

In 2020



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## SCOTLAND: A Marvellous May Birding Tour



From Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020



**COME SEE SCOTLAND AND ITS BIRDS WITH US!**



*Puffins and Capercaillies are just two of the birding highlights of this great tour*



**The main birding highlights include:-**

Black Grouse, Capercaillie, Red Grouse, Puffin, Black Guillemot, Roseate Tern, Arctic Tern, Great Skua, Arctic Skua, Manx Shearwater, Black-throated Diver, Red-throated Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Corncrake, Dotterel, White-tailed Eagle, Golden Eagle, Osprey, Short-eared Owl, Wood Warbler, Crested Tit, Scottish Crossbill, Twite ...

**Wildlife:-**

Bottlenose Dolphin, Otter, Mountain Hare, Red Squirrel, Harbour Seal, Grey Seal...

**Scenery:-**

Coastal inlets and islands, Caledonian Forest, beautiful beaches, stunning cliffs, Speyside glens and forests, rugged mountains, the green and blue Lothian coast

**Those very Scottish things:-**

Edinburgh, castles, whisky distilleries, tartan, kilts, accents, Loch Ness



And why is it “Marvellous” May?

- There are wonderful displaying **Black Grouse** and **Capercaillie**
- All the migrant breeding birds, both common and rare will have arrived
- See divers and duck in their brilliant breeding plumage
- There may even be some winter stragglers – geese, ducks and swans
- It’s the time to really enjoy the amazing hustle and bustle of Britain’s seabird colonies
- The mountains, glens, lochs and coast are a sight for the eyes

Follow this basic itinerary on the map below, and we invite you to click on the links to watch some short videos

**Day 1:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – From Inverness to the west coast

**Day 2:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Handa Island and the NW coast

See this short video of a Puffin and hear the seabirds of Handa Island here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fv2050F3FKY>

**Day 3:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – the north coast of Sutherland

See and hear a Corncrake here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPDOM6rPYNs>

**Day 4:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – from the west coast to the east.

Here’s a lovely singing Wood Warbler

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syRKFuETIYE>

**Day 5:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – around Abernethy forest and the Cairngorms

Ptarmigan in the Cairngorms (March)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SOrRrPbj1k>

**Day 6:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – exploring Speyside and south to Perthshire.

A Short-eared Owl video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLXCcAMivMc>

**Day 7:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Exploring the glens, forests and lochs of Perthshire.

Here’s a video of a Black Grouse lek (our personal favourites) filmed in Scotland

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bztbce\\_8USA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bztbce_8USA)

**Day 8:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Past Edinburgh and to the borders.

**Day 9:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – The rare Roseate.

The rare Roseate Tern

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8DNwzIBYxg>

**Day 10:** Tour ends with return to Edinburgh.



Scotland tour map 2020

Green dots – where we will be staying  
 Red squares – areas we will be exploring

Any Questions?



What about ...?

- Accommodation
- Transport
- Insurance
- Guiding
- Food
- Group size

**And, of course, the price?**

**Only 2,285 Euros (€) = 2,600 USD (\$); 2,050 GBP (£)**

\*The price in USD and GBP is for informative purposes only, as we will be working with euros and GBP, and our prices are calculated in euros. Therefore it is possible that any USD or GBP prices indicated are liable to some fluctuation, in line with that of the respective currencies involved.



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## Who is **Birding In Spain**? Who are we?

To find out, we invite you to read some reviews from **recent** travellers:

Hello Steve and Florinda! We're back in Arizona, rested up and ready to travel to Wyoming for the rest of the summer. I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for the Marvelous May trip we recently went on with you. Everything worked out perfectly - the birding was excellent, the hotels and food were wonderful, and we enjoyed everyone's friendship and companionship while we were on the tour. I really appreciate that you were able to accommodate our needs when necessary. It was truly one of the highlights of our lives!!! I will post a few pictures when we get to WY and get settled in. Thanks so much!

*Julie and Roger Knourek, USA, Marvellous May 2019*

Unlike some of the others on the trip, this was my first time birding in another country, and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. However, the fact that it was so enjoyable was undoubtedly due to being in the company of you both. From the moment you picked us up from the airport, we knew we were in good hands. Your bird knowledge Steve, I found to be extraordinary, and I would never have seen my 52 "lifers" without your help.

Also, many thanks to you both for your help with Spanish translation and pronunciation. I am now seriously considering looking for a local Spanish conversation class. All the very best to you both, and I hope we get the opportunity to meet again in the not too distant future.

*Bill Wonderley, UK, May 2019*

We've just come back from a fantastic 7 days "Marvellous May" birding trip with Steve and Florinda in NE Spain. From our first contact to our final goodbyes at the airport, we were treated with friendly professionalism. Steve's knowledge of bird identification is outstanding (particularly his identification by call) and his brilliant local knowledge of good bird sites enabled us to "tot up" a trip list of over 190 species including some difficult and much sought after birds, such as Dupont's Lark, Sandgrouse and Alpine Accentor to name but a few. The hotel accommodation, in all three locations we visited, were well run and friendly with good food and well stocked bars! Would I recommend using **BirdinginSpain** and Steve for a guided birdwatching holiday? Yes, in a heart beat!

*Jeremy Bradshaw, Marvellous May Tour 2019, Liverpool, UK*

In September 2018, together with my non birding son, I went on a 10 day tour of Iceland led by Steve West of Birding In Spain. Steve worked tirelessly to find the birds and we had a very successful birding trip. He also managed to incorporate all the important 'tourist sites' and general wildlife into our trip. A very successful tour on a magical island that catered for everyone. We even got the Northern Lights. This was my third birding trip with Steve, he remains my first choice for guided trips.

*Ian McQuade, UK, October 2018*

*That's all for now, hope you'll be joining us in Scotland!*

