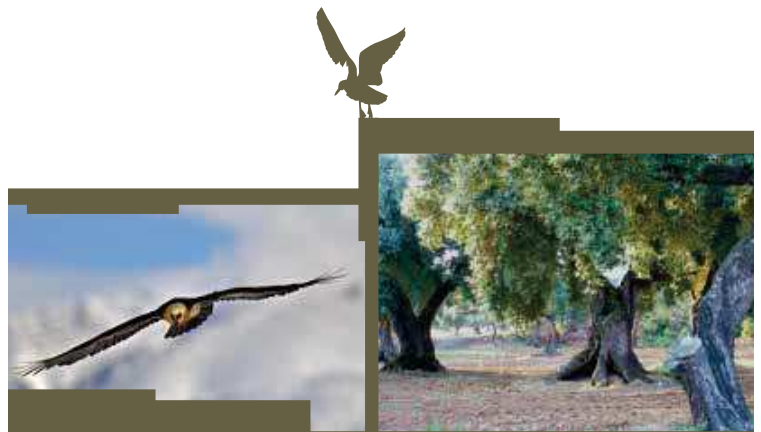


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Madrid is the busy capital of Spain but has so much good birding on its doorstep. Discover some of its lesser known treasures on a day's guided birding led by a Madrid-based guide who will meet you at your hotel, central train station or the airport and whisk you away.



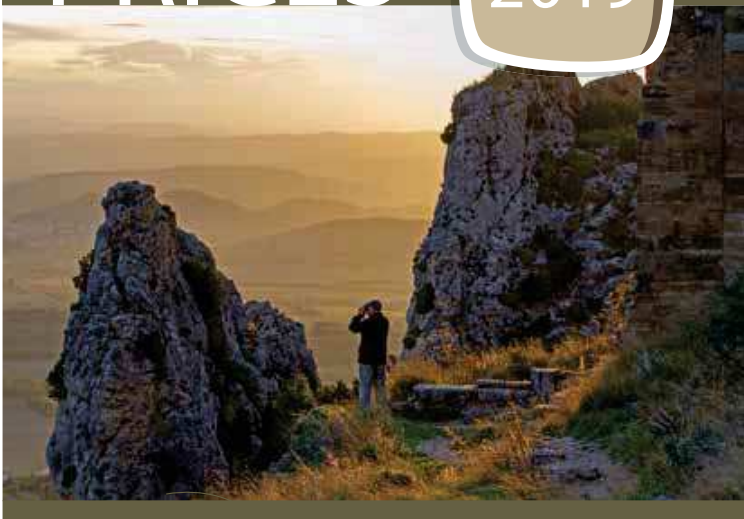
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PRICES

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Birding In Spain is... Steve West and Florida Vidal

Steve came from Hampshire, England and met Florida in Lleida, Catalonia, Spain. That was in 1989, and we're happy to say that they've stayed together until now. They are still living in Lleida and both are working together on their creation, Birding In Spain.

In 1996 Steve started leading, guiding and organizing birding tours in northeast Spain.

He gradually went further afield to take birders to virtually all of Spain.

It's bold to call Steve adventurous though, as it's only now, after more than 20 years of guiding tours,

that he's decided to venture out of Spain - Iceland.

Meanwhile, true to her nature, Florida has been incapable of sitting still. In addition to holding the fort she has taken on more roles than Steve ever imagined possible.

Florida: Public relations, logistical support, payments and bookings, proof reading, tax declarations, and all those onerous bureaucratic tasks Steve is so relieved he doesn't have to do!

That's us, and when we are planning, organizing or actually birding with our clients we are really Birding In Spain (and Iceland too).

CALENDAR 2019

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- MISSING LYNX**
Price: 975 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 95 euros
- COOL EXTREMADURA**
Price: 975 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement : 95 euros
- WONDERFUL WINTER WALLCREEPER**
Price : 1.475 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 165 euros
- EBRO PLAINS & DELTA**
Price: 945 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 95 euros.

- CATALONIA: Ws & DS (WETLANDS&DRYLANDS)**
Price: 745 euros per person, with a minimum of 3 people
*Single room supplement: 65 euros.
- THE SUNSHINE SOUTH**
Price: 1.375 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 145 euros
- EXTREMADURA & COTO DE DOÑANA**
Price: 1.575 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 175 euros
- THE GREAT SPRING**
Price: 2.575 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 295 euros
- MARVELLOUS MAY**
Price : 1,325 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 135 euros
- SPRING ACROSS SPAIN**
Price: 2.795euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 345 euros
- THE PYRENEES**
Price: 745 euros per person, with a minimum of 3 people
*Single room supplement: 65 euros
- BISCAY, PYRENEES&PLAINS**
Price: 1.165 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 135 euros
Can be combined with:
one-day excursions from Bilbao, pelagic excursions (August-September)
- CANTABRIA: BIRDS&BUTTERFLIES**
Price: 1,175 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement:125 euros
- AMAZING MAMMALS**
Price: 1.475 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
* Single room supplement: 135 euros
*Pelagic extension price: From 150 euros (including pelagic trip, guiding, transfers to and from Bilbao hotel)
- SOAR AND SHORE**
Price: 975 euros (per person as part of a group of 4 people, consult for other possibilities)
*Single room supplement: 95 euros
- AUTUMN ICELAND**
Prices: Taster Tour: 1.150 euros
Complete Tour: 3.595 euros
* Single room supplement available on request:
•Taster Tour 225 euros
• Full Tour 475 euros
Extras included in the Full Tour: Domestic flight Akureyri to Reykjavik, one Whale-watching session.
*En-suite facilities may not always be available
- SUMMER ICELAND**
Price: 3.295 euros
*Single room supplement: 485 euros
Extras included are: Return ferry to Flatey Island, Whale-watching excursion, domestic flight Reykjavik to Akureyri.



OPTIONS

1. BIRDING ON MALLORCA

Price: 185 euros

*Includes fuel costs but not lunches.

2. LLEIDA A LA CARTE)

Price: 745 euros pax, with a minimum of 2 people

*Single room supplement: 75 euros

3. TRAIN AND BIRD

Price: 375 euros per person, minimum 2 people

*Suitable for 2 to 4 people

*Single room supplement 45 euros

* Supplement of 25 euros for AVE trains

4. BARCELONA the flying visit

Price: 140 euros (total)

* Suitable for 1 to 3 people

* 4th person with supplement

* Between 3 and 4 hours

5. BARCELONA, it was the first time that we met

Price: 230 euros (total)

* Suitable for 1 to 3 people.

* 4th person with supplement.

6. MADRID capital birds

(i) Flyby • 3 to 4 hours of intense birding with pick up and drop off at Madrid airport

Price: 140 euros total, for 1 to 3 people

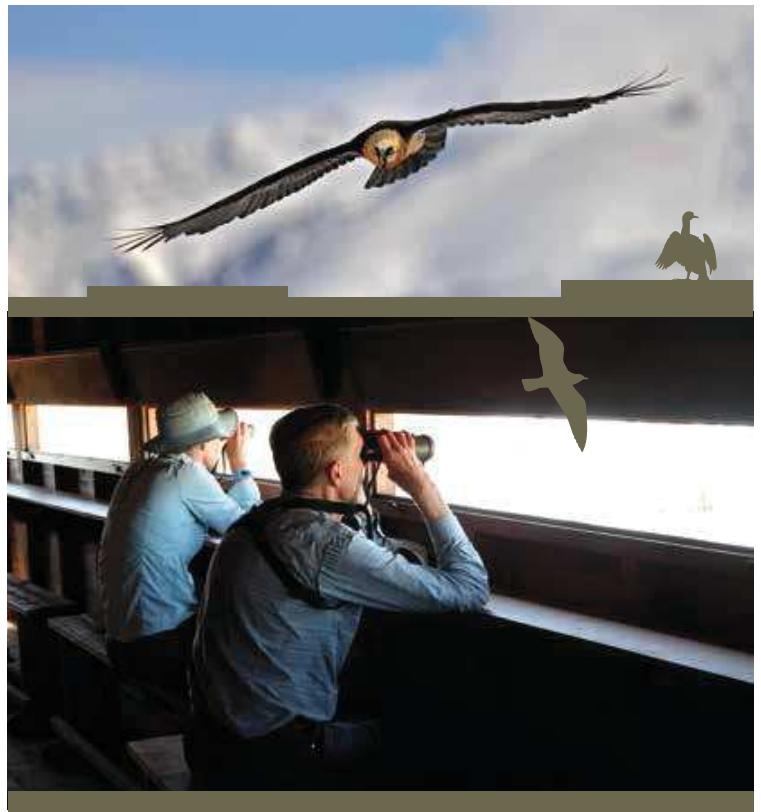
* Supplement for 4 to 7 people

(ii) Full day's birding with pick-up and drop-off at your Madrid hotel

Price: 240 euros.

* Suitable for 1 to 3 people

* Supplement for 4 to 7 people



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CONDITIONS

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WHAT SOME OF OUR MANY CLIENTS HAVE SAID ABOUT BIRDING IN SPAIN

L&M, Sweden, May 2018

Many, many thanks for a great week with BirdingInSpain. Well organized tour from start to finish, relaxed but still active birding days, very nice travel companions, an inspiring and knowledgeable tour leader, fantastic sceneries, comfortable hotels and then of course all the great birds.

B&J, UK, October 2017

We do not have a tick list but with your help and itineraries from your website we found some lovely areas to explore and wouldn't hesitate to contact you if we visit the area again. With best wishes to you and your family, we simply want to say thanks Steve you made our holiday.

RW, USA, May 2016

Steve - thank you for your wonderful work in showing me all of my target species while in Aragon. Your knowledge of the area and the bird species, as well as your knowledge of Spanish history and Spain's birds in general are tremendous. I really appreciate all of your hard work at trying to find the birds - I could have never found what we saw in 2 days in 2 weeks had I been on my own.

M&C, France, 2017

This year will be our 6th trip with Steve. Each year we visit different sites from mountains to plains and in

between. Steve knows his birds and he knows where to find them, he is a true professional and we are never disappointed. We highly recommend Birding in Spain

RR, USA, October 2016

I travel frequently as vice president of the outdoor apparel company Patagonia, and when I can, I add a day to business trips for birding. I found Steve by a Google search, and I couldn't have had a better day outside of Barcelona. Steve is an expert guide, but equally if not more importantly, an enjoyable companion. I'll be coming back!

LW, UK, March 2017

Three mates and I had a fantastic tour with Birding in Spain seeing 150+ species including Bonelli's Eagles, both Bustards and Wallcreeper. Steve West's knowledge of the birds of the area is formidable, as are his call recognition skills. I remember one time he simultaneously identified by call three birds which sure enough popped into view.

KB, AUS, May 2015

Hi Steve, great trip. Really loved Spain as well as the birds. Have told all my friends best way to see Spain is to do a birding trip with you... thanks for your great company sense of humour and of course, the birds.



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN OUR TOURS?

On all multi-day tours, except Birding on Mallorca, Train and Bird, and Lleida a la carte (see each for details)

- All accommodation in shared, en-suite hotel room (or guesthouse - Iceland)
- All meals (breakfast buffet, light lunch, full evening meal)
- Professional guiding services and all guide's expenses
- All ground transfers from beginning to end of tour
- All parking fees, tolls, entrance fees
- Drinking water and snacks in the vehicle

Internal flights, whale and mammal watching experiences, ferries and other concepts may also be included – see each tour itinerary for details

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

Drinks not stated as with meals, items of a personal nature, personal travel insurance, international flights, money transfer or payment fees.



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A BIRDING IN SPAIN TOUR?

IN ALL TOURS:

Our professional guiding services, use of a private vehicle, fuel, parking fees and tolls (if any).

4-DAY TOURS AND LONGER:

Our professional guiding services, use of a private vehicle, fuel, parking fees and tolls (if any), hotel accommodation in a shared en-suite room in a quality mid-range hotel for all nights, all meals, drinking water and snacks available in the vehicle, Birding In Spain checklist and notebook, Birding In Spain gift.

Not included: International money transfer fees, private insurance, off-menu drinks and items of a personal nature.

WE ALSO ORGANIZE

International birding, nature photography and walking tours to Iceland, Ethiopia, Norway, Scotland and Wales.

Special interest or group nature holidays in Spain which can be tailored to your requirements, with our expert knowledge. Want to know more? Then just ask!

TREAT YOURSELVES THE WAY WE TREAT YOU

In case you're wondering whether we'll look after you well enough, our full guiding services also include:

- Hotel or airport pick up and drop off (according to purchase)
- Private transfers in a comfortable, safely-driven, air-conditioned vehicle
- Free Barcelona city map (if relevant)
- A BIS bird species checklist and notebook (for tours of more than one day)
- Bottled water and snacks available in the vehicle
- Recording of 20 key bird songs and calls to help you prepare for your birding experience (upon prior request)
- A bottle of wine or cava to drink before you go home (on packages of three days or more, and limited to one per couple)
- A Birding In Spain gift voucher for a nominee - friend/family member/fellow birder (on gift packages of three days or more - worth up to 50 euros discount on future birding experiences).
- The hotels we work with for our tours offer professional, friendly service and are usually in a great location.*

*At Birding In Spain we carefully consider the options available to us to optimize our choice of hotels. We think about proximity to the interesting birding areas, to minimize travel times, but also comfort and hygiene, food, service, character and location. We avoid city hotels and chains whenever possible (except Lleida), because many of us like to get up and bird before breakfast, and we appreciate the service that comes with a smile, especially when our hosts know we are there, understand what we are doing, and are grateful that we chose their establishment. Please bear in mind that we have been designing, organizing and leading birding tours since 1996.

ABOUT FOOD AND MEALS

On most of our tours of 3 days or more we include all meals in the tour price. These meals are usually

*Breakfast-a buffet-style breakfast taken at the hotel, exceptionally in a good café,

**A light picnic-style lunch or sandwich and drink taken in a local café or bar

***A 3-course evening meal with starter, main course and dessert, accompanied with wine and water.

Please note: we do not eat at McDonald's or any other similar fast food chain.

Meal times are as follows:

Breakfast is usually available from 7.30 or 8.00 am. At times we will organize a pre-breakfast excursion to return to have breakfast at a later time.

Lunch is usually taken after 1pm.

Evening meals are rarely, if ever, possible to organize before 8pm or 8.30pm. This is a national custom which we can do very little about!

Food standards are high. Fresh, crusty bread is used in the sandwiches, fresh fruit and often freshly-squeezed orange juice are available for breakfast. Coffee in Spain is excellent, although tea is less accomplished. Spain has many wine-growing regions of note which produce excellent red wines, some of which we may be served with our meals at the hotels. The most popular beers are light lagers. Tap water is good and safe to drink in most areas, we will advise when it is best avoided. The Ebro Delta is the natural home for seafood, while the mountain hotels have received frequent praise from our clients for the quality and variety of the food they serve.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

• You should bring your own binoculars, although we do have spare pairs which can be used if previously requested. Photographic equipment is fine if you have it, and a telescope and tripod too, although of course your guide will have his own which you will be invited to use whenever necessary.

- Comfortable boots for walking will be a positive asset, although we will not be expecting to walk for long distances over difficult terrain.
- Drinking water will be provided for daytime use but not for consumption in the hotels. It is recommended that you bring or acquire a water bottle for personal use and refilling.
- Sun cream is always a good idea.
- Insect repellent is probably not necessary but you may like to bring some if you have a particular need or aversion.
- Windbreaker light shower proof jackets are recommended as a minimum.
- As the weather is quite unpredictable these days you may well spend the whole time in shorts, or long sleeves, we really don't know! Please bring headgear for sun and for chilly conditions just in case, and warmer wear (sweaters, long trousers) for the mountain evenings is usually a good idea.
- For most tours we will provide you with a Birding In Spain notebook and tour checklist on arrival.

A NOTE ABOUT CURRENCIES AND EXCHANGE RATES

All of our prices are in euros because all of our expenses are in euros. In order to get an idea of what the listed euro prices are in your currency (e.g. US Dollar, GBPound, etc) there are any number of currency converters available on Google. Just type in "Currency converter" and choose the one which catches your eye the most.

We could put the prices in other currencies too, and we would like to make it easier for you to understand everything, but there are more problems than solutions provided with this approach:

- (i) Exchange rates fluctuate and so may well do so between publication of the tour price and the final payment date for the tour, and if that happens then either you or us would be losing out
- (ii) to try and avoid the latter eventuality most tour companies would "up" the rate in foreign currencies to cushion themselves against unfavourable exchange rate trends, or would introduce a clause whereby prices may have to be increased due to external factors, either way this means that you could be asked to pay more, never less!

So we think the fairest system is to keep the prices in euros and to help you understand how much that is in your currency should you need any help.

OUR LIABILITIES - OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

BirdingInSpain is the international trading brand of HORIZONS NATURA Travel Agency, GC-004948 number registered at Tourist Register of Catalonia, therefore accomplishing all the legal and official obligations.

Our travellers are covered by: Civil Liability Insurance, Accident and Active Tourism Insurance Agency.

It's essential that you have adequate private travel insurance for your holiday before you travel. Your insurance must cover you for all medical care and repatriation should you not be able to continue with the tour.



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