

Birding In Spain

À la Carte



Looking forward to a rainy October? A cold November? A dark December? A winter that never ends?

From October to March, look at what you could be doing, instead of staying at home and talking about the weather.

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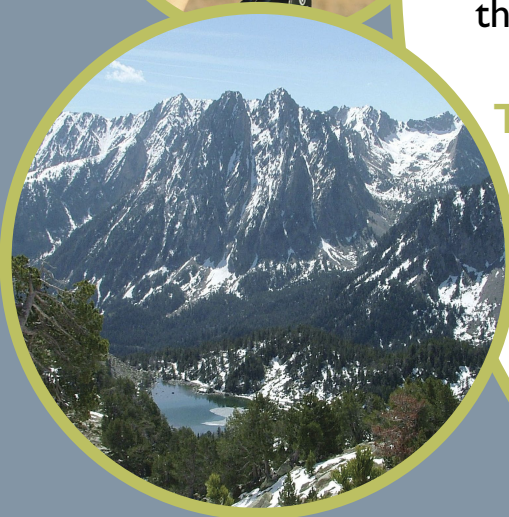
We invite you to look at the special menu of 4-day birding trips in northeast Spain below. The rest is simple: choose your dates between October and March, then get in touch with us at steve@birdinginspain.com and then let us take the strain.



The price is only 575 euros per person.

That, at current exchange rates is somewhere between £450 and £475.

Furthermore, we are so well connected! Just take a look at the connections map of UK airports to northeast Spain.



Included in the price of your À la carte trip is :

3 nights accommodation in a shared en-suite room, all meals from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 4, wine with your evening meals, all expert guiding, all the guide's expenses, all vehicle running costs and local transfers, all local bank charges.



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This is a wonderfully varied and rich itinerary very suitable for the autumn or winter. Enjoy the colours of the montane forests, home of the rare White-backed and Black Woodpecker, and easy access to snow-capped mountain specialities like Wallcreeper, Lammergeier, Alpine Accentor, Citril Finch and Alpine Chough in the Pyrenees of Navarra.

Bardenas is the name given to the dry plains of Navarra, and they are home to a very different array of birds, including Pin-tailed and Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Dupont's, Calandra, and Thekla Larks, Black Wheatear, and many more. The nearby cereal plains hold small numbers of both Little and Great Bustards.

Don't miss: The snow-capped Pyrenees, the stunning “Wild West” of the Bardenas Reales, the Roncal valley cheeses.



Quick-glance Itinerary

Day 1: Meet up at Bilbao airport. Transfer to hotel near Bardenas Reales, birding en-route, woodpeckers, woodland and wetland species.

Day 2: Birding in the Bárdenas and nearby plains, transfer to Pyrenees with high mountain and forest species, such as Lammergeier.

Day 3: Birding the Pyrenees - high mountain species, and maybe a Wallcreeper or two.

Day 4: Transfer to Bilbao or other established point of departure, with possibility of White-backed Woodpecker in morning.

Approximate number of bird species: 100



From the Mediterranean coast and the bird-rich Ebro delta to the inland plains and rocky foothills.

In addition to the abundant herons and egrets local specialities in the Ebro delta include Audouin's and Slender-billed Gulls, Caspian Tern, Whiskered Tern, Purple Gallinule, Greater Flamingo and a long etcetera.

Inland there is a very different world to be discovered by the birder. Here the remaining drylands and surrounding areas are home to a surprising array of birds, which include Great Bustard, Little Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Calandra Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Black Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush, Penduline Tit, Bonelli's Eagle, Golden Eagle and more.

Don't miss: Delicious seafood specialities in the Ebro delta, excellent olive oil and wine inland.



Quick-glance 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 transfer to Lleida.

Day 3: Birding the plains around Lleida.

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

Approximate number of bird species: 120



This really varied winter wonderland trip combines concentrated birding around the wetlands and coast of Girona with the huge landscapes of the Pyrenees. The Aiguamolls de l'Empordà is a very productive area for wetland birding. Additionally, a visit to the rocky peninsulas and the coastline can often reveal many interesting seabirds, as well as local attractions such as Bonelli's Eagle and Thekla Lark.

What a contrast to the Pyrenees! Up at the often snowy heights and mountain forests we hope to find a very different array of birds including Alpine Chough, Wallcreeper, Alpine Accentor, Lammergeier, Snowfinch, Citril Finch, Black Woodpecker, Crested Tit, Rock Bunting, Golden Eagle, and a long etc.

Don't miss: The Dalí museum at Figueres, the sea views, a warming cup of hot chocolate.



Quick-glance Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Girona or Barcelona airport. Transfer to hotel in Empordà, birding en-route.

Day 2: Birding the Empordà wetlands and coast. Transfer to the alpine heights of the Serra de Cadí.

Day 3: Birding the fields, forests and heights of the Serra de Cadí.

Day 4: Mountain birding before return to Girona or Barcelona airport.

Approximate number of bird species: 100



From the south the Pre-pyrenees appear as spectacular rock formations. In the winter months alpine species like Wallcreeper and Alpine Accentor frequent these warm, sunny slopes, which are also home to a wide range of birds of prey including Lammergeier and Golden Eagle. Other warmth-loving species to be found in the area include Black Wheatear, Thekla Lark, Rock Bunting, Rock Sparrow, Blue Rock Thrush, Dartford Warbler, etc.

The Pyrenees themselves are not far away. And they are well worth visiting for birds like Citril Finch, Black Woodpecker, Alpine Chough, Alpine Accentor, Crested Tit, etc.

And we'll still have some time to visit the plains and to search for some of the most interesting steppe species including bustards, larks and sandgrouse, as well as a lake which often hosts thousands of Common Cranes and other wetland birds.



Quick-glance Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Zaragoza, Reus or Barcelona airport. Transfer to Loarre, birding en-route.

Day 2: Birding the Pyrenees.

Day 3: Birding sites along the southern face of the Pre-Pyrenees and an inland lake.

Day 4: Birding the plains before transfer to Zaragoza, Reus or Barcelona airport.

Approximate number of bird species: 100



*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.*

Quick-glance Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Barcelona, Reus or Zaragoza.
Birding en-route to Lleida.

Day 2: Birding Lleida à la carte.

Day 3: Birding Lleida à la carte.

Day 4: Birding Lleida à la carte before return to Barcelona,
Reus or Zaragoza.

Lleida À la carte birding options:

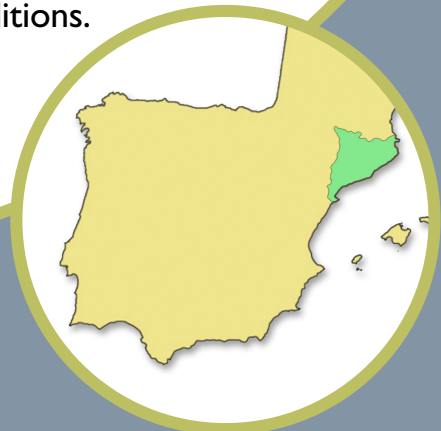
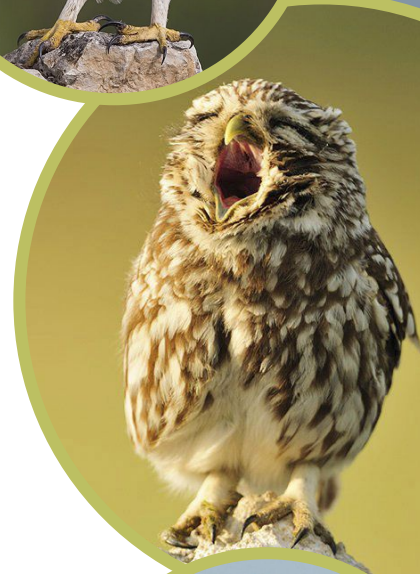
1. Lleida drylands and surrounding areas - Black Wheatear, Little Bustard, Golden Eagle...
2. Lleida Pre-Pyrenees - Bonelli's Eagle, Golden Eagle, Wallcreeper...
3. Ebro Delta - Audouin's Gull, Purple Swamphen, Whiskered Tern...
4. Aragon plains - Great Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Calandra Lark...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

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

Don't miss: a refreshing local lager after a long day's birding, excellent wines and olive oil.

Extra night? Extension? End to end? Yes, consult possibilities, prices and conditions.

Just for you and your partner? Yes, consult conditions.





2 days birding for two around Lleida from Barcelona, including train fares, and one night hotel

From 575 euros total (2 pax)

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.



These are the current train arrival and departure times, early morning Barcelona-Lleida, evening Lleida-Barcelona.

BCN	Lleida	Lleida	BCN
06:05	07:02	17:37	18:40 *
08:00	08:57 *	18:00	19:08
		19:18	20:22
		19:37	20:40
		20:40	21:48
		21:31	22:40

*AVE, supplement may be applicable.
The train journey is between 57 and 69 minutes each way.

Birding In Spain is easy by train.

