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Front cover image taken by Bret Charman

'The cotton-grass was blowing gently in the evening breeze, the white seedheads glowing in the bluish-green surroundings. As the light was fading, another white shape was moving on the edge of the treeline ... a wolf. A large female was tentatively approaching my hide, working her way around the marsh to the higher ground. She eventually came to a stop some 25 metres from the hide and stared directly at me. It was utterly mesmerising.'

Boreal Predators Photography, Finland



WELCOME

A warm welcome to our latest brochure!

For more than 30 years, The Travelling Naturalist has been taking small groups around the world in search of wildlife. Our brochure continues to grow and there are now more than 100 holidays to choose from.

This year we have introduced new trips to destinations including the UK, Bulgaria, Colombia, Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Zambia and China. Some of these were released earlier this year on The Travelling Naturalist website, while others appear for the first time in this brochure. Our new tour to China (page 55) goes in search of Sichuan Province's birds and mammals, including the red panda and Pallas's cat. On the opposite side of the world, Colombia offers some of the most exciting birding on the planet, and our new holiday there (page 67) includes a mouthwatering array of species from buffy helmetcrest to 50+ hummingbird species!

You are always welcome to come to our office in Hampshire to meet our expert team and discuss your travel plans. You can also find us – along with the Wildlife Worldwide team – at the Birdfair in Rutland, the Travel & Safari Show in Harrogate, and Destinations in both Manchester and London. And, as usual, you can meet us in person as we tour the UK with our Discover Wildlife evenings between October and March. Featuring presentations by our own experts, together with

speakers from around the world, these will appeal to all lovers of travel and nature.

Whatever your wildlife interest, you are guaranteed to find something to inspire you amongst our ever-expanding portfolio of holidays, and we look forward to welcoming you on your next Travelling Naturalist holiday.

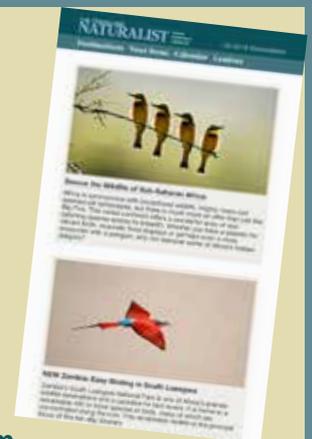
Chris Breen and The Travelling Naturalist team

Keep up to date

We send out our newsletter on a regular basis, but don't worry, we won't bombard you!

These issues keep you abreast of our events, new trips, special offers and late availability. If you haven't yet signed up to receive them, email sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com and we'll make sure you don't miss out, or you can subscribe online at:

www.thetravellingnaturalist.com



Holiday reviews

We are always thrilled to hear feedback from your wildlife experiences – here are some of your recent comments about our holidays:



'We sighted 169 birds, a remarkable number for a two-week trip, including nine different owls and many raptors. Our highlight was probably two river dolphins in the Chambal River. The mammals we saw included tiger, leopard, sloth bear and jackals amongst many others! The tour leader was superb. All in all – a true wildlife holiday!'

Mr H – Birds & Tigers in Central India



'Overall I have to say this was one of the best overseas trips I have been on. The local leader Abelardo was outstanding – his enthusiasm and excitement at seeing birds was infectious. And, of course, his identification skills are second-to-none. He also made sure all in the party saw the birds, which obliged, of course!'

Mr G – Cloud Forests, Jungles & Volcanoes, Costa Rica



'Louise is an excellent guide with vast knowledge and an expert at locating the wildlife. She is very helpful and considerate and adapts to the needs of the group. Highlights were a sea otter swimming across the bay, a white-tailed eagle directly overhead and, on the last day, a sighting of a golden eagle.'

Ms G – The Splendours of Wester Ross, Scotland

Why The Travelling Naturalist?

A COMPLETE SERVICE

We provide a complete service from the moment you book, taking all the stress out of arranging your holiday so you can relax. We never forget that it is your holiday, and work hard to ensure that all the components of a tour – accommodation, transport, food, design and pace of the itinerary, and the all-important leadership factor – combine to create a superb all-round experience and, of course, some wonderful wildlife memories!

We can help to arrange regional connecting flights where needed (just request this at the time of booking), as well as offer advice about airport hotels. And, if you have any questions about the tour, just ask our friendly team of experts.

NATURALIST LEADERS

Our expert leaders are all-round naturalists with a wealth of field and leadership experience. It is their expertise and professionalism, coupled with their easy-going and flexible approach, that is probably the most important factor in the success of our tours. We also work with expert local guides to ensure the highest quality wildlife experiences. We always try to run a particular tour with the named leader assigned to it. However, on occasion we may have to substitute a similarly qualified leader, in which case we will inform you of this change as soon as possible. See pages 6-7 for further information on our naturalist leaders.

SMALL GROUPS

We believe our holidays are best enjoyed in small groups. While the average number of participants on our tours is between five and seven, we often run holidays with four to eight clients (maximum 12, unless otherwise stated), and every tour is led by at least one expert naturalist guide. Please note that, depending on the size of the vessel used, our cruises are not subject to this same restriction – please refer to the detailed tour description.

The operation of any tour is subject to reaching a minimum number of participants at least 70 days prior to departure. If a tour does not reach the minimum number required to operate by 70 days prior to departure, we may defer cancellation but will inform you whether or not the tour is running no later than six weeks prior to departure. Occasionally, if a tour does not fill, we may still run the holiday with below the minimum number of participants, subject to a surcharge.

TOUR PRICES

All tour prices in this brochure include flights from the UK (except where specified), accommodation, most meals, transportation, wildlife activities as detailed in the itinerary, and the services of an expert leader.

SINGLE ROOMS

We welcome single travellers, offer a limited number of single rooms on all our trips, and try to keep single room supplements as low as possible. In most cases, if you are a single traveller willing to share with someone else of the same sex, we will not charge a single supplement.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT

We are extremely proud of our clients' loyalty towards us. Many new clients learn about us through personal recommendation and some of our regular clients return year after year. A few have even notched up over 40 trips! Our loyalty programme offers a special 5% discount from the price of the main tour (excluding any single supplement) on every fifth trip you take with us. To claim this discount, just let us know how many trips you have taken with us when you book; we'll check against our records, and deduct the appropriate amount from the final invoice. If you wish, you can save two 5% discounts to get a 10% discount on your tenth tour! Please note this loyalty discount scheme applies to tours that appear in The Travelling Naturalist brochure and website, and excludes bookings made with its sister company, Wildlife Worldwide.

OUR WEBSITE

Our website contains much more information than we can squeeze into this brochure! It features detailed day-by-day itineraries for each holiday, profiles of our expert leaders and an easy-to-use tour calendar. We are continually adding new tours, so take a look at the website for the latest trips, the most up-to-date programme, and last-minute availability. You are also able to book any tour online.

TAILOR-MADE EXTENSIONS

If you have an extra few days to spare, why not let us provide a quote for an independent extension either before or after your tour? We can offer excellent prices at a range of hotels or lodges, and our expert team will be happy to make suggestions for places to stay and activities for the extra days.



General Information

HOW TO BOOK

Once you have selected a tour you would like to book, you can either book online or contact a member of our expert team who will check availability on your chosen departure date. We can hold a provisional reservation for up to three days.

When you are happy to proceed with your booking, we require you to pay a deposit of £200 per person or 20% of the total cost of the holiday (whichever is the greater) and send us a completed booking form by post or email. If you book 12 weeks or less before departure, you must pay the total cost of the holiday at the time of booking. Please note that for some holidays we may ask you to pay a higher deposit.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

We firmly believe that the sustainable development of wildlife tourism can be a major tool in promoting conservation, as well as generating long-term benefits for wildlife, the environment and communities alike. We support small, locally owned hotels and lodges as well as local wildlife guides, and employ local staff where possible, thereby providing employment and generating incomes in local communities. We work with and support local projects and conservation charities including Save The Rhino and its Rhino Dog Squad project, South Luangwa Conservation Society and World Land Trust, to name a few.

YOUR FINANCIAL SECURITY

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 10544) authorised by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Our flight-inclusive tours are fully bonded. This means that the complete cost of the holidays featured in this brochure is financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay your deposit you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for this at the time of booking and check it to ensure that everything you have booked is listed. Please see our booking conditions (on our website) for further information, or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate, visit www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate

In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad, and will arrange to refund any money paid for an advance booking.

The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT) provides financial protection under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 for The Natural Travel Collection Ltd, trading as The Travelling Naturalist, and, in the event of their insolvency, protection is provided for the following:



- 1) Non-flight packages
- 2) Flight-inclusive packages that commence outside the EU, which are sold to customers outside the EU *
- 3) Accommodation-only bookings

* Please note that flight-inclusive packages that commence within the EU but outside the UK will continue to be covered by ABTOT until the renewal of The Travelling Naturalist ATOL number 10544 in September 2018/March 2019 in accordance with the transition period authorised by the Civil Aviation Authority.

ABTOT cover provides for a refund in the event you have not yet travelled or repatriation if you are abroad. Please note that bookings made outside the EU are only protected by ABTOT when purchased directly from The Travelling Naturalist.



In the unlikely event that you require assistance whilst abroad due to our financial failure, please call our 24/7 helpline on 01702 811397 and advise you are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

You can access The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 by visiting <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents>

BROCHURE VALIDITY

This brochure is published in August 2018. The itineraries and prices herein replace those previously published.

Prices are correct at the time of print. Please consult our website for accurate, up-to-date prices, or contact our team of consultants.

www.thetravellingnaturalist.com/booking/conditions



Meet our Naturalist Tour Leaders

Our expert leaders are all-round naturalists with a wealth of field and leadership experience in the country they are taking you to, and many also have cultural or linguistic expertise. Please visit our website for a full list of leaders and their profiles.

István Bártol

Since completing a PhD in bird ecology, István has worked as a warden in the Kiskunság National Park, where he lives with his family. A native Hungarian, István leads our 'The Unknown Adriatic' tour which visits Croatia as well as Europe's newest nation, Montenegro, and Albania, a beautiful but long-time isolated Balkan destination! He also co-leads our spring photography tour to Hungary's steppe and forests.



Geoff Crane

Geoff spent his early years in East and West Africa and the Seychelles, where he developed a keen interest in natural history. Before settling in Cape Town, Geoff travelled to over 40 countries, experiencing different cultures and exploring the diverse natural history of each of the places he visited. Geoff has 20 years' experience leading tours to southern Africa, and has a particular interest in birds and botany.



Martijn Bot

Although a teacher of geography and Spanish in everyday life, birding is where Martijn's heart lies. Like his father and many other members of his family, Martijn started birdwatching at a young age and now guides tours in the Netherlands as well as the rest of Europe. He is in his element outdoors, sharing his passion for birdlife with fellow enthusiasts.



Barry Embling

Since graduating in ecology, a career in nature conservation and habitat restoration then led Barry to work for the RSPB and the Woodland Trust. A keen general naturalist and dendrologist, his travels have taken him worldwide, and he has a particular fondness for Europe and the Arctic. Barry now lives in the Wye Valley working as a Forest Ranger and guide.



Miguel Castelino

Miguel has studied the flora and fauna of subtropical rainforests for over 20 years; his specialism is song identification of the birds of northern Argentina and southern Brazil. His field expertise in the Pantanal led to the discovery of a harpy eagle nest in southern Brazil, and he is co-author of the inventory to the Birds of Iguazú National Park. However, what Miguel enjoys most is sharing his love and knowledge of the natural world with others.



Bob Ford

A fine all-round naturalist, Bob lectures in biology, having worked for a time as Assistant Warden of Portland Bird Observatory. He leads a number of our UK tours, and his calm, relaxed leadership style is popular both with beginners and more experienced birdwatchers. In his spare time, Bob runs a web-based photographic agency.



Bret Charman

An award-winning wildlife photographer, Bret currently divides his time between working at our Head Office in Hampshire and leading tours to a variety of destinations including the UK, Finland, and Zambia. Bret is very well travelled but has a particular affinity for Africa, his love for the continent having begun whilst running a safari lodge in Zambia's South Luangwa Valley.



Nick Garbutt

A photographer and zoologist, Nick is a highly regarded tour leader and lecturer. Author of several critically acclaimed books, including '100 Animals to See Before They Die', Nick has twice been a winner in the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, and also won the prestigious Gerald Durrell Award for Endangered Wildlife.



Barrie Cooper

Having had a lifelong interest in nature, Barrie's enthusiasm for conservation led him to pursue a career in international conservation and ecotourism with the RSPB. Barrie's passion for travel has led him to develop and lead tours to a variety of countries in Asia, the Americas and Europe. A keen amateur astronomer, he also enthral clients with information on the night sky whilst on tour, and he will be leading our holiday to Chile in 2019 which is timed to coincide with a total solar eclipse.



Daniel Green

An experienced and engaging Swedish naturalist, Daniel leads our trips to Sweden. Having started birdwatching as a young child, he confesses to being 'mad about' cranes (his favourite bird), as well as owls, butterflies and moths. A man of many talents, Daniel spent 12 years as a gourmet chef, has been a newspaper journalist/photographer and was editor of a Swedish Bird Magazine!



Terry Goble

With vivid childhood memories of collecting bugs in jars and scooping up pond life, Terry has always been inquisitive about anything to do with nature. His first wildlife holiday (to Kenya) spurred him on to travel far and wide in pursuit of creatures known to him only from encyclopaedias and wildlife films. Terry has done survey work for the RSPB, Bat Conservation Trust, Vincent Trust and Butterfly Conservation, as well as wildlife charity fundraising. His deep interest in the natural world eventually led him to return to university to study for a degree in environment and conservation. He is very widely travelled and has led many tours to South America, Africa, Europe and Asia.



Alex Hyde

Often working with moving creatures smaller than a grain of rice, Alex has established himself as an expert in macro photography. He is able to capture intimate portraits of spiders, insects and other invertebrates in their natural habitats. Although photography takes him all around the world, Alex particularly loves the incredible insect and plant life of the Austrian Alps. An experienced tutor, Alex has taught at venues such as the University of Nottingham and the Wild Photo photography festival in London. Alex supplies major international agencies and his photographs appear worldwide in newspapers, books and magazines.



Ashley Grove

Ashley has been a wildlife enthusiast from childhood, and is now an excellent self-taught wildlife photographer with more than ten years' experience. Since 2011 he has been leading tours across Europe, to The Gambia and further afield, helping both beginners and experienced photographers to capture fantastic images of the world's birdlife.



Lindsay Janes

British Columbian-born Lindsay is a teacher, naturalist, marine biologist and photographer. Having worked as a naturalist and wildlife guide in the Pacific north-west for more than 15 years, Lindsay has assimilated a superb wealth of knowledge about the wildlife and cultural heritage of the region. She leads our tours to her native western Canada.



Louise Hughes

Having grown up on Exmoor, Louise developed an interest in the natural world at a young age. After graduating in conservation at Plymouth University, she studied loggerhead turtles and Kentish plovers on Sal in the Cape Verde Islands. Louise has worked on several projects for the RSPB, and for the last three years has been working as a wildlife guide in the Scottish Highlands. She is particularly passionate about British wildlife and has been heavily involved in Scottish wildcat conservation.



Lee Morgan

Lee has over ten years' experience leading wildlife tours and is an ecologist, naturalist, photographer and writer. He has spent eight seasons leading natural history cruises around Mexico's Baja Peninsula and has a wealth of knowledge about the whales and dolphins that frequent these waters. Lee has also worked as a bear guide in the Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia, and has a particular passion for the wildlife of Canada's Pacific coast.



Alice Hunter

Alice is a naturalist, ecologist and professional wildlife photographer based in Cambridgeshire, with a particular love of the French Alps. She especially enjoys macro photography and nature writing and has contributed to an anthology for The Wildlife Trusts with which she works closely. She has a passion for alpine plants and a love of showing people things they've never seen before, be it a different species or a tiny detail previously unnoticed.



John Muddeman

After settling in Madrid in 1997, John now lives with his family in the mountains nearby. He is a wildlife tour guide, author, translator and honorary member of the Extremadura Association of Birdwatching and Wildlife Guides. His all-round natural history knowledge, affable personality and excellent field skills have brought him a loyal and well-deserved following as a tour leader.



Ed Hutchings

Although best known as a wildlife writer for publications such as BBC Wildlife magazine and Nature's Home, Ed also has a background in wildlife conservation, having worked for the RSPB in Gloucestershire and on nightingale surveys for the British Trust for Ornithology. He has a passion for all birdlife, but his particular interest is in raptors and bird vocalisations (he takes great pleasure in committing new ones to memory!).



David Simpson

David Simpson has lived in France for over ten years and is currently based in the Dordogne. He has worked as a warden at various coastal sites in northern England and also, more recently, in Mauritius. He has had several articles published in British Wildlife magazine, and is author of the guidebook 'Birding Dordogne', part of the popular BirdGuides series. An excellent all-round naturalist, he leads all of our tours to the Dordogne.



Our Top Wildlife Moments!

We love to travel in search of the world's best wildlife experiences – it's both our work and our passion! So, here in the office, we've written about our most memorable wildlife encounters from recent trips – some you might have already experienced, while others might still be on your wildlife travel wish-lists. We hope they provide some inspiration for the year ahead!



Chris Breen – Zambia

If my last day on earth was in Zambia's Luangwa Valley, I could die a happy man! With a sparkling array of birds, from bee-eaters to weavers and some of Africa's most prolific populations of predators, it is difficult to see how this can be beaten as a safari destination. Add to this some of the most intimate camps with magnificent views and outstanding guides, and the friendliest people on earth and you have an intoxicating destination that will draw you back time and again.



Dan Free – Belarus

Belarus is a new favourite destination for me, offering some outstanding birdwatching and only a short hop from the UK. During my last visit, azure tits, lekking great snipe, aquatic warblers and a plethora of raptors, woodpeckers and waders all provided a rush of adrenaline, but it was seeing the enormous disc-like face and piercing golden eyes of a female great grey owl on its nest, less than 50 metres away, that stole the show for me!



Sarah Malcolm – Brazil

The Pantanal – the world's largest tropical wetland – is a breathtaking hubbub of birds, reptiles and mammals, but the undisputed star of this extraordinary ecosystem is the jaguar. My top wildlife moment has to be watching one of these majestic cats as she lazed on a river bank, totally at ease in this pristine wilderness. She took three huge yawns then rose to her feet and sauntered off upstream in search of an unsuspecting capybara or caiman. Fantastic!



Chris Smith – Trinidad

For me, nothing beats Trinidad. Situated just 11 kilometres from Venezuela, the island offers a wonderful taste of both Caribbean and South American wildlife and habitats which is especially exciting for birders. The best place for really enjoying Trinidad's amazing diversity of birdlife is the Asa Wright Nature Centre where you can watch hummingbirds, honeycreepers, toucans and a dazzling variety of other Neotropical species ... and all from the comfort of the centre's verandah.



Helen Bryon – Mexico

A sense of calm unveils after the initial exhilaration; the need to take photographs replaced by simply watching, marvelling and absorbing the scene into my mind's eye. They are all around us now. What started as a few hundred seems to have gathered momentum to include bow-riders, side-riders and those playing catch-up, enjoying our wake. Thousands upon thousands of common dolphins! If you want to see whales and dolphins, come here, to my favourite wildlife destination – Mexico's Baja Peninsula.



Amanda DeSimone – India

Seeing a tiger is on most wildlife enthusiasts' wish-lists, and encountering one in the wild is a truly unforgettable experience! Whilst on a game drive in Ranthambore National Park, India, our jeep rounded a bend and came to an abrupt halt. Lying on the track straight ahead of us was a simply enormous cat, viewing us with a piercing, inquisitive stare. Nothing had prepared me for the sheer size, vivid colour and charisma of a tiger in its native habitat. A lazy yawn revealed rows of gleaming white pointed teeth – a reminder to us that he is king here, Shere Khan himself!



Jacque Hambides – South Africa

Of all the incredible places to visit, The Drakensberg (the eastern part of South Africa's 'Great Escarpment') is my all-time favourite. Being on the mountain tops, surrounded by fields full of aloes, cosmos and many other wild plant species, as Lammergeier fly just overhead, searching for carrion, their vast wingspans as long as a van, has to be one of the most amazing experiences for any nature lover.



Ellen Cross – Australia

Australia is one of my favourite destinations and, from a wildlife perspective, it's hard to beat Kangaroo Island. Often referred to as 'Australia's Galápagos', your wildlife experience begins on the ferry crossing to the island, watching bottlenose dolphins playing in the wake. The island is home to Australian endemics such as koala, western grey kangaroo and echidna, while fairy penguins, Australian sea lions and New Zealand fur seals can be seen along the coastline.



Brian Wood – Spain

Catching even the merest glimpse of the Iberian Peninsula's most endangered mammal, the Iberian lynx, is a real shot in the arm. Very few remain in the wild and they're not at all easy to see, so when your patience and endeavour are rewarded there's a feeling of real elation. With their feathery ears, distinctive mutton-chop beard and lovely markings they are extremely attractive creatures, which makes the whole experience even more worthwhile. And the backdrop of the Sierra de Andújar's rugged dehesa landscape makes for some great photo opportunities!



Chris Osborn – Isles of Scilly, UK

Arriving on St Mary's in the Isles of Scilly is like stepping back in time. The pace of life may be slower here (the main form of transport for some is a golf buggy!), but there's always plenty to interest wildlife enthusiasts, including mammals such as grey seals and the Scilly shrew, and a fantastic variety of birds – from the numerous resident species and summer migrants to rare vagrants that have been blown off course. My highlight was a boat trip around the Island of Annet, where I saw my first puffins along with good numbers of shearwaters.



Bret Charman – Finland

It is nearing midnight as the light fades. A reindeer carcass lies on the ground in front of our hide. There is a brown bear only 50 metres away when a young wolf appears on the edge of the treeline. The wolf tentatively approaches, stopping every now and then before suddenly charging directly at the much larger bear. For about half an hour, chaos ensues as the bear and wolf take turns to chase one another, both staking their claim to the carcass before, finally, the wolf claims its prize.

Your Tour Calendar

Destinations and dates are colour coded by region and page numbers are specified for ease of reference.

The following symbols identify the primary focus of each small group tour and help you find your ideal wildlife holiday.

-  Birdwatching
-  Flora
-  Whale & dolphin watching
-  Mammals
-  Dragonfly watching
-  Photography
-  Butterflies & moths

October-December 2018

October 2018

South Africa	Natural Highlights of South Africa	   	Mon 1	50
Bolivia	Birding in the Heart of South America	 	Wed 3	65
Brazil	Wildlife of the North & South Pantanal	 	Thu 4	66
Hungary	Steppe & Forests in Autumn		Sat 6	30
China	Sichuan's Sensational Mammals & Birds	  	Sat 13	55
Scotland	Outer Hebrides in Autumn	 	Sat 13	18
Germany	Brandenburg Crane & Goose Concerto		Sun 14	30
England	Dorset's Coastal Migrants		Mon 15	15
Spain	Iberian Lynx Quest	 	Sat 20	41
England	Lancashire Long Weekend in Autumn		Fri 26	14
Scotland	Islay & Jura in Autumn	  	Sun 28	18

November 2018

Zambia	Easy Birding in South Luangwa	  	Fri 2	52
Scotland	Autumn in the Scottish Highlands	   	Sat 3	17
Gambia	West African Birdwatch		Tue 6	46
Argentina	Wildlife & Glaciers of Patagonia	  	Fri 9	65
Colombia	Colombia's Birding Highlights	 	Fri 9	67
India	Birds & Big Cats	 	Sat 10	56
Taiwan	Endemics & Winter Migrants	 	Sat 10	59
Iceland	Harlequins & Northern Lights in Winter		Thu 15	32
India	Birds & Tigers in Central India	 	Fri 23	56
Guyana	Rainforests, Savannas & Wetlands	  	Sat 24	68
Japan	Japan's Spectacular Winter Wildlife	 	Sat 24	57
Sri Lanka	Blue Whales, Dolphins & Leopards	  	Sat 24	58

December 2018

Spain	Wallcreepers & Cranes in Aragón		Sun 2	40
Spain	Secret Wilderness of Extremadura		Sat 22	42



January-June 2019

January 2019

South Africa	The Cape & Karoo	  	Sat 5	49
Guatemala	Quetzal Quest in the Land of the Maya	 	Sat 19	68
New Zealand	New Zealand's Southern Wonderland	  	Sat 19	62
England	Bugs 'n' Beasts Indoors		Sat 26	16
Spain	Iberian Lynx Quest	 	Sat 26	41

February 2019

Ethiopia	Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife	 	Mon 4	45
Trinidad & Tobago	The Asa Wright Experience		Thu 7	70
Estonia	Steller's Eider Weekend		Fri 15	24
Costa Rica	Cloud Forests, Jungles & Volcanoes	  	Sat 16	67
Ghana	Quest for the Picathartes	 	Wed 20	46
Netherlands	What's Good for the Goose...		Thu 21	35
Botswana, Zambia Namibia	Endemics & Migrants in Kalahari Waterways	 	Sat 23	45
Iceland	Winter Orcas & Auroras	 	Thu 28	31
Poland	Poland's Winter Wildlife	 	Thu 28	36

March 2019

France	The Dordogne in Early Spring		Fri 1	28
Kenya	Kenya's Birds & Wildlife	 	Fri 1	47
Malaysia	Peninsular Birding	 	Fri 1	57
Sri Lanka	Blue Whales, Dolphins & Leopards	  	Sun 3	58
Mexico	Mexico's Great Migrations	  	Wed 6	69
Morocco	High Atlas, Sahara & Atlantic Coast		Sun 10	48
South Africa	Flora & Fauna of the Drakensberg & Zululand	  	Tue 12	50
Germany	Brandenburg Crane & Goose Concerto		Thu 14	30
Iceland	Harlequins & Northern Lights in Winter		Thu 14	32
Sri Lanka	Birds & Mammals of Sri Lanka	  	Fri 15	59
Cyprus	Spring Birds & Flowers	 	Tue 19	24
Spain	Secret Wilderness of Extremadura		Sat 23	42
Norway & Finland	Northern Lights and Lapland Birds	 	Sun 24	26

April 2019

Portugal	The Alentejo & Algarve in Spring		Sat 6	37
Mexico	Great Whales of Mexico's Pacific Coast	 	Sun 7	69
Trinidad	Easy Birding in Trinidad	 	Sun 7	70
Slovakia	Spring Birding in Slovakia		Tue 9	39

Crete	Crete's Spring Flowers & Birds	 	Fri 12	23
England	Dorset's Coastal Migrants		Fri 12	15
China	Sichuan's Sensational Mammals & Birds	  	Sat 13	55
Montenegro, Albania	The Unknown Adriatic		Sat 13	34
Scotland	Lewis & Harris – Seabirds & Standing Stones		Thu 25	16
Sweden	Scandinavian Spring		Thu 25	42

May 2019

Corsica	Mountains in the Med	 	Wed 1	23
Scotland	Orkney's Wildlife & Prehistory	 	Thu 2	17
Romania	Focus on the Danube Delta	   	Sat 4	38
Spain	Pyrenees & Plains		Sat 4	41
Belarus	Secret Wildlife Wilderness	 	Sun 5	21
Tanzania	Birds & Mammals of the Serengeti & Beyond	 	Sun 5	51
Poland	Primeval Forests & Marshes	 	Mon 6	35
Madeira	Birds, Whales & Dolphins of Madeira	 	Thu 9	33
England	Lancashire Long Weekend in Spring		Fri 10	14
France	Spring Birds, Orchids & Prehistory in Wild Dordogne		Sat 11	28
Hungary	Steppe & Forests in Spring		Sat 11	30
Hungary	Spring Photography of the Steppe & Forests	  	Sun 19	31
Slovenia	Brown Bear Photography	  	Sun 19	40
England	Isles of Scilly in Spring		Fri 31	15

June 2019

Borneo	Borneo's Wildlife	  	Sun 2	54
Romania	Romania's Wildlife Highlights	  	Sun 2	38
Ireland	The Burren & Aran Islands	 	Wed 5	33
France	Spring in the Vercors	   	Sat 8	29
Romania	Birds & Bears in Transylvania	 	Sun 9	39
Brazil	Wildlife of the North & South Pantanal	 	Fri 14	66
France	Birds, Butterflies & Wildflowers of Dordogne	   	Sat 15	27
Canada	Wildlife of the Canadian Rockies	    	Sun 16	72
Finland	Brown Bear Explorer	 	Sun 16	25
Mongolia	Birding the Land of Genghis Khan	 	Sun 16	58
Bulgaria	Butterflies & Birds of Bulgaria	  	Thu 20	22
Zambia	Classic South Luangwa Safari	  	Fri 21	52
Sweden	Butterflies & Dragonflies	  	Mon 24	43
Chile	Total Solar Eclipse 2019	 	Thu 27	66

July-December 2019

July 2019

France	Macro Photography in the Pyrenees	   	Sat 6	29
Finland	Brown Bear Explorer	 	Sun 7	25
Scotland	The Splendours of Wester Ross	   	Mon 8	19
Iceland	Principally Puffins	  	Fri 12	32
Scotland	Outer Hebrides in Summer	 	Sat 13	18
Poland	Butterflies & Moths of Southern Poland	 	Sun 14	37
Papua New Guinea	Birds-of-Paradise		Wed 17	63
Canary Islands	Birds & Cetaceans in the Canary Islands	 	Fri 19	22
Finland	Boreal Predators Photography	 	Sat 27	26
Finland	Brown Bear Explorer	 	Sun 28	25

August 2019

South Africa	Spring Flowers from the Cape to the Kalahari	  	Fri 9	49
Canada	Grand Manan's Coastal Wonders	 	Fri 16	72
Austria	Around Lake Neusiedl	 	Sat 17	21
Netherlands	Waders in Friesland		Sat 17	34
Madagascar	Land of the Lemur	 	Tue 27	47
Armenia	Cranes, Raptors & Culture		Thu 29	54

September 2019

South Africa	Natural Highlights of South Africa	   	Mon 2	50
Australia	Jewels of the Kimberley	 	Thu 5	62
USA	North Utah, Grand Teton & Yellowstone	 	Fri 6	73
France	Camargue & Pyrenees in Autumn	  	Sat 7	27
Poland	Birding in Krakow & the Carpathians	 	Sat 7	36
Romania	Focus on the Danube Delta	   	Sat 7	38
Spain	Pyrenees & Plains		Sat 7	41
Estonia	Autumn Migration in the Baltic		Fri 20	25
USA	Wildlife of Southern Utah & the Grand Canyon		Fri 20	73
Australia	Islands, Rivers & Ranges	 	Sat 21	61
Georgia	Georgia's Raptor Migration	 	Sat 21	55
Portugal	The Alentejo & Algarve in Autumn		Sat 21	37
Sweden	Autumn Migration in Sweden	 	Sat 21	43
Uganda	Shoebills, Primates & Tree-climbing Lions	 	Fri 27	51

October 2019

Hungary	Steppe & Forests in Autumn		Sat 5	30
Spain	Secret Wilderness of Extremadura		Sat 5	42
Bolivia	Birding in the Heart of South America	 	Wed 9	65
Germany	Brandenburg Crane & Goose Concerto		Thu 10	30
England	Dorset's Coastal Migrants		Fri 11	15
England	Lancashire Long Weekend in Autumn		Fri 11	14
Scotland	Outer Hebrides in Autumn	 	Sat 12	18
Namibia	Skeleton Coast & Etosha	 	Sun 13	48
Scotland	Autumn in the Scottish Highlands	   	Sat 19	17
Spain	Iberian Lynx Quest	 	Sat 19	41
China	Sichuan's Sensational Mammals & Birds	  	Sat 26	55
Scotland	Islay & Jura in Autumn	  	Tue 29	18
Australia	Top End Birding	 	Thu 31	61

November 2019

Gambia	West African Birdwatch		Tue 5	46
Argentina	Wildlife & Glaciers of Patagonia	  	Fri 8	65
India	Birds & Big Cats	 	Sat 9	56
Taiwan	Endemics & Winter Migrants	 	Sun 10	59
Iceland	Harlequins & Northern Lights in Winter		Thu 14	32
Zambia	Easy Birding in South Luangwa	  	Fri 15	52
Guyana	Rainforests, Savannahs & Wetlands	  	Sun 17	68
Colombia	Colombia's Birding Highlights	 	Fri 22	67
Japan	Japan's Spectacular Winter Wildlife	 	Sat 23	57
Sri Lanka	Blue Whales, Dolphins & Leopards	  	Sun 24	58
India	Birds & Tigers in Central India	 	Thu 28	56

December 2019

Spain	Wallcreepers & Cranes in Aragón		Sun 1	40
Spain	Secret Wilderness of Extremadura		Sat 21	42

April 2020

Mexico	Great Whales of Mexico's Pacific Coast	 	Mon 6	69
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The British Isles

Our collection of short breaks and holidays in the British Isles is expanding in response to your increased demand for enjoying a superb diversity of wildlife close to home. We offer tutored weekend photography breaks and coastal 'migration watches', to week-long holidays in the Outer Hebrides, Orkney, Scilly Isles and Scottish Highlands, encompassing such diverse subjects as breeding birds, raptors, Neolithic monuments, subtropical gardens and the autumn deer rut!



England



Lancashire Long Weekend in Spring

- ✓ Search for a variety of waders in Morecambe Bay
- ✓ Visit the Forest of Bowland for hen harrier, ring ouzel & dipper
- ✓ See marsh harrier, bittern & bearded tit in Leighton Moss

Join Ed Hutchings in the picturesque county of Lancashire for a long weekend of exceptional birdwatching. Visiting a mix of inland and coastal nature reserves we are able to enjoy a diverse range of species along with some beautiful scenery.

Spring heralds the migration of waders to the northern latitudes and in Morecambe Bay, which at this time of year serves as a feeding ground for a quarter of a million wading birds, ducks and geese, we should see whimbrel, greenshank and dunlin passing through. Inland, the peatbogs and hedgerows will be alive with the sound of birdsong, making it a favourable time to visit. At Leighton Moss, we hope to see specialities such as marsh harrier, peregrine falcon, bittern, bearded tit, Cetti's warbler and, if very lucky, we might even catch a glimpse of an otter.

We shall also visit the fabulous Forest of Bowland, where the hills and valleys hold such species as ring ouzel, dipper, stonechat and, with luck, hen harrier. At Foulshaw Moss, a lowland raised peatbog of international importance, we'll look for breeding tree pipits and redpoll, and our visit should coincide with the arrival of ospreys returning from their wintering grounds in Africa.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Arrive in Lancaster
Days 2-3	Birdwatching excursions around Lancashire
Day 4	Morning birding excursion; tour concludes after lunch

DEPARTURE	Fri 10 - Mon 13 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good quality hotel
PRICE FROM	£745 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£185
PRICE INCLUDES	Accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ed Hutchings
TOUR CODE	UK16



England



Lancashire Long Weekend in Autumn

- ✓ Explore the Ribble Estuary – a key wetland along the East Atlantic Flyway wetlands
- ✓ Witness the sight of thousands of wintering pink-footed geese
- ✓ See huge numbers of wintering waders

Autumn is a wonderful time for birdwatching on the Lancashire coast, as thousands of wildfowl and waders migrate to the wetlands and grasslands of this part of north-west England. Some birds merely pass through and continue their southward migration, while others make Lancashire their winter home.

We visit some of the UK's finest nature reserves along the north-west coast including Leighton Moss, the largest reedbed in north-west England and home to breeding bitterns, bearded tits and marsh harriers. We'll also visit the Ribble Estuary National Nature Reserve – the UK's most important site for wintering wildfowl, supporting a staggering 250,000 ducks, geese, swans and waders, and one of the chain of wetlands that makes up the East Atlantic Flyway.

Amidst the saltmarsh of Marshside Nature Reserve we search for dashing merlins while skeins of pink-footed geese fly overhead. In Morecambe Bay we look for Bewick's swan, twite and tree sparrow, and we also hope to witness the spectacular sight of a starling murmuration as the birds settle down to roost for the night.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Arrive in Lancaster
Days 2-3	Birdwatching excursions around Lancashire
Day 4	Morning birding excursion; tour concludes after lunch

DEPARTURES	Fri 26 - Mon 29 October 2018 Fri 11 - Mon 14 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good quality hotel
PRICE FROM	£695 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£155
PRICE INCLUDES	Accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ed Hutchings
TOUR CODE	UK17



England



Isles of Scilly in Spring

- ✓ Enjoy sightings of rare avian migrants blown off course
- ✓ Savour springtime in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- ✓ Discover extraordinary tropical flora at Tresco Abbey Gardens

It is partly the scale of Scilly that makes it so special – the biggest town is the size of a village, the main road is a tiny winding lane, and the fields seem like walled gardens. On the other hand, the sheer diversity of habitats on the largest island, St Mary's, makes it seem bigger than it is – a mere two and a half miles from end to end!

Add to this the unique character of each of the islands: Tresco with its amazingly varied lush vegetation, heathland and lagoon; St Martin's with its cliffs, sandy beaches and seals offshore; wild Bryher, which takes the full force of the Atlantic breakers; and lovely St Agnes with its cottages and tamarisk-edged bulbfields.

Horse Point on St Agnes is Britain's most south-westerly point. This is the edge of the world for many migrant birds – whether they've strayed too far out into the Atlantic, or headed west beyond Cornwall – and an amazing variety of birds arrives here. Although birds don't occur in great numbers, the excitement of birding in the Scillies is that you simply don't know what you might find – from rare herons to red-rumped swallow, the Scillies at this time of year are a birder's dream destination!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Penzance & ferry to St Mary's
Days 2-7	Walking & boat excursions to enjoy the birds & wildlife of the islands
Day 8	End at Penzance

DEPARTURE	Fri 31 May - Fri 7 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good quality hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,395 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£100
PRICE INCLUDES	Return ferry from Penzance, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Will Wagstaff
TOUR CODE	UK3



England



Dorset's Coastal Migrants

- ✓ Enjoy impressive bird migration from Dorset's shoreline
- ✓ Expert guidance from local naturalist Bob Ford
- ✓ Explore RSPB reserves for Cetti's warbler, bearded tit & migrating hobby

Join local naturalist Bob Ford as we go back to our roots on a short birding break in the wonderful coastal county of Dorset, and stay at one of its very best hotels! South Dorset, with the Isle of Portland extending out into the English Channel, includes some of the best sites in Britain – and some would say in Europe – to witness the spectacle of bird migration.

Each spring and autumn thousands of migrants break their long journeys by resting on Portland's agricultural land and along the shoreline. The fields and hedgerows at these times of year can be alive with warblers, chats and flycatchers, with wheatears on the open fields. Offshore, seabirds such as skuas and shearwaters stream past the tip of the island while auks, including common guillemots, razorbills and a few puffins can be seen on the high cliffs, often in the company of a growing population of peregrine falcons and ravens.

Portland is also famous for producing a surprise or two and in the nearby RSPB reserves of Radipole and Lodmoor we can hope to see bearded tit, Cetti's warbler and migrating hobby.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Weymouth station or Isle of Portland
Days 2-3	Birding & wildlife excursions around south Dorset
Day 4	End at Weymouth station

DEPARTURES	Mon 15 - Wed 17 October 2018 Fri 12 - Sun 14 April 2019 Fri 11 - Sun 13 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good quality hotel with stunning views of Portland Harbour
PRICE FROM	£495 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£115
PRICE INCLUDES	Accommodation, meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Bob Ford
TOUR CODE	UK2



England



Bugs 'n' Beasts Indoors

- ✓ Photograph an exquisite assemblage of insect species
- ✓ Learn from expert macro photographers Alex Hyde & Bret Charman
- ✓ Enjoy an opportunity to diversify your portfolio

We are bringing a tropical rainforest to the Midlands! Using captive-bred subjects like mantids, scorpions, and tarantulas, we recreate the experience of photography in a rainforest and similar exciting tropical habitats. Good close-ups and portraits of such animals are always dramatic, but taking photos of these creatures is not necessarily straightforward and can seem challenging.

Join award-winning wildlife photographers Alex Hyde and Bret Charman at Bishops Wood Field Centre, as they introduce and explain the principles and techniques of photographing small invertebrates.

Concepts and techniques will be demonstrated, then, working in small groups or individually with Alex and Bret's guidance, you can put what you have learnt into practice. The aim is to arrange an informative and enjoyable weekend so you leave with a selection of pleasing images and a new set of skills that you can put into practice on your next trip abroad, or while visiting your local nature reserve.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Photography workshop activities, Bishops Wood Field Centre
- Day 2 Photography workshop activities, Bishops Wood Field Centre

DEPARTURE	Sat 26 - Sun 27 January 2019
ACCOMMODATION	No accommodation included
PRICE FROM	£450 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	N/A
PRICE INCLUDES	Photography tuition, coffee breaks & lunches, selection of live invertebrates to be used as subjects
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADERS	Alex Hyde & Bret Charman
TOUR CODE	UK13



Scotland



Lewis & Harris – Seabirds & Standing Stones

- ✓ Enjoy exceptional opportunities to see merlin & golden eagle
- ✓ View waders in machair grassland & divers in breeding plumage
- ✓ Explore the islands' rich history, including Callanish Neolithic site

The neighbouring islands of Lewis and Harris in the Outer Hebrides are renowned for their wild, windswept beauty, with glorious white beaches, rugged moorland and lochs in the east. All these habitats can be found within just a few minutes' drive of each other, and it is this diversity, packed into a small area, that gives these isles such a wealth of birds.

The former has extensive moorlands, and the latter high mountains, but both possess the typical vegetation of machair grassland where waders and corncrakes nest, wonderful coastlines for seabirds, and offer what is probably the best chance in Britain of seeing four species of diver in breeding plumage.

Lewis has one of the highest densities of breeding merlins in Europe, and Harris is similarly endowed with golden eagles. Both are outstanding for breeding wildfowl and waders. Add to this the wonderful wild scenery and you have the ingredients for a great British birding holiday!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Meet at Stornoway airport & transfer to Carloway
- Days 2-3 Birdwatching & wildlife excursions around the islands
- Day 4 End at Stornoway airport

DEPARTURE	Thu 25 April - Wed 1 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Charming mid-range hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,295 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	No single supplement
PRICE INCLUDES	Transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ed Hutchings
TOUR CODE	UK4



Scotland



Orkney's Wildlife & Prehistory

- ✓ Visit Orkney's RSPB reserves, rich in flora & fauna
- ✓ Enjoy some of Europe's finest archaeological monuments
- ✓ Observe huge numbers of guillemot, razorbill, puffin & fulmar

We spend five spring nights on the green isles of the north in search of huge numbers of breeding birds, an excellent array of northern flowers, and some of Europe's finest archaeological monuments.

The Orkney archipelago is a complex jigsaw of land and water, while the land is a varied patchwork of cliffs, beaches, rich farmland, wetland, lochs and dry moorland.

The fertility of both the land and the sea, and the sheer diversity of habitat, give rise to a corresponding wealth of wildlife – particularly birds – and Orkney boasts several reserves that protect them.

Huge numbers of guillemot, razorbill, puffin, kittiwake and fulmar populate the cliffs, breeding wildfowl and waders frequent the small lochans, and short-eared owls quarter the moorland, along with both great and Arctic skua and a few hen harriers.

This is lovely walking country, and we take some fine walks along cliffs and over moorland. Wildflowers also abound, including the minute and vivid Scottish primrose, a British endemic.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Stromness
Days 2-5	Wildlife & birdwatching excursions in & around the Orkneys
Day 6	End at Stromness

DEPARTURE	Thu 2 - Tue 7 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Loch-side hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,295 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£265
PRICE INCLUDES	Transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ed Hutchings
TOUR CODE	UK5



Scotland



Autumn in the Scottish Highlands

- ✓ Search for native birds including capercaillie & Scottish crossbill
- ✓ See magnificent bellowing stags against the backdrop of the Cairngorms
- ✓ Explore the atmospheric highlands in their golden autumn hues

The Scottish Highlands are at their most dramatic in late autumn, when rich colours permeate the trees, mists linger in the glens and red deer stag roar in the hills during the rutting season.

We visit ancient Caledonian pine forests, moorland and lower mountain slopes, as well as the highland glens and lochs, and also venture to the coast of the Moray Firth.

Exploring nearby Loch Garten and Abernethy Forest Reserves, we search for common and Scottish crossbill, crested tit, capercaillie, black grouse, red squirrel and red deer, while in Strathdearn we should see brown and mountain hares, golden eagle, peregrine, raven, dipper and plenty of red deer. White-tailed eagles are a possibility here too.

On the coast we hope to see red-breasted merganser, long-tailed duck, common and velvet scoters and eider, plus various auks and gannets. There may also be time to visit the Black Isle to look for red kite, and Chanonry Point to see bottlenose dolphins, seals and otters.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Inverness & transfer to Grantown-on-Spey
Days 2-7	Birding & wildlife excursions
Day 8	End at Inverness

DEPARTURES	Sat 3 - Sat 10 November 2018 Sat 19 - Sat 26 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,345 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£225
PRICE INCLUDES	Transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ashley Grove
TOUR CODE	UK9



Scotland



Outer Hebrides in Summer & Autumn

- ✓ Explore the wilderness – home to raptors, waders & red deer
- ✓ Enjoy the summer wildflowers & breeding bird colonies
- ✓ See the beaches & lochs come alive with migrants

This beautiful corner of Britain is renowned for its wild and windswept beauty, with glorious white beaches and rugged moorland indented with numerous lochs to the east.

In summer the machair is in full bloom, with multi-coloured patches of kidney and tufted vetch, and white and red clover creating a stunning, sweet-smelling display. Waders breed in abundance, divers in breeding plumage frequent the lochs, golden eagles soar overhead, and there's a chance of seeing storm petrel and cetaceans.

Autumn is arguably one of the most exciting times of year as the islands teem with migrant birds. The beaches are full of waders, while the lochs come alive with wildfowl arriving from the north. Raptors are everywhere, and the bellowing of rutting red deer stags breaks the still morning air. Otters are easier to spot as they enjoy the renewed quiet in the seaweed-strewn arms of the eastern lochs, which also provide shelter for harbour seals.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Benbecula airport
Days 2-6	Wildlife & birding excursions around the islands
Day 7	End at Benbecula airport

DEPARTURES

Sat 13 - Fri 19 October 2018
Sat 13 - Fri 19 July 2019
Sat 12 - Fri 18 October 2019

ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable hotel

PRICE FROM

£1,245 (land only)

SINGLE SUPP

No single supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

Transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE

7

LEADER

Ed Hutchings

TOUR CODE

UK6 & UK7



Scotland



Islay & Jura in Autumn

- ✓ Enjoy the magnificent spectacle of 50,000 wintering geese
- ✓ See stunning landscapes & enjoy fascinating history
- ✓ Find a diverse range of raptors, waders & waterfowl

Most famous for its malt whisky, Islay is also rich in cultural history and has abundant birdlife. Its 200 kilometres of coastline offer many wonderful opportunities to observe a variety of species including red-billed chough, twite and waders, alongside a variety of waterfowl that includes scaup, teal, shoveler, pintail and many more.

However, it is the farmland that causes this island to be a mecca for wintering thrushes and geese, thousands of which descend on its fields and estuaries in autumn, with both golden and white-tailed eagles taking advantage of the bounty. Other raptors include Merlin, buzzard, and there's an excellent chance of short-eared owl.

With the island of Jura only a stone's throw away, we spend a full day exploring its rugged landscape, dominated by 'The Paps'. Here, the red deer outnumber people by 20:1 and the rocky coastline is a stronghold for otters.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Glasgow
Day 2	Drive to Kennacraig & ferry to Islay
Day 3	Explore The Oa in the south
Day 4	Loch Gruinart & Gruinart Falls
Day 5	Visit neighbouring Jura
Day 6	Explore The Rhinns & the west coast
Day 7	Ferry to Kennacraig & drive to Glasgow

DEPARTURES

Sun 28 October - Sat 3 November 2018
Tue 29 October - Mon 4 November 2019

ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable mid-range hotel

PRICE FROM

£1,295 (land only)

SINGLE SUPP

£200

PRICE INCLUDES

Transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE

7

LEADER

Louise Hughes

TOUR CODE

UK20





The Splendours of Wester Ross

- ✓ Stunning scenery, beautifully located hotels & fine local food
- ✓ Raptors such as golden & white-tailed eagles, hen harrier & merlin
- ✓ Large numbers of otters, huge seabird colonies & cetaceans

The north-west region of the Scottish Highlands is one of the wildest landscapes the UK has to offer, where dramatic mountains meet the full force of the Atlantic Ocean. It is the Scotland we dream of: big skies, stunning mountains and crystal clear seas, demonstrating that you don't have to travel far in search of magical experiences. This land abounds with wildlife and tales of a turbulent history, from the beginning of the clans to the Highland Clearances in the 18th and 19th centuries.

From our pick-up point on the fertile east coast we head west, spending six days travelling through a mosaic of habitats of both land and sea. The mountains of the west rise in spectacular fashion straight up from sea level. We pass iconic hills such as Stac Pollaidh, Suilven, Beinn Eighe and Liathach, witnessing some of the UK's most dramatic and interesting examples of geology – and some of the oldest on Earth. These are home to both golden and white-tailed eagles which cruise the skies above, as well as the smallest of the falcons, the diminutive merlin, a master of speed and agility.

Early on we explore a remote island in the far north-west that is home to 'cities' of seabirds including puffins and other auks, fulmars, kittiwakes and skuas. We visit stunning beaches and rugged coastlines where we have a chance of seeing the elusive otter, marine mammals and an abundance of birds including black and red-throated divers.

We also enjoy an epic journey over the Bealach na Bà (the Pass of the Cattle) on the Applecross Peninsula, which boasts the steepest ascent of any road in the UK and can, on a clear day, offer spectacular views across to Skye and the islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Here, as on every other day, we discover the complex relationship people have had with the land, which includes the construction of this historic drovers' road and the often turbulent history of these challenging landscapes.

We finish the week deep in a Highland glen, once again witnessing more changes to the land brought about by humans, but in search of red deer and some of our migratory summer birds including cuckoos, whinchat and wheatear, with yet another chance to try and observe the majestic golden eagle.

Throughout the trip we are treated to the delicious local food that the area has to offer as we relax in comfortable accommodation with stunning views, including three nights at the beautifully located Eddrachilles Hotel.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Inverness & drive to Scourie
Day 2	Handa Island
Day 3	Clachtoll Bay, Lochinver, Inverkirkaig & Stac Pollaidh
Day 4	Gairloch Loop
Day 5	Applecross Peninsula
Day 6	Drive via Strathconon to Inverness



DEPARTURE	Mon 8 July - Sat 13 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable small hotels with excellent dining
PRICE FROM	£1,095 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£215
PRICE INCLUDES	Transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Louise Hughes
TOUR CODE	UK21



Europe

We offer a wide choice of natural history holidays in Europe, generally no longer than nine days in duration and all within easy reach of the UK. From photographing brown bears in Finland to enjoying bird migration on Mediterranean islands, looking for Iberian lynx in the mountains of southern Spain or exploring the birdlife of great wetlands, our holidays in Europe reflect the continent's rich variety of wildlife and landscapes.



Austria



Around Lake Neusiedl

- ✓ Varied habitats within easy reach of our family-run hotel
- ✓ An introduction to some of central Europe's most desirable species
- ✓ The added excitement of passage migrants

Neusiedl has long been a firm favourite of ours: it is one of Europe's largest lakes, and one of the very best for birds. To the east lie the splendid wetlands of the Seewinkel, and the start of the Great Hungarian Plain; to the north, the riverine forests of the March; and to the west, the pine-clad foothills of the Austrian Alps, which we access via a scenic rack-and-pinion railway.

This rich tapestry of habitats supports a fabulous range of species, with many of central Europe's most desirable birds frequently encountered, including ferruginous duck, red-crested pochard, great bustard, black and Syrian woodpeckers, penduline tit, golden oriole and red-backed shrike – to name but a few.

Tucked-away corners of reeds still harbour bluethroat, while the lake's more open shores – a summer home to Kentish plover, avocet and black-winged stilt – lure passing waders such as ruff, spotted redshank, and Temminck's and little stints.

Based in a wonderful family-run hotel in the sleepy market town of Illmitz, only an hour's drive from Vienna, this holiday offers a leisurely introduction to central Europe's fantastic avifauna, featuring easy walks and a mix of sumptuous picnics and sit-down lunches at one of the region's many excellent gasthofs.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Vienna & transfer to Illmitz
Days 2-7	Birding in & around Lake Neusiedl
Day 8	Transfer to Vienna & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 17 - Sat 24 August 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small, characterful, family-run hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,695
SINGLE SUPP	£200
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	AUST2



Belarus



Secret Wildlife Wilderness

- ✓ Azure tit, great grey owl, lekking great snipe & aquatic warbler among the birding highlights
- ✓ Elk, bison & wild boar, with the possibility of wolf & lynx
- ✓ Experience the habitats of a bygone Europe

Imagine a land of ancient forests, meandering rivers, the biggest marshes and fens on the continent, and roads where you hardly ever meet any traffic – this is the wild country of Belarus!

We begin in the fabled marshes of Pripjat National Park which play host to numerous migrant waders including Terek and marsh sandpipers, alongside lekking great snipe, countless corncrake, bluethroat, great reed warbler and the beautiful azure tit.

In the primeval forests of Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park, a land where bison, wolves and European lynx still roam, we go in search of collared and red-breasted flycatchers, hazel grouse, icterine warbler and eight species of woodpecker, not to mention raptors that include lesser and greater spotted eagles, goshawk and honey buzzard. We also visit a breeding site for great grey owl and try for pygmy and Tengmalm's owls in the evening.

Our stay in Belarus concludes in Sporava Reserve, which protects a huge percentage of the world's aquatic warbler population, widely regarded as the rarest songbird in Europe.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Minsk & transfer to Turov
Days 2-3	Pripjat National Park
Days 4-5	Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park
Days 6-7	Sporava Reserve
Day 8	Transfer to Minsk & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 5 - Sun 12 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple tourist class hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,845
SINGLE SUPP	£215
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	István Pentek
TOUR CODE	BELA1



Bulgaria



Butterflies & Birds of Bulgaria

- ✓ Enjoy superb opportunities to see rare & endemic butterflies
- ✓ Explore the Eastern Rhodopes – excellent for large birds of prey
- ✓ Visit flowering meadows, pine forests & dramatic gorges

Bulgaria's location on the Balkan peninsula gives rise to two distinct climatic zones and, as a consequence, the country's butterfly fauna is some of the richest in Europe with a recorded 218 species. This includes rarities and endemics such as Frivaldsky's white-banded grayling and Higgin's anomalous blue. Other European species unique to these and adjacent areas include inky skipper, Mediterranean skipper, lesser Bath white and olive bee hawk-moth. Many species that exist here have stable native populations – such as the Apollo, which has seen an abrupt decline elsewhere in continental Europe.

As well as the fabulous wealth of butterfly species, during our stays in south-western and south-eastern Bulgaria, we have a fantastic opportunity to see some of Europe's largest raptors. A visit to the Eastern Rhodope Mountains, one of the best locations in Europe to witness large birds of prey, will hopefully reward us with sightings of golden, booted, lesser spotted and short-toed eagles, along with long-legged buzzard and many other species of smaller and larger birds.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Sofia & transfer to Melnik
- Days 2-3 Butterfly & birding excursions around Melnik
- Days 4-5 Western Rhodope Mountains
- Days 6-8 Eastern Rhodope Mountains
- Day 9 Transfer to Sofia & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 20 - Fri 28 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small, comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,195
SINGLE SUPP	£95
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADERS	Dr. Stoyan Beshkov & Assen Ignatov
TOUR CODE	BULG3



Canary Islands



Birds & Cetaceans in the Canary Islands

- ✓ View a variety of bird & marine life from both land & sea
- ✓ Search for Barolo shearwater, a rare Macaronesian endemic
- ✓ Explore two of the seven islands that make up the archipelago

On this holiday we scratch beneath the surface of the popular holiday hotspot of Tenerife to discover its wealth of birdlife and cetaceans.

Due to their isolated location, the flora and fauna of the Canary Islands have evolved to create a variety of endemic species across Macaronesia, as well as on each individual island. On Tenerife we hope to see endemic bird species such as the Tenerife blue chaffinch, Tenerife blue tit, Tenerife goldcrest and Canary Islands chiffchaff, while in La Gomera's laurel forests we search for Bolle's pigeon and laurel pigeon. Our visit coincides with the return of many seabirds to the islands, and we hope to see the rare Macaronesian endemic – the Barolo shearwater – along with Cory's shearwater, Bulwer's petrel, and black-crowned night heron.

During our stay we also take to the seas in search of the resident cetaceans, with short-finned pilot whale and bottlenose dolphins among the likely sightings.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Tenerife & transfer to Corona Forestal National Park
- Day 2 Cetacean watching trip; afternoon birding excursion
- Day 3 Full day birding in north Tenerife
- Day 4 Full day visit to La Gomera
- Day 5 Morning birding around Mount Teide & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 19 - Tue 23 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small, good quality hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,545
SINGLE SUPP	£150
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	SPA10



Corsica



Mountains in the Med

- ✓ Search for endemic birdlife including Corsican nuthatch
- ✓ Encounter seabirds & migratory species along the coast
- ✓ Enjoy Corsica's exquisite flora including the pink butterfly orchid

Largely untouched by tourist development, Corsica is one of the most rugged and mountainous islands in the Mediterranean. From its clear dark-blue seas, and the lush forests of the lower slopes, to the white snow-capped peaks of its highest mountains, the island offers a superb variety of both scenery and wildlife.

From the comfort of a delightful family-run hotel we take to the mountains in search of the endemic Corsican nuthatch and other prized species such as Corsican citril finch and lammergeier, alongside some stunning wildflowers that include Corsican crocus, Corsican hellebore and the dramatic butterfly orchid.

Transferring to our next base near Bastia on the coast, we visit the Etang de Bigugila, Corsica's premier wetland site. This coastal lagoon has good numbers of reed, Cetti's and fan-tailed warblers. Other birds we should see in this area include bee-eaters, Audouin's gull and Cory's shearwater, along with a variety of herons, egrets and waders.

We also visit Cap Corse in the north, widely regarded as one of the best migration watchpoints in the western Mediterranean. This regularly turns up a good range of grounded migrants as well as the resident Marmora's warbler.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Bastia & transfer to Corte
Days 2-4	Birdwatching around Restonica Gorge
Days 5-7	Visit Etang de Bigugila & Cap Copse
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Wed 1 - Wed 8 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Characterful, good quality hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,895
SINGLE SUPP	£245
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Alice Hunter
TOUR CODE	FRAN3



Crete



Crete's Spring Flowers & Birds

- ✓ Over 40 species of orchid, including the endemic Cretan bee orchid
- ✓ Enjoy the island's spectacular scenery & rich history
- ✓ Lammergeier, little crane & Rüppell's warbler

This rugged island – the largest of the Greek islands and the fifth largest in the Mediterranean – has a mountainous spine that rises to nearly 2,500 metres which, during the spring, provides a spectacular snow-capped backdrop almost wherever we go.

Crete's remarkable geology, along with its isolation from mainland Europe, Asia and Africa, has endowed it with a unique and diverse flora – no less than one tenth of all its plants (some 180 species) are endemic to the island. For anyone interested in botany, the orchids are many and varied: Cretan bee, bumblebee, yellow bee, Marengo, milky, Provence and Bory's toothed orchids are all found here.

The range of avian species is almost equally diverse, and along the coast near Chania we should see wood sandpiper, along with smaller numbers of little stint, ruff and black-winged stilt. The high mountains and deep gorges provide a refuge for the endangered lammergeier, while other raptors include golden and Bonelli's eagles, griffon vulture, a trio of falcons – Eleonora's, peregrine and lanner – plus tawny and little owls. During our one-week stay we can also hope to see hoopoe, European bee-eater, wryneck, red-throated pipit, black-eared wheatear and woodchat shrike.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Heraklion & transfer to Chania
Days 2-5	Wildlife excursions around Chania
Days 6-7	Wildlife excursions around Heraklion
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 12 - Fri 19 April 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,295
SINGLE SUPP	£95
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals, & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Barry Embling
TOUR CODE	GREE1



Cyprus



Spring Birds & Flowers

- ✓ A relaxing single-centre holiday filled with fantastic birds & botany
- ✓ Witness the spring migration in full flow
- ✓ Superb hospitality & cuisine

This relaxed trip has been one of our staples for more than 20 years and offers time to enjoy gentle walks amidst the birds and flowers of this compelling island. Lying on the migration route of birds flying from sub-Saharan Africa north through Egypt and over the eastern Mediterranean into Europe, Cyprus is one of the most exciting places we know to watch the spring migration.

There's plenty of landscape variety as we explore the Paphos headland and the west coast, venture into the snow-capped Troodos Mountains, and visit beaches, wetlands and salt pans. The avian activity can be dramatic, with large flocks of herons of up to six species passing close over the sea, hoopoes, larks and wagtails flying in, and parties of common, pallid and alpine swifts and red-rumped swallow low overhead.

Like so much of the rest of the island, the areas around the Paphos headland are a blaze of colour at this time, carpeted with yellow crown daisies, scarlet poppies and pink convolvulus. In the late afternoons, the colour changes to blue, as lovely Barbary nut irises open in the warm sunshine. And among the many orchids we hope to find during our stay are giant, Syrian and naked man, as well as bee-orchids such as omega, Mount Carmel and the endemic Cyprus ophrys.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Larnaca & transfer to Paphos
- Days 2-7 Birding & wildlife excursions around the island
- Day 8 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Tue 19 - Tue 26 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,865
SINGLE SUPP	£180
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals, & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Jane Stylianou
TOUR CODE	CYPR1



Estonia



Steller's Eider Weekend

- ✓ Enjoy a revitalising long weekend of birding on the Baltic
- ✓ Opportunity to see the exquisite Steller's eider
- ✓ Excellent chance of owl & woodpecker species

Few places in Europe can match Estonia's amazing birdlife – whatever the time of year – and in winter dense flocks of Europe's most endangered sea-duck, Steller's eider, congregate at the outermost point of Saaremaa Island. Indeed, up to 1,000 individuals may raft together and can often be viewed engaging in elaborate displays. We may see (or hear) lesser spotted woodpecker, nutcracker, great grey shrike and rough-legged buzzard in this area.

We also visit the Poosaspea Peninsula, a spit of land that extends northward out into the Baltic Sea at a major migratory crossroads – indeed this is one of the best places to see Arctic waterbirds. Here it is possible to observe the first massed flights of birds such as common and velvet scoter, long-tailed duck, goldeneye, goosander, red-throated and black-throated divers, and skeins of barnacle, bean and white-fronted geese as they migrate northward up the Baltic Sea.

We also venture into coastal pine forests, where it is possible to see such species as capercaillie, hazel grouse, willow and crested tits, goldcrest and several species of woodpecker, with early evening providing a chance of pygmy, hawk and Ural owls.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Tallinn & transfer to Haapsalu
- Day 2 Saaremaa Island
- Day 3 Roosta
- Day 4 Transfer to Tallinn & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 15 - Mon 18 February 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£925
SINGLE SUPP	£775
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Uku Paal
TOUR CODE	ESTO3



Estonia



Autumn Migration in the Baltic

- ✓ Witness the astonishing southward migration
- ✓ Marvel at the huge flocks of birds in transit
- ✓ See a fantastic mix of waterfowl & passerine species

Estonia, the smallest and northernmost of the Baltic republics, lies at a crossroads on the Eastern Atlantic migratory flyway between the Gulf of Finland, the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea, and Lake Peipsi near the Russian border. More than 50 million waterbirds cross the Estonian coast and marine territories annually, and the record for the highest day-list of bird species in northern Europe was achieved in the Matsalu region, which we visit on this tour!

During the migration season, flocks of southward-moving birds pass through in incredible numbers: on occasion, hundreds of thousands of waterfowl and passerine migrants can be seen flying overhead every day. The peak time to see this natural phenomenon is at the end of September, when Estonia's coastline offers a natural stepping stone between the breeding and wintering areas for millions of Arctic birds – making for awe-inspiring viewing.

But Estonia is not all about non-stop passage migration; the country's long and indented coastline, shallow and sheltered bays, straits, coastal meadows, marshes, lagoons and numerous islands are crucial feeding and stopover sites, allowing plenty of opportunity to observe migrating species alongside the year-round residents.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-3	Fly to Tallinn & transfer to Haapsalu
Days 4-5	Saaremaa Island
Days 6-7	Pärnu
Day 8	Transfer to Tallinn & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 20 - Fri 27 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,695
SINGLE SUPP	£255
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Uku Paal
TOUR CODE	ESTO1



Finland



Brown Bear Explorer

- ✓ Brown bear, wolverine & wolf all possible from purpose-built hides
- ✓ Exceptional photographic opportunities
- ✓ Siberian jay, white-tailed eagle & crested tit among the avian highlights

During this week-long trip at the height of summer, we stay at two carefully selected locations, each equipped with purpose-built hides, where we keep a night-time vigil in the hope of seeing brown bear, wolverine and, with luck, wolf.

The tranquil wilderness of Martinselkonen Nature Reserve is considered one of the best places to see and photograph brown bear in Europe. Lured by the offer of carrion, on occasion up to 20 adults and numerous cubs have been seen in a single night. Travelling south, we next visit Boreal Wildlife Centre where we have further chances to see brown bear alongside wolverine and possibly even wolf.

In addition to some of Europe's most iconic mammals, we also hope to see a variety of northern bird species including Siberian jay, rustic bunting, white-tailed and golden eagles, and a variety of owl and woodpecker species.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Kajaani & transfer to Martinselkonen
Days 2-4	Bear watching & birding
Days 5-7	Bear watching & birding at Boreal Wildlife Centre
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES

Sun 16 - Sun 23 June 2019
Sun 7 - Sun 14 July 2019
Sun 28 July - Sun 4 August 2019

ACCOMMODATION

Wilderness guesthouse with shared facilities & simple bear watching hides/cabins with shared facilities

PRICE FROM

£1,895

SINGLE SUPP

£230

PRICE INCLUDES

Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE

10

LEADER

Jani Määttä

TOUR CODE

FINL1



Finland & Norway



Northern Lights & Lapland Birds

- ✓ Observe king, Steller's & common eiders in breeding plumage
- ✓ See the magnificent natural spectacle of the Aurora Borealis
- ✓ Enjoy a host of Siberian specialities from the comfort of our lodge

This seven-day holiday offers the chance to see the breathtaking Northern Lights by night and stunning Siberian birdlife by day.

We begin our journey amidst the conifers of Finland's immense taiga forest, which harbours species such as Siberian tit, Siberian jay and pine grosbeak, before crossing northward into Norway, whose sheltered coastal waters offer the tantalising prospect of seeing all three species of eider in breeding plumage.

At this time of the year these striking sea-ducks are often found in mixed flocks, the males engaging in elaborate courtship rituals alongside eloquent long-tailed ducks. Nearby Hornøya Island offers a chance to spot common and Brünnich's guillemots, razorbill and puffin, while in the fishing harbour we can expect to see glaucous and Iceland gulls, purple sandpiper and kittiwake.

By late March the days are starting to lengthen, allowing us ample time to search for our target species, while the nights are still long enough to give us a good chance of seeing the Northern Lights in all their glory.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Ivalo & transfer to Kaamanen
Days 2-3	Båtsfjord (Norway)
Days 4-5	Vardø
Day 6	Kaamanen (Finland)
Day 7	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 24 - Sat 30 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£2,875
SINGLE SUPP	£245
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ari Latja
TOUR CODE	FINL2



Finland



Boreal Predators Photography

- ✓ Develop skills with award-winning photographer Bret Charman
- ✓ Capture images of boreal wildlife during the long summer evenings
- ✓ Use specially designed hides to view bear, wolverine & wolf

This five-night trip visits northern Finland's remote boreal forest in search of Europe's largest predators. The European brown bear has lost much of its former range across the continent, but the wealth of untouched forest along the Finnish-Russian border is home to a healthy population of these impressive mammals.

The largest of the land-dwelling mustelids – the wolverine – is restricted to just a handful of countries in northern Europe. During our time in the Finnish wilderness we have an excellent chance of seeing and photographing this seldom-seen solitary animal with a reputation for ferocity and strength.

As it occupies a vast territory and has a history of persecution, seeing a Eurasian wolf poses our greatest challenge. However, they are present in the area, and previous groups have been fortunate enough to witness all three target species in the same evening!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Kajaani & transfer to Kuhmo
Day 2	First night in specialist hides to photograph bears
Day 3	Second night in specialist hides to photograph wolverines
Days 4-5	Third & fourth nights in specialist hides – depending on our success on previous nights, we can choose hides accordingly
Day 6	Transfer to Kajaani & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 27 July - Thu 1 August 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Traditional Finnish log cabin with shared facilities
PRICE FROM	£2,395
SINGLE SUPP	£190
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Bret Charman
TOUR CODE	FINL3



France



Camargue & Pyrenees in Autumn

- ✓ Fantastic mix of Mediterranean & alpine flora & fauna
- ✓ Lagoons full of flamingos, herons & egrets, stilts, waders, gulls & terns
- ✓ Lammergeier & griffon vulture in a spectacular mountain landscape

This exciting seven-night holiday combines the bird-rich marshes and shallow saline pools of the Camargue with the pristine alpine habitat and stunning scenery of the High Pyrenees.

Widely regarded as one of Europe's best-known wetlands and a 'must' for any keen naturalist, the Camargue is filled with birding highlights. 15,000 pairs of greater flamingo breed alongside avocet, black-winged stilt and Kentish plover, while the extensive reedbeds, dykes and shallows support many herons and egrets, including bittern and purple heron, little egret, little bittern, squacco and night herons.

In the High Pyrenees, amongst some of Europe's most inspiring scenery, we can find lammergeier patrolling the cliff-faces, griffon vulture and golden eagle, and both red-billed and Alpine choughs. The pine forests hold citril finch and crossbill, while high on the slopes we can see rock bunting, snow finch, Alpine accentor and possibly wallcreeper. The slopes support a diversity of alpine flowers including merendera – a Pyrenean endemic – while butterflies are also found in good numbers.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Marseille & transfer to the Camargue
- Days 2-4 Wildlife walks & excursions in the Camargue
- Days 5-7 Wildlife walks & excursions from Luz-St-Sauveur
- Day 8 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 7 - Sat 14 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good quality hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,895
SINGLE SUPP	£305
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Ed Hutchings
TOUR CODE	FRAN2



France



Birds, Butterflies & Wildflowers of the Dordogne

- ✓ Search for red-backed shrike, honey buzzard & fan-tailed warbler
- ✓ Discover an abundance of butterflies including Cleopatra & large chequered skipper
- ✓ See a wide variety of wildflowers at their seasonal best

By June bird numbers are at their peak, with summer visitors having arrived and a large number of resident species now with fledglings in tow. In the rich and varied habitats of the Dordogne region we can hope to see species such as hoopoe, golden oriole, crag martin, melodious warbler, serin and rock sparrow.

Around 120 species of butterfly have been recorded in Dordogne – twice the number found in the UK, and wherever you travel the meadows and roadside verges are full of butterflies. Half the species are relatively common, and for the others we take you to some special sites whose highlights are likely to include lesser purple emperor, woodland grayling, illex hairstreak, map, spotted fritillary and short-tailed blue.

For many wild plants the flowering season is at its height in June. Limestone slopes are full of colour from different species of rockrose, vetch and yellowhead. Lavenders, marjoram and thymes add their perfumes. In woodland, and on wet meadows and heaths we find various orchids, as well as geraniums and honeysuckles and a number of ferns, woodrushes and sedges.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Bergerac & transfer to Mauzac
- Days 2-7 Bird, butterfly & botanical excursions in the area
- Day 8 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 15 - Sat 22 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Cosy riverside hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,695
SINGLE SUPP	£290
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADERS	David Simpson (wildlife) & Corine Oosterlee (flowers)
TOUR CODE	FRAN4



France



Spring Birds, Orchids & Prehistory in Wild Dordogne

- ✓ Enjoy the rich spring wildlife, with birds & butterflies aplenty
- ✓ Observe an abundance of orchids – more than 30 species
- ✓ Discover the Dordogne's fascinating prehistory

On gentle woodland walks we keep an eye out for birds such as honey buzzard, Bonelli's warbler, crested tit, woodlark and golden oriole, while in the open meadows and scrub we should find crested lark, melodious warbler, red-backed shrike, corn bunting, stone curlew and courting hen harriers.

The flowers are outstanding: orchids such as lady, man, woodcock and tongue are numerous. Many other flowers are already in full bloom, adding to the beauty of the landscape. Butterflies that are scarce in the UK, such as European swallowtail, Duke of Burgundy and Glanville fritillary as well as southern species, can all be seen here.

The Dordogne is known as the 'cradle of mankind' with a multitude of prehistoric sites, one of which we visit. Villages of honey-coloured stone with Romanesque churches and chateaux dot the picturesque landscape, and the local Périgord cuisine is renowned. This holiday is a gentle affair, designed to offer an introduction to the rich wildlife and history of the region.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Bergerac & transfer to Mauzac
Days 2-7 Easy-paced excursions to enjoy wildlife & prehistory
Day 8 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 11 - Sat 18 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Cosy riverside hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,675
SINGLE SUPP	£300
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADERS	David Simpson (wildlife) & Corine Oosterlee (flowers)
TOUR CODE	FRAN7



France



The Dordogne in Early Spring

- ✓ Search for wallcreeper, plus alpine accentor & eagle owl
- ✓ Enjoy various raptors including all three European kite species
- ✓ See up to five species of woodpecker

This short trip visits the Dordogne in early spring, at a time when the land is warming up, early avian migrants are moving through, and leafless trees make birding easy. The weather can also be very pleasant!

The region is dominated by oak forests and mixed farmland, cut through by the great River Dordogne and enclosed by impressive limestone cliffs. Scrubby hillsides, arable plains, heathlands and wetlands offer further diversity and collectively harbour a wide variety of species.

Wallcreepers are refreshingly easy to find, often accompanied by alpine accentor, raven, crag martin and peregrine. In the ancient forests of the Dordogne we should hear, if not see, all five species of woodpecker: black, green, middle spotted, great spotted and lesser spotted. Migrant cranes and red kites pass overhead at this time of year and – with any luck – we may even find a roosting eagle owl.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Bordeaux & visit Eymet Reservoir & Castillon gravel pits en route to Mauzac
Day 2 Vézère & Dordogne valley cliffs & chateaux around Les Eyzies & Beynac
Day 3 Various forest sites in southern Dordogne
Day 4 Plateau de Faux & Issigeac
Day 5 Drive to Bordeaux & visit Bruges & Libourne Marshes en route; fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 1 - Tue 5 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Cosy riverside hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,195
SINGLE SUPP	£180
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	David Simpson
TOUR CODE	FRAN5



France



Macro Photography in the Pyrenees

- ✓ Focus on photographing flowers & insects using macro techniques
- ✓ Get expert guidance from Alice Hunter
- ✓ Stroll through dramatic landscapes of mountains & open valleys

The central French Pyrenees are home to a wonderful variety of wildlife, ranging from soaring raptors and alpine marmots to an incredible array of endemic flowers such as Pyrenean saxifrage and Spanish iris. On this photography tour, led by expert photographer Alice Hunter, flowers, insects and the magnificent scenery will be the primary subjects for our cameras, but we will enjoy all aspects of the region from the comfort of our base in the scenic town of Luz-St-Sauveur.

At this time of year the weather is generally superb, and the presence of morning mists in the valleys as well as occasional 'above the clouds' views at higher altitudes can make for excellent mood shots.

We visit the Cirque de Gavarnie, perhaps the most scenic spot in the French Pyrenees, and on the way are likely to find magnificent wildflowers including common and yellow monkshood, dusky cranesbill and elder-flowered orchid. Butterflies include Apollo, scarce and common swallowtails as well as a number of blues and fritillaries.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Toulouse & transfer to Luz-St-Sauveur
Days 2-7	Flower photography outings & excursions
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 6 - Sat 13 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good comfortable hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,795
SINGLE SUPP	£200
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Alice Hunter
TOUR CODE	FRAN9



France



Spring in the Vercors

- ✓ High-altitude species including wallcreeper, citril finch & Alpine chough
- ✓ Alpine ibex, chamois, mouflon & alpine marmot
- ✓ Superb flora amongst stunning scenery

The Vercors is a superb mountainous area on the fringes of the French Alps where deep gorges carved by rivers over millions of years are topped by a plateau that rises to an elevation of over 2,300 metres. Here we can find a range of mountain birds, some specialist alpine mammals, and a dazzling diversity of flora.

The high tops offer Alpine chough, golden eagle and citril finch, while on exposed cliff faces we can hope to find wallcreeper and griffon vulture. The extensive forests below show a decidedly central and eastern European influence, with the odd breeding nutcracker and Tengmalm's owl among the beeches and firs.

The flora of the Vercors is superb, with alpine meadows full of white, yellow and pink blossoms. Various species of cranesbill, saxifrage and narcissus may be the first plants you notice when strolling through the meadows, but then the vivid deep blues of trumpet or spring gentian, or the pinks of fairy foxglove, wild thyme or mountain thrift catch the eye. Alongside these are as many as 30 species of orchid, and a fabulous supporting cast of butterflies.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Lyon & transfer to Chichilianne
Days 2-3	Natural history excursions from Chichilianne
Days 4-7	Natural history excursions from La Chapelle-en-Vercors
Days 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 8 - Sat 15 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple characterful hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,545
SINGLE SUPP	£165
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Alice Hunter
TOUR CODE	FRAN11



Germany



Brandenburg Crane & Goose Concerto

- ✓ Visit areas with abundant varieties of geese, ducks & raptors
- ✓ Witness the spectacular migration of common cranes
- ✓ See northern Europe's last remaining population of great bustard

The State of Brandenburg, with Berlin at its centre, comprises a flat terrain with numerous wetlands, lakes, rivers, polders, marshes and reed-fringed fishponds interspersed with forests, meadows and swathes of heathland. This watery land holds the last remaining population of great bustards in northern Europe.

From autumn through to early spring, sizeable numbers of geese are present: bean, white-fronted, barnacle, lesser white-fronted and red-breasted. Ducks are also abundant, as are golden plover and lapwing. This huge avian concentration attracts a good population of raptors that includes white-tailed eagle, rough-legged buzzard, hen harrier, merlin and goshawk.

Spectacular numbers of common crane pass through in October on their way south to Extremadura in Spain, while in March they head back north. In the woodlands we have a chance of seeing black, middle spotted and lesser spotted woodpeckers, and hawfinch.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Berlin & transfer to Semlin
- Days 2-4 Birding & wildlife excursions
- Day 5 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sun 14 - Thu 18 October 2018 Thu 14 - Mon 18 March 2019 Thu 10 - Mon 14 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotel
PRICE FROM	£845
SINGLE SUPP	£50
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Rolf Nessing
TOUR CODE	GERM1



Hungary



Steppe & Forests in Spring & Autumn

- ✓ Experience the Hortobágy in peak breeding season
- ✓ Marvel at skies filled with migrating cranes in autumn
- ✓ Raptors include imperial, lesser spotted & short-toed eagles, plus saker, goshawk & red-footed falcon

Steppe covers a vast swathe of temperate Eurasia, but only extends into Europe in one place – the Great Hungarian Plain. This is the Hortobágy, an ancient floodplain of grassland, meadows, marshes and pools, which is one of Europe's largest national parks, where nothing other than the odd stand of forest breaks the horizon.

In May it is green and lush, and offers some of Europe's most exciting birdwatching, while in autumn it is a place to marvel at the awe-inspiring migration along Europe's main eastern flyway for cranes. At peak there may be as many as 60,000 of these magnificent birds here, and the sight of squadron upon squadron filling the sky is one of Europe's great avian spectacles!

We also visit the rolling, forest-clad Zemplén Hills which are home to various central European forest specialities, including imperial and lesser spotted eagles, collared flycatcher, middle spotted, Syrian, grey-headed and black woodpeckers, and Ural owl.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Budapest & transfer to Hortobágy National Park
- Days 2-3 Wildlife excursions in Hortobágy National Park
- Days 4-7 Zemplén Hills
- Day 8 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 6 - Sat 13 October 2018 Sat 11 - Sat 18 May 2019 Sat 5 - Sat 12 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,245
SINGLE SUPP	£150
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Gábor Símay
TOUR CODE	HUNG2 & HUNG3



Hungary



Spring Photography of the Steppe & Forests

- ✓ Strategically placed hides for excellent photographic opportunities
- ✓ Expert tuition from photographic guide Ashley Grove
- ✓ See red-footed falcon, hawfinch, five species of woodpecker, & roller

This trip combines the expert tuition of photographic leader Ashley Grove, with the detailed knowledge of national park ranger István Bártol, to create a late spring bird photography holiday at the peak of the breeding season!

Based at a homely guesthouse for the duration of our stay, we have access to up to ten different hides, all strategically located in a variety of habitats with unparalleled views of a tantalising array of eye-catching species. The one-way glass windows allow us to move around at will without disturbing our subjects. Here we can hope to observe and photograph species such as red-footed falcon, hawfinch, middle spotted woodpecker, European bee-eater, roller, hoopoe and kingfisher.

To enjoy the best conditions for photography in the hides, we make the most of the early morning and late afternoon light, with time to relax in the extensive grounds of our guesthouse in the middle of the day. No two days are ever the same, and with the possibility of seeing more than 100 species, we can hope to return with frame-filling images of some of Europe's most desirable species.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Budapest & transfer to Tiszaalpár
Days 2-6	Wildlife excursions in Bács-Kiskun country
Day 7	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 19 - Sat 25 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable family-run lodge
PRICE FROM	£1,995
SINGLE SUPP	£170
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADERS	Ashley Grove & István Bártol
TOUR CODE	HUNG1



Iceland



Winter Orcas & Auroras

- ✓ Witness the Aurora Borealis dancing across the night sky
- ✓ Go in search of orca & other cetaceans
- ✓ Look for gyrfalcon in the dramatic winter landscape

Travelling in the depths of winter, this exciting six-day break goes in pursuit of Iceland's fascinating wildlife, breathtaking scenery and the awe-inspiring Northern Lights.

Locked in a constant battle of survival with the cold conditions, in winter much of Iceland's wildlife is forced to congregate around the coast and seek refuge in the sheltered bays and fjords. It is here that we hope to find a variety of wildfowl and gulls, with likely species including harlequin and long-tailed duck, glaucous gull and Iceland gull. Inland amidst a wild and empty landscape, only a few species remain at this time of year, with the highlights including flocks of snow bunting, ptarmigan and – with any luck – the largest member of the falcon family, the powerfully built gyrfalcon.

Our stay in Iceland concludes with two nights on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, an area that in recent years has seen magnificent pods of orca coming close inshore to feed on shoals of herring. Throughout the trip we will learn about Iceland's geology, while keeping our fingers crossed that a clear evening might allow us to enjoy a beautiful display of the Aurora Borealis.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Reykjavik & transfer to Hveragerði
Days 2-3	Explore the valleys & rivers of southern Iceland
Days 4-5	Wildlife excursions from Snæfellsnes
Day 6	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 28 February - Tue 5 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & guesthouses
PRICE FROM	£2,345
SINGLE SUPP	£150
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Philippe Patay Pétursson
TOUR CODE	ICEL1



Iceland



Principally Puffins

- ✓ Enjoy outstanding opportunities to observe Atlantic puffins
- ✓ Discover the raw beauty of Iceland's dramatic landscapes
- ✓ Keep watch for cetaceans including minke whales & orcas

Home to 60 per cent of the world's Atlantic puffins – an incredible six million individuals – Iceland offers some of the finest puffin-watching on the planet. Visiting at the height of the breeding season, when adult birds return to their burrows with beaks full of sand eels, this delightful eight-day trip offers a chance to indulge in a plethora of seabirds, breeding waders, beautiful subarctic flowers and – with luck – cetaceans.

Visiting the Westman Islands, the incredible seabird cliffs of Latrabjarg, and the island of Flatley we will not be short of opportunities to observe puffins, but there is much more to enjoy. Colourful carpets of wildflowers provide cover for nesting waders, many of which are winter visitors to our shores, while Iceland's rich coastal waters attract more than 20 species of cetacean.

Sightings of gyrfalcons and white-tailed eagles are possible throughout the trip, and we'll be on lookout for the island's other specialist species such as harlequin duck and Barrow's goldeneye.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Keflavik & transfer to Hveragerði
Days 2-3	Westman Islands
Day 4	Stykkisholmur
Days 5-6	Flókalundur
Day 7	Reykjavik
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 12 - Fri 19 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & guesthouses
PRICE FROM	£3,095
SINGLE SUPP	£450
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Philippe Patay Pétursson
TOUR CODE	ICEL4



Iceland



Harlequins & Northern Lights in Winter

- ✓ View harlequin ducks, flocks of snow bunting & ptarmigan
- ✓ Be mesmerised by the Aurora Borealis dancing across the skies
- ✓ Witness Iceland's remarkable landscapes & magnificent fjords

Each year Iceland is locked firmly in an icy grip for several months, yet the start and end of winter – when the nights are not too long – are still good times to visit.

Along the coast and on the many lakes there are numerous wildfowl, and sightings of harlequin duck, Barrow's goldeneye, glaucous gull and Iceland gull are frequent; we'll spend some time sea-watching, getting to grips with distinguishing between the different species of gull. Inland the snowy wastes are enlivened by flocks of snow bunting and ptarmigan in their winter plumage; and, if we are fortunate, we may even encounter gyrfalcon, white-tailed eagle or an Arctic fox in its white winter coat.

Iceland's unique landscapes, such as geysers and the waterfall at Gullfoss, leave an indelible memory at this time of year, as the extraordinary geology takes on a entirely different character. However, possibly the greatest highlight of all is the unforgettable sight of the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights – illuminating the night skies of this subarctic region.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Keflavik & transfer to Hveragerði
Days 2-4	Explore the coast & mountains of south Iceland
Day 5	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Thu 15 - Mon 19 November 2018 Thu 14 - Mon 18 March 2019 Thu 14 - Mon 18 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable guesthouse
PRICE FROM	£1,995
SINGLE SUPP	£120
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Philippe Patay Pétursson
TOUR CODE	ICEL2



Ireland



The Burren & Aran Islands

- ✓ Enjoy the spectacular landscapes of the Burren
- ✓ Flower-rich fields & stunted scrub provide habitat for 80 per cent of Ireland's butterflies
- ✓ Seabird colonies with puffins, red-billed chough & peregrine

This spring trip combines the fabulous wildflowers of the Burren with an opportunity to explore this lovely coast, and includes a stay on the Aran Islands.

The Burren is a plateau of carboniferous limestone worn bare by the last glaciation. The rock forms an amazing landscape of limestone pavement cut by gullies, swallets, underground rivers and caves. The region is renowned for these rock formations and its relics of ancient civilisations, but is best known for its rich combination of Mediterranean and Arctic-alpine flora.

Here you can see gems such as spring gentian, pyramidal bugle, fen violet and mountain avens. The gullies between the limestone pavement harbour rare ferns, and the whole area is a botanist's paradise, and also home to 80 per cent of Ireland's butterfly species.

To the south of the lovely Aran Islands, out at the mouth of Galway Bay, the spectacular Cliffs of Moher harbour superb seabird colonies, and there is always a chance of spotting whales and dolphins offshore.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Meet at Shannon airport & transfer to Lisdoonvarna
Days 2-4	Explore the Burren
Days 5-6	Ferry to the Aran Islands, Galway Bay
Day 7	Ferry to the mainland & transfer to Lisdoonvarna
Day 8	Transfer to Shannon airport

DEPARTURE	Wed 5 - Wed 12 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good quality hotel, comfortable inn & simple guesthouse
PRICE FROM	£1,695 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP	£225
PRICE INCLUDES	Accommodation, transfers, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Barry Embling
TOUR CODE	IREL1



Madeira



Birds, Whales & Dolphins of Madeira

- ✓ Experience a myriad of seabirds including Zino's petrel
- ✓ Walk the laurel forest – a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Observe whales & dolphins as they migrate offshore

Madeira has a great variety of habitats and geological formations, a rich flora and marine life. In addition, the sheer diversity of its seabirds and endemic species is exceptional. Located on a whale migration route, as well as a feeding and calving ground, the island is an ideal cetacean watching destination that offers an opportunity to see species such as short-finned pilot whale, sperm whale and both common and bottlenose dolphins.

May is an ideal time to visit as the sea is gradually warming up, and this attracts cetaceans and migrating seabirds alike. May is also the breeding season for the rare and highly endangered endemic Zino's petrel. The two other endemic species we hope to see here are the trocax pigeon and Madeira firecrest.

The combination of stunning scenery, some fantastic cetacean and birdwatching, and traditional cuisine provides the perfect recipe for a short escape.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Funchal; coastal birding
Day 2	Whale & dolphin watching & nature walk in laurel forest
Day 3	Full day birding in west Madeira; night tour to see Zino's petrel
Day 4	Birding north of Funchal; sunset whale watching trip
Day 5	Birding locally & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 9 - Mon 13 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range family-run hotel
PRICE FROM	£995
SINGLE SUPP	£100
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADERS	Catarina Correia-Fagundes & Hugo Romano
TOUR CODE	PORT2



Montenegro



The Unknown Adriatic

- ✓ Enjoy the historic city of Dubrovnik
- ✓ See a fabulous variety of Mediterranean bird species
- ✓ View endangered Dalmatian pelican & pygmy cormorant on Lake Skadar

Despite its tiny size, Montenegro contains a wealth of habitats – rich wetlands, conifer-clad mountains, and deep, dramatic fjords – while its diverse coastline of salt pans, sand dunes and the delta of the River Bojana are important stopovers during migration.

Inland, Lake Skadar, fed by the scenic Crnojevica River, is home to thousands of pygmy cormorants, and the westernmost nesting place of the endangered Dalmatian pelican. We make a short side-trip into Albania around the southern end of the lake, where the hilly countryside is home to classic open-country birds such as woodchat and red-backed shrike.

Finally Durmitor National Park offers unspoilt mountains with huge coniferous forests that are home to three-toed woodpecker, nutcracker and several alpine species, amongst others.

Accessing Montenegro from the historic city of Dubrovnik, we have two nights to enjoy the fabulous architecture and excellent restaurants of the 'pearl of the Adriatic'.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Dubrovnik in Croatia
- Day 2 Cross border to Montenegro & drive to Virpazar
- Days 3-5 Virpazar; day trip into Albania
- Days 6-7 Zabljak; explore Durmitor National Park
- Day 8 Transfer to Dubrovnik area
- Day 9 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 13 - Sat 21 April 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Mid-range hotels & guesthouses
PRICE FROM	£1,855
SINGLE SUPP	£250
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	István Bártol
TOUR CODE	MONT1



Netherlands



Waders in Friesland

- ✓ Summer weekend break with easy travel
- ✓ Spectacular gatherings of waders
- ✓ Montagu's harrier, white-tailed eagle & honey buzzard

August is 'wader time' and the northern coast of the Netherlands is one of the European hotspots to see not only quality, but also a mind-blowing quantity of, waders.

This short birding break visits all the best-known and promising locations along the border of the beautiful Wadden Sea and around Lauwersmeer National Park. Literally hundreds of thousands of waders (dunlin, knot, curlew sandpiper, avocet, little stint and ringed plover) gather at the famous high-tide roosts of Westhoek and Zwarte Haan, while Breebaartpolder offers the chance of spoonbill, curlew sandpiper and Montagu's harrier.

In Zuidlaardermeer we hope to see black-winged stilt, Temminck's stint, ruff, green sandpiper and spotted redshank, as well as breeding whiskered and black terns, garganey, great white egret, black-necked grebes and, with any luck, white-tailed eagle and honey buzzard, both of which breed in the area.

Like all short birding breaks in the Netherlands, this all-inclusive trip involves 'easy birding'. We won't 'chase' any particular species or dash around madly, but take time to enjoy what we see and soak up the lovely landscape of this unique part of the Netherlands.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Amsterdam & transfer to Groningen
- Day 2 Birding at Westhoek & Zwarte Haan
- Day 3 Lauwersmeer National Park
- Day 4 Breebaart Polder plus Oostpolder & Onnenpolder
- Day 5 Transfer to Amsterdam & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 17 - Wed 21 August 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable, small, mid-range hotel
PRICE FROM	£995
SINGLE SUPP	£190
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Martijn Bot
TOUR CODE	NETH2



Netherlands



What's Good for the Goose...

- ✓ Enjoy the visual & aural spectacle of thousands of wintering geese
- ✓ Snow bunting, shore lark & rough-legged buzzard
- ✓ Cosy, family-run hotel & easy birding at its best

This short birding break provides the perfect opportunity to enjoy the spectacle of many thousands of wintering geese and ducks congregating in some of the most beautiful areas on the north Netherlands coast. Barnacle, brent, white-fronted and bean geese all descend on the area in their thousands, with numbers typically peaking at the end of February.

With wide open vistas and excellent access, we can often view these birds at close quarters, as we search for other winter specialities that may include snow bunting, shore lark and twite alongside wintering raptors such as rough-legged buzzard, peregrine, goshawk, merlin, hen and – more recently – pallid harriers.

This trip is a great example of 'easy birding': we take our time to enjoy the scenery and the birds without rushing around 'chasing' species. There are no large distances involved and our small hotel (only seven rooms in total) is run by a charming family who takes great care of us. In Dutch, it would be described as gezellig, a word that doesn't really have an English equivalent. Cosy comes close, but just doesn't do it justice!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Amsterdam & transfer to Groningen
Day 2	Birding in Lauwersmeer National Park & on the Waddensee coast
Day 3	Birding in Drents-Friese Woud National Park
Day 4	Drive to Kornwerderzand then across the IJsselmeer
Day 5	Transfer to Amsterdam & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 21 - Mon 25 February 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable, small, mid-range hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,045
SINGLE SUPP	£185
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Martijn Bot
TOUR CODE	NETH3



Poland



Primeval Forests & Marshes

- ✓ Experience ancient & secluded forests alive with birdsong
- ✓ Search for flycatchers, woodpeckers & warblers in breeding season
- ✓ Mammal highlights include bison, wild boar, beaver & elk

North-eastern Poland boasts some of the wildest forest and freshwater marshland habitats in Europe. From the ancient forest of Bialowieza to the vast Biebrza Marshes, we travel through an old-world landscape replete with working horses and wooden carts.

The forest of Bialowieza is the largest area of virgin lowland woodland in Europe. Huge trees, some of which are over 2,000 years old, form its core. May is prime breeding season, when red-breasted flycatcher as well as river, marsh and aquatic warblers are all in full song. Nine woodpecker species occur here including three-toed, grey-headed and the rare white-backed. We should also see pygmy owl, thrush nightingale, white-spotted bluethroat and lekking great snipe.

The Biebrza Marshes form one of the largest stretches of marshland in Europe and are home to a plethora of species including red-necked grebe, spotted crake and white-winged tern. Its maze of channels divides a landscape comprising pools, reedbeds and wet meadows, where we hope to see a range of mammals, including elk, otter and wild boar, as well as European beaver.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Warsaw & transfer to Bialowieza Forest
Days 2-4	Explore Bialowieza Forest
Days 5-7	Explore Biebrza Marshes
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Mon 6 - Mon 13 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,545
SINGLE SUPP	£145
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Andrzej Petryna
TOUR CODE	POLN1



Poland



Birding in Krakow & the Carpathians

- ✓ Visit southern Poland's most renowned birding sites
- ✓ Observe the spectacular autumn bird migration
- ✓ Explore mountains in search of a diverse range of birds & mammals

Visiting four key birdwatching regions in the south of Poland – the Pieniny Mountains, the Tatra Mountains, Niepołomice Forest, and the extensive Zator Fishponds – we hope to witness the autumn migration in full swing and enjoy a wealth of spectacular birdlife.

We begin in the picturesque Carpathian Mountains, where we explore the mixed forests and wild meadows of the Pieniny and Tatra ranges in search of raptors, woodpeckers and cranes. All the while we look out for the region's mammals, which include brown bear, Tatra marmot, chamois and beaver.

Moving on to Zator Fishponds, depending on the amount of water present we hope to see both Temminck's and little stints, little bittern, night heron, penduline tit and bearded tit. We conclude with a two-night stay in Niepołomice Forest, where amidst the extensive stands of oak, hornbeam and lime trees, we go in search of eight species of woodpecker, short-toed treecreeper, willow tit, hawfinch and Ural owl.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Krakow
Days 2-3	Explore the Pieniny Mountains
Day 4	Explore the Tatra Mountains
Day 5	Visit Zator Fishponds
Days 6-7	Explore Niepołomice Forest
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 7 - Sat 14 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,475
SINGLE SUPP	£145
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Andrzej Petryna
TOUR CODE	POLN2



Poland



Poland's Winter Wildlife

- ✓ Visit snow-covered lands in search of elusive large mammals
- ✓ Track mammals & other wildlife with local foresters
- ✓ See winter birdlife that includes waxwing, nutcracker & white-tailed eagle

Visiting two of Poland's renowned areas for wildlife – Biebrza Marshes and Bialowieza Forest – we go in search of the large, yet elusive, mammals and exceptional winter birdlife that inhabit these unspoilt snow-covered landscapes.

Our tour begins in the wildlife-rich Biebrza Marshes in the north-east of the country where we spend our time searching for an array of mammals and birds. Mammal highlights are likely to include elk, otter, beaver and a variety of hibernating bat species, with white-tailed eagle, rough-legged buzzard, goosander, smew and goldeneye amongst the avian possibilities.

We then head to Bialowieza Forest, famed for its herds of European bison. Visiting during winter allows us to study the many tracks and signs left in the snow for a fascinating insight into the forest's most secretive inhabitants, including both European lynx and wolf. These species are notoriously difficult to locate, but as long as we are out in the field, there is always the possibility of a sighting.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Warsaw
Days 2-3	Visit Biebrza Marshes
Days 4-6	Explore Bialowieza Forest
Day 7	Transfer to Warsaw & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 28 February - Wed 6 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,395
SINGLE SUPP	£125
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Andrzej Petryna
TOUR CODE	POLN3



Poland



Butterflies & Moths of Southern Poland

- ✓ Discover Poland's diverse & wonderful lepidoptera
- ✓ Explore the mountains of the Tatra & Pieniny ranges
- ✓ Enjoy rich flora & fauna in this spectacular landscape

This holiday to southern Poland focuses on the rich diversity of butterflies and moths that thrives in this scenic, mountainous region. Butterfly highlights include violet copper, Apollo, large tortoiseshell and the beautiful Pallas's fritillary, alongside a diverse range of moths, that includes hummingbird, elephant, small elephant, spurge, bedstraw, poplar and pine hawk-moths.

Exploring the vast countryside by day, and setting up moth traps by night, we go in search of Poland's interesting invertebrates in the company of an expert local naturalist guide. With a variety of habitats visited – from the steppe of the Kielce Upland and the dry slopes of the Pieniny Mountains, to the primeval conifer forests and alpine areas of the Tatra Mountains – this tour offers a wealth of spectacular scenery, striking wildflowers, and a plethora of butterflies and moths.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Krakow
Day 2	Visit the Jurassic Hills
Days 3-4	Kielce Upland
Days 5-7	Pieniny Mountains
Day 8	Tatra Mountains
Day 9	Transfer to Krakow & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 14 - Mon 22 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,595
SINGLE SUPP	£160
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Andrzej Petryna
TOUR CODE	POLN4



Portugal



The Alentejo & Algarve in Spring & Autumn

- ✓ Variety of coastal, upland & dry habitats for contrasting birding
- ✓ Large numbers of migrating bird species in spring & autumn
- ✓ Welcoming family-run accommodation & home-cooked food

With its great diversity of habitat providing the first landfall for thousands of spring migrants, and a fine range of resident birds, Portugal's Algarve and Alentejo regions offer some of Europe's finest spring and autumn birdwatching, and an outstanding flora.

Add to this a range of varied and beautiful landscapes, rich history, friendly people, and some fine food and wine, and you have the makings of a great week away!

Dotted with cork oaks, the rolling plains of the Alentejo are home to great and little bustards, larks, buntings, raptors including Montagu's harrier, white stork, European bee-eater and hoopoe. Further south the Algarve's coastal habitat – from the rugged cliffs of Cape St Vincent on the Atlantic coast to Salgados Marsh and the Ria Formosa wetlands – is home to an impressive array of birds, with countless migrant waders passing through and stands of pine forest attracting delightful azure-winged magpies and colourful European bee-eaters.

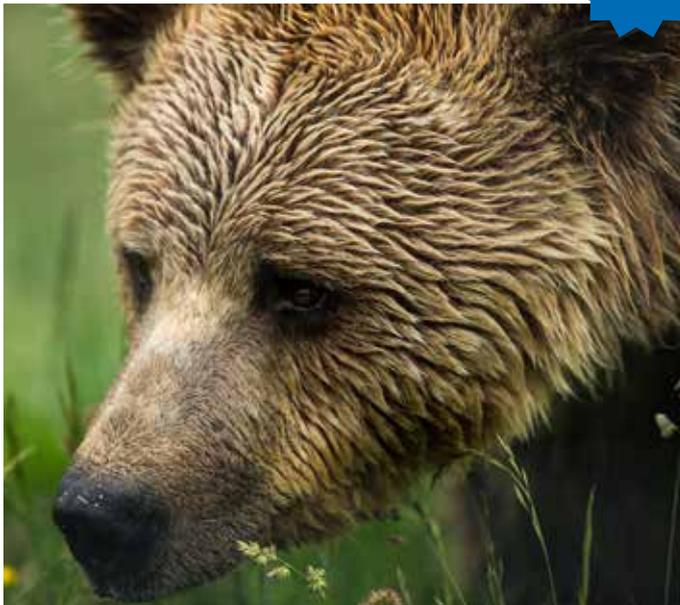
OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Faro & transfer to Santa Clara a Velha
Days 2-7	Birding & wildlife excursions from Santa Clara a Velha
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 6 - Sat 13 April 2019 Sat 21 - Sat 28 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Family-run country hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,675
SINGLE SUPP	£355
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Frank McClintock
TOUR CODE	PORT1



Romania



Romania



Romania's Wildlife Highlights

- ✓ Watch European brown bears in the Carpathian Mountains
- ✓ Witness the huge diversity of birds in the Danube Delta
- ✓ See a range of wildlife from golden jackal to Dalmatian pelican

This extensive itinerary shows the very best wildlife that Romania has to offer. We begin in the Carpathian Mountains in search of the country's largest predator, the European brown bear. These mountains are thought to be home to almost 6,000 brown bears, and our best chance to see these magnificent creatures is from dedicated hides in the late afternoon and early evening.

The Carpathians are also home to a brilliant array of birds that includes wallcreeper, various species of woodpecker, firecrest, nutcracker and golden eagle; we may also see Ural owl.

Next, we continue to Romania's other premier wildlife destination: the Danube Delta. Europe's second largest river delta forms where the Danube flows into the Black Sea, and is arguably the best-preserved delta on the continent.

We explore the delta by boat and on foot to enjoy its fantastic variety of wildlife, which comprises mammals such as golden jackal and otter, and more than 300 species of bird that include white-tailed eagle, Eurasian spoonbill and red-footed falcon.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Bucharest & transfer to the Carpathian Mountains
- Days 2-3 Explore the Carpathians & bear watching excursion
- Day 4 Transfer to Tulcea in the Danube Delta
- Days 5-6 Excursions in the delta by boat & on foot
- Day 7 Morning excursion in the delta, then return to Tulcea
- Day 8 Transfer to Bucharest & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 2 - Sun 9 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple & comfortable guesthouses
PRICE FROM	£1,475
SINGLE SUPP	£200
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Mihai David
TOUR CODE	ROMA3



Focus on the Danube Delta

- ✓ Develop your photography skills with expert guidance
- ✓ Watch & photograph a range of birds from purpose-built hides
- ✓ Evening vigils for wild cat & golden jackal

The Danube is Europe's second largest river delta and one of the continent's great wetland wildernesses. In spring it is a haven for migrating birds, as well as being the permanent home of a wealth of wildlife that includes not just resident birds, but mammals, reptiles, amphibians and an impressive diversity of insects.

Our base is a comfortable lodge, which can only be accessed by boat, set in a private 1,000-hectare reserve which supports an impressive diversity of fauna and flora. An extensive network of trails allows access to more than 20 photographic hides that have been established to view key species.

In May, with pups to feed, the resident golden jackals should be showing well, while in September the pups will be more active. Among the 150 bird species found here, we can hope to photograph a fabulous variety: from rollers, woodpeckers, bee-eaters and rafts of Dalmatian pelicans to marsh harrier, white-tailed eagle and little owl, while among our smaller subjects are dragonflies, toads and tree frogs.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Bucharest
- Days 2-7 Wildlife & photography excursions in & around the Danube Delta
- Day 8 Drive to Bucharest & fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 4 - Sat 11 May 2019 Sat 7 - Sat 14 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	City hotel & wilderness lodge
PRICE FROM	£2,395
SINGLE SUPP	£190
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	6
LEADER	Ashley Grove (May) & Bret Charman (September)
TOUR CODE	ROMA1



Romania



Birds & Bears in Transylvania

- ✓ Explore Transylvania's atmospheric ancient landscapes
- ✓ Observe the impressive varied birdlife & plant life
- ✓ Enjoy an excellent chance of seeing brown bear

Travelling to the historic region of Transylvania, where we enter the realm of Vlad the Impaler, we explore the beautiful limestone valleys and forest-clad mountains of central Romania in pursuit of a fabulous array of birds, mammals and plant life.

Commencing in one of the most scenic areas of the Carpathian Mountains – the steep limestone gorges of Zarnesti – we find alpine swifts and crag martins whirling acrobatically overhead, while diminutive wallcreepers cling to exposed rock faces.

A visit to Bran Castle, the setting of Bram Stoker's Dracula stories, provides a fascinating insight into the history of the area. Nearby, in the Stramba Valley, we wait patiently for one of the forest's giants, endearing brown bears, to awaken from their slumber and reveal themselves in the evening light.

Travelling further into the heart of Transylvania, we enjoy the flora and fauna-rich areas of Rimetea and Gheorgheni, where a superb diversity of alpine flowers awaits, while the birding highlights are likely to include rock thrush, rock bunting and golden eagle, with further chances of seeing everyone's favourite, the wallcreeper!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-3	Fly to Bucharest & transfer to Zarnesti
Days 4-5	Explore Rimetea
Days 6-7	Explore Gheorgheni
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 9 - Sun 16 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,845
SINGLE SUPP	£220
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Mihai David
TOUR CODE	HUNG4



Slovakia



Spring Birding in Slovakia

- ✓ Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the High Tatra Mountains
- ✓ Explore forest trails for hazel grouse, collared flycatcher & nutcracker
- ✓ See a range of woodpeckers, owls & raptor species

With its pristine forests, beautiful landscapes and excellent infrastructure, Slovakia makes a superb choice for a short birding break, offering a wealth of highly sought-after woodpecker, raptor and owl species.

From the comfort of a beautifully located guesthouse in the Tatra Mountains we take to forested trails in search of three-toed and white-backed woodpeckers, nutcracker, hazel grouse, collared flycatcher and raptors such as lesser-spotted and golden eagles.

Leaving the Tatras behind, we next head south-east to the Slovak Karst, where dramatic limestone gorges, mature beech forest and mixed forest provide refuge for pygmy, Ural, eagle and Tengmalm's owls. There are also wolf and lynx here; however, they are very elusive.

In the nearby scenic Szadelo Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of imposing limestone cliffs and beech forest, we search for hawfinch, rock bunting, wryneck, and grey-headed and Syrian woodpeckers, while a nearby meadow offers the chance of imperial eagle and saker, which are attracted by the presence of European souslik.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Poprad & transfer to the Tatra Mountains
Day 2	Explore the Low Tatras
Days 3-4	Explore the Slovak Karst
Day 5	Transfer to Poprad & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Tue 9 - Sat 13 April 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple but comfortable mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,295
SINGLE SUPP	£170
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	István Pentek
TOUR CODE	SLVK1



Slovenia



Brown Bear Photography

- ✓ Enjoy fantastic brown bear sightings from purpose-built hides
- ✓ Develop your skills with guidance from an award-winning photographer
- ✓ Search for Ural owl in this untouched forest wilderness

Our visit to Slovenia, famed for its wonderful mix of mountains, lakes and forest landscapes, is based in the country's southern Dinaric Alps region. This rich forest habitat borders neighbouring Croatia and is home to one of central Europe's great wilderness areas, where life has remained largely unchanged for the past 50 years. This provides the perfect backdrop for photographing and observing the region's brown bear population.

Staying in a traditional guesthouse on the edge of the forest, we are within easy reach of a number of purpose-built wildlife hides that have all been designed with photographers in mind, taking into consideration the background and the direction of the light.

Aided by tour leader Bret's expert photography tuition, we spend the mornings exploring the Notranjska and Kočevska regions, learning about their natural history, with time for to search for roosting Ural owls and visit the incredible tunnels of the cave of Krizna Jama. Our afternoons and evenings are spent in the hides, enabling us to build a wonderful array of images from this little-visited country.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Ljubljana & transfer to Markovec
Days 2-5	Bear-watching & birding photography excursions
Day 6	Transfer to Ljubljana & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 19 - Fri 24 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Traditional guesthouse
PRICE FROM	£1,645
SINGLE SUPP	£125
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADERS	Bret Charman & Miha Mlakar
TOUR CODE	SLOV2



Spain



Wallcreepers & Cranes in Aragón

- ✓ Travel through the dramatic & beautiful landscapes of Aragón
- ✓ View the elusive wallcreeper as it winters at lower elevations
- ✓ Witness the spectacle of thousands of cranes gathering to roost

This winter break to the mountains, steppe and wetlands of northern Spain, takes us in search of wintering raptors and mountain birds of the Pyrenean foothills – Dupont's lark and sandgrouse on the steppe, thousands of cranes roosting at the Laguna de Gallocanta, and an excellent chance of close-up views of that stunning mountain sprite, the wallcreeper!

Stretching from the High Pyrenees nearly as far south as Valencia, Aragón possesses many of the habitat types found throughout the rest of Spain. There are wetlands, rolling dry grassland and farmland, rugged forested hills and canyons, and the snow-capped mountains of the Pyrenees themselves.

We visit this area in winter when thousands of cranes are present on one of the lakes, flocks of sandgrouse form in the dry steppe country, and high mountain birds such as Alpine accentor and wallcreeper have moved to more accessible lower altitudes.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1	Fly to Barcelona & transfer to Huesca
Days 2-3	Birding & wildlife excursions around Huesca
Day 4	Transfer to Daroca
Days 5-6	Birding & wildlife excursions around Daroca
Day 7	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sun 2 - Sat 8 December 2018 Sun 1 - Sat 7 December 2019
ACCOMMODATION	16th-century 'palacete' & country hotel
PRICE FROM	£1,495
SINGLE SUPP	£75
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	SPA15



Spain



Iberian Lynx Quest

- ✓ Explore two of the most wonderful wild corners of Andalucia
- ✓ Search for the rare & critically endangered Iberian lynx
- ✓ See Spanish imperial eagle & a wealth of other birds & mammals

Join us to explore two of the most wonderful and wild corners of Andalucia – the vast Doñana National Park and the rugged Andújar Natural Park. These are the last refuges of the rarest cat in the world – the critically endangered Iberian lynx – as well as being home to a wealth of other wildlife.

An expert at slipping through its scrubby habitat unseen, the Iberian lynx is the smallest of the world's three lynx species. We will learn about its ecology and conservation and, although it is one of the most difficult wild cats to see in Europe, we do everything possible to maximise our chances of sightings. We spend time enjoying the birds and mammals of these two contrasting habitats, staying at simple accommodation in two very different locations, which adds an interesting cultural dimension to our trip.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Seville & transfer to Andújar
Days 2-3	Explore the hills & mountains of Andújar Natural Park
Day 4	Transfer to El Rocío
Days 5-7	Explore the Coto Doñana
Day 8	Fly to the to UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 20 - Sat 27 October 2018 Sat 26 January - Sat 2 February 2019 Sat 19 - Sat 26 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Mid-range hotel & rustic rural apartments, all rooms with en suite or adjacent facilities.
PRICE FROM	£1,545
SINGLE SUPP	£165
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	14
LEADERS	John Muddeman & Sergio González Asián*
TOUR CODE	SPA12

* 2nd leader and 2nd vehicle with more than 7 passengers



Spain



Pyrenees & Plains

- ✓ Delightful twin-centre trip offering enormous diversity of species
- ✓ Great bustard, black-bellied sandgrouse & Dupont's lark
- ✓ Raptors such as lammergeier, Egyptian vulture & golden eagle

In this corner of the western Pyrenees a diverse range of habitats converges to offer outstanding wildlife viewing.

On the open plains of Bardenas Reales we find all the larks, including Dupont's, alongside great and little bustards and pin-tailed and black-bellied sandgrouse. The nearby saline lagoon of Laguna Las Pitillas is widely regarded as one of the best sites in Spain to see bittern, as well as purple heron, black-winged stilt and marsh harrier. In the surrounding farmland we should find European bee-eater, roller, hoopoe and corn bunting.

Moving next to the foothills and mountains of the Pyrenees we go in search of a range of species that is every bit as impressive as the scenery that surrounds us. Enormous lammergeier and griffon vulture soar overhead, whilst wallcreeper, citril finch, alpine accentor and rock thrush vie for our attention below. At lower elevations, riverine woodlands hold Orphean, Sardinian and subalpine warblers, as well as golden oriole, penduline tit and wryneck, with the onset of dusk providing a chance of spotting eagle, long-eared and little owls.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Bilbao & transfer via Urdaibai to Uncastillo
Days 2-3	Explore Bardenas Reales Nature Park
Day 4	Visit Agüero & Riglos en route to Berdún
Days 5-7	Explore the Pyrenees
Day 8	Transfer to Bilbao & fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 4 - Sat 11 May 2019 Sat 7 - Sat 14 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small hotel & family-run guesthouse
PRICE FROM	£1,495
SINGLE SUPP	£130
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	Richard Cash
TOUR CODE	SPA17



Spain



Secret Wilderness of Extremadura

- ✓ Exceptional raptor encounters, including Spanish imperial eagle & black vulture
- ✓ Europe's largest remaining population of great bustard
- ✓ Charming rustic guesthouse with delicious food

For more than a decade we've been running tours to the secret wilderness of Extremadura in the centre of the Iberian peninsula.

This wild and beautiful countryside holds some of Europe's most endangered bird species. The region is home to Europe's strongest remaining population of great bustard, together with good numbers of little bustard, and both pin-tailed and black-bellied sandgrouse. A spectacular assemblage of raptors includes black vulture, imperial eagle and black-shouldered kite.

In Extremadura's distinctive stands of open oak woodland, or 'dehesa', we find good numbers of azure-winged magpie, while migrants passing through in spring and summer may include European bee-eater, woodchat shrike, black-eared wheatear, great spotted cuckoo and often roller.

White stork nests are ubiquitous throughout this picturesque area, with its huge savannah-like vistas and pretty villages. This is an incredibly distinctive part of Europe, brimming with birds, with lovely scenery and some super food and wine!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Madrid & transfer to Trujillo
- Days 2-7 Birding & wildlife excursions throughout the area
- Day 8 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 22 - Sat 29 December 2018 Sat 23 - Sat 30 March 2019 Sat 5 - Sat 12 October 2019 Sat 21 - Sat 28 December 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small family-run country guesthouse
PRICE FROM	£1,645
SINGLE SUPP	£220
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	7
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	SPA13



Sweden



Scandinavian Spring

- ✓ See seven owl species including great grey & pygmy owls plus eagle-owl
- ✓ Discover wild forests & lakes with capercaillie, divers & cranes
- ✓ Look for three-toed, grey-headed & black woodpeckers

Enjoy a fabulous few days amongst the many lakes and wild forests of central Sweden with capercaillie, three-toed woodpecker and a wonderful selection of owls for company. Add a variety of breeding waders, cranes and a superb hotel, and you have all the ingredients for a hugely rewarding short spring break!

The forests of central Sweden are an extension of the great belt of taiga forest that stretches between the Arctic tundra and the temperate forests of Eurasia. These woodlands are unlike anything found in the UK, and are an echo of the ancient woodland that once covered much of Europe.

Crested tit, osprey, black grouse and both red and black-throated divers abound, alongside such rarer delights as hazel grouse, nutcracker, black, grey-headed and three-toed woodpeckers. However, for many, the stars of the show will be the owls; it is possible to see pygmy, Tengmalm's, Ural and great grey owls plus eagle-owl.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Stockholm & transfer to Svartådal
- Days 2-3 Birdwatching in & around Svartådal
- Day 4 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 25 - Sun 28 April 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Country guesthouse
PRICE FROM	£1,995
SINGLE SUPP	£115
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Daniel Green
TOUR CODE	SWED2



Sweden



Butterflies & Dragonflies

- ✓ Fabulous mix of Scandinavian & Eastern European butterflies
- ✓ Explore Sweden during the long Nordic summer days
- ✓ Dragonflies such as common goldenring, bog hawk, small pincertail & common clubtail

During the high summer months, when night is no more than an hour of twilight, central Sweden hosts a tantalising mix of Scandinavian and eastern European butterfly species, alongside a diverse range of dragonflies and damselflies.

Indeed, over the course of the season more than 80 of Sweden's 120 butterfly species can be seen in the Svartådalen area, with many rare and otherwise hard-to-see species including poplar admiral, Baltic grayling and the scarce Frigga's fritillary.

Visiting some of central Sweden's richest butterfly sites, we can enjoy long days in the field, exploring a variety of coastal and inland locations for some of the region's most sought-after butterfly species.

The height of summer also offers a chance to see several of Scandinavia's dragonfly specialities, such as yellow-spotted, lilypad and ruby whiteface, common clubtail, small pincertail and the very rare pygmy damselfly, Europe's rarest damselfly.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Stockholm & transfer to Öregrund
Day 2	Visit 'Butterfly Road' & transfer to Svartådalen
Days 3-6	Butterfly & dragonfly watching in Svartådalen
Day 7	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Mon 24 - Sun 30 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable guesthouses
PRICE FROM	£2,095
SINGLE SUPP	£185
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Daniel Green
TOUR CODE	SWED4



Sweden



Autumn Migration in Sweden

- ✓ Witness Scania's impressive autumn migration
- ✓ Visit raptor migration watchpoints on the Falsterbo Peninsula
- ✓ A single-centre holiday in close proximity to key sites

Our autumn visit to Sweden takes us to the country's southernmost province of Scania, and northern Europe's most renowned migration point, the Falsterbo peninsula. Staying in a comfortable hotel in the delightful village of Vellinge, only a short drive from key migration sites, we are able to enjoy some fabulous birding at a delightfully leisurely pace.

With a flexible programme that allows us to take advantage of the best conditions for migration, during periods of fair weather we will split our time between the peninsula and the heathlands of Nabben, where the autumn migration has been monitored for the past 50 years. Key raptor species that we can hope to see passing through include honey, common and rough-legged buzzards, red and black kites, pallid harrier, goshawk, hobby, peregrine and white-tailed eagle. Depending on our luck with the raptor migration, we also aim to visit Osterlen, in eastern Scania, where we can witness seabirds migrating, with large numbers of waterfowl, skuas, terns and gulls passing through. In the forests we will be on the lookout for black woodpecker and red-breasted flycatcher.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Copenhagen & transfer to Vellinge
Days 2-5	Explore Scania & Falsterbo
Day 6	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 21 - Thu 26 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotel
PRICE FROM	£2,245
SINGLE SUPP	£180
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Thomas Nyberg
TOUR CODE	SWED5



Africa

Home to some of the most iconic species on the planet, Africa is the world's top wildlife destination and a must for any keen naturalist. Most of our holidays in Africa are between ten and 14 days long and include classic safaris to South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia, as well as bird-focused tours to Kenya, Ghana and Morocco, while Madagascar and Ethiopia both offer a host of endemic species.



Botswana



Endemics & Migrants in Kalahari Waterways

- ✓ Marvel at the diversity of birdlife across varied ecosystems
- ✓ Enjoy the spectacle of Victoria Falls, one of earth's natural wonders
- ✓ Have excellent sightings of elephant, lion, leopard & wild dog

Botswana's diverse habitats – from grassland and savannah to salt pan, wetland and lagoon – are home to over 580 bird species. This two-week itinerary combines comfort, wilderness and the finest wildlife locations at the peak of the 'green season' – an ideal time for migrants – accompanied by Botswana-based naturalist guide, Shadreck Tshagane.

Highlights include the near-endemic slaty egret, endangered wattled crane, and rare Pel's fishing owl in the Okavango Delta, Schalow's turaco near Victoria Falls and in the Caprivi Strip, plus the colourful carmine bee-eater and kori bustard in Chobe. Makgadikgadi Pans offer the spectacle of thousands of greater and lesser flamingos, which congregate in its shallow waters to breed.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Maun
Days 2-4	Lake Ngami & Okavango Panhandle
Days 5-6	Caprivi Strip, Namibia
Days 7-8	Livingstone, Victoria Falls
Days 9-10	Chobe National Park
Day 11	Nata Bird Sanctuary & Magkadigkadi Pans
Days 12-14	Moremi Game Reserve
Day 15	Overnight flight to the UK
Day 16	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 23 February - Sun 10 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Safari lodges & tented camps
PRICE FROM	£4,975
SINGLE SUPP	£425
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	9
LEADER	Shadreck Tshagane
TOUR CODE	BOTS3



Ethiopia



Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife

- ✓ Search for the extraordinary Ruspoli's turaco & other endemics
- ✓ Explore Ethiopia's unique & varied habitats
- ✓ Observe the world's rarest canid – the elegant Ethiopian wolf

This extensive wildlife watching holiday focuses on Ethiopia's most sought-after endemic bird and mammal species, including such highlights as Ruspoli's turaco, Ethiopian wolf and the charismatic gelada baboon.

Dominated by the vast volcanically formed central highlands and bisected by the Great Rift Valley, Ethiopia encompasses a vast variety of habitats. From the open savannahs and acacia scrub of Awash National Park, to the Afro-alpine moorland of the Bale Mountains, and the enormous lakes of the Great Rift Valley, Ethiopia provides refuge to a wealth of wildlife.

During this trip, we can realistically hope to see over 400 species of birds and 30-40 species of mammal, including many that are completely unique to the country. Alongside a fascinating culture and rich history, Ethiopia really is a must for the Travelling Naturalist.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Addis Ababa
Day 2-3	Debre Libanos
Days 4-6	Awash National Park
Days 7-9	Lake Awassa, Great Rift Valley & Wondo Genet
Days 10-12	Bale Mountains, Sanetti Plateau, Harenna Forest & Welman River Falls
Days 13-15	Negele & Lake Langano
Day 16	Return to Addis & overnight flight to the UK
Day 17	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Mon 4 - Wed 20 February 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple hotels & private lodges
PRICE FROM	£3,545
SINGLE SUPP	£335
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Aziz Mohamed
TOUR CODE	ETH11



Gambia



West African Birdwatch

- ✓ Enjoy an ideal introduction to birdwatching in Africa
- ✓ See a spectacular array of bird species across varied ecosystems
- ✓ View the stunningly beautiful Egyptian plover

Only a six-hour flight from the UK and with an impressive range of West African and Palearctic birds, including many exotic and easy-to-see species, the tiny Republic of the Gambia offers any discerning birdwatcher a welcome escape from the UK winter. Splitting time between a comfortable hotel on the coast and rustic camps upriver, we go in search of a wealth of fantastic birds.

Abuko National Park offers a large number of hornbills, barbets, weavers, sunbirds and raptors, in addition to the beautiful violet turaco, while boat trips in Kiang West National Park offer such delights as blue-breasted kingfisher and fairy blue flycatcher.

In our final camp near Georgetown we hope to see a good variety of typical African savannah species, including raptors like bateleur, Rüppell's vulture and martial eagle. A day trip to Basse offers us the best chance of seeing Egyptian plover, alongside both carmine and nesting red-throated bee-eaters.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Banjul
Days 2-3	Excursions including Abuko National Park
Days 4-5	Kiang West National Park
Days 6-8	Birdwatching excursions around Georgetown
Day 9	Kiang West National Park
Day 10	Banjul
Day 11	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Tue 6 - Fri 16 November 2018 Tue 5 - Fri 15 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable coastal hotels & basic river camps
PRICE FROM	£1,795
SINGLE SUPP	£170
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Dembo Sonko
TOUR CODE	GAMB1



Ghana



Quest for the Picathartes

- ✓ Encounter the unique & fascinating white-necked picathartes
- ✓ Use the canopy walkway for optimal birding opportunities
- ✓ Experience Ghana's astounding profusion of butterfly species

With over 760 bird species, more than 1,000 butterfly species, and an interesting diversity of flora and mammals, Ghana is a naturalist's paradise. Our aim is to see the iconic white-necked picathartes, and we will be one of the first groups to stay within walking distance of this prehistoric-looking bird's nesting site.

We visit a spectacular range of habitats from Kakum National Park where we search for birdlife on the famous canopy walkway 40 metres above the forest floor, to the beautiful Ankasa Reserve – Ghana's only evergreen rainforest. Highlights include blue-moustached bee-eater, Congo serpent-eagle, Akun eagle owl, and black dwarf hornbill. We also visit Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary, Shai Hills Reserve and Sakumono Lagoon. We also offer an extension to Offinso Forest & Mole National Park to enjoy more superb West African birding.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Accra
Days 2-4	Kakum National Park
Days 5-6	Ankasa Reserve
Day 7	Kakum National Park
Days 8-9	Abrafo Forest & Kumasi
Day 10	Bobiri Reserve & Accra
Day 11	Overnight flight to the UK
Day 12	Arrive UK – or join extension to Offinso Forest & Mole National Park

DEPARTURE	Wed 20 February - Sun 3 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels, lodges & camps
PRICE FROM	£2,495
SINGLE SUPP	£245
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Philip Senyo Atigli
TOUR CODE	GHAN1



Kenya



Kenya's Birds & Wildlife

- ✓ Enjoy unparalleled birding opportunities in this diverse country
- ✓ Visit this renowned safari destination for superb wildlife encounters
- ✓ See the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, famed for their flamingos

Join Wilson, one of Kenya's finest birding guides, on this exciting holiday through the diverse habitats of his Masai homeland, in search of incredible wildlife and birdlife in renowned locations such as the Great Rift Valley, the Masai Mara, Mount Kenya and Samburu National Reserve.

Kenya is home to the spectacular annual migration, when more than one million wildebeest and 200,000 zebra cross the Mara River. It is also a birdwatcher's paradise with over 1,000 species of birds, including several endemics, diverse habitats and unique topography. Birding highlights include grey-crowned crane and lesser flamingo, plus endemic gems such as Sharpe's longclaw and Aberdare cisticola.

Why not consider our Amboseli extension? See our website for details.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Nairobi
Day 2	Transfer to Nairobi National Park
Days 3-4	Nairobi National Park & Mount Kenya
Days 5-7	Birding in the highlands & Samburu National Reserve
Days 8-9	Transfer to the Rift Valley & Lake Nakuru; birding en route & at Lake Elementaita
Days 10-11	Lake Naivasha & Masai Mara National Reserve
Day 12	Birding in Ol Kineyei Conservancy; fly to Nairobi
Day 13	Overnight flight to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 1 - Wed 13 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable lodges & permanent tented camps
PRICE FROM	£4,795
SINGLE SUPP	£720
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Wilson ole Kasaine
TOUR CODE	KENY3



Madagascar



Land of the Lemur

- ✓ Track lemurs through verdant rainforest
- ✓ Discover Madagascar's bizarre & fascinating flora & fauna
- ✓ Experience this remarkable & seldom-seen region of Africa

Separated from mainland Africa by just a few hundred kilometres in distance, but by more than one hundred million years in time, Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island and almost a continent in its own right.

It is home to more than half the world's chameleons, and, of course, lemurs – one of the most primitive groups of primates. These have evolved into a stunning range of species from the howling indri, which greets the dawn in Périnet with its haunting echoing calls, to tiny nocturnal mouse lemurs. This diverse array of mammals inhabits an extraordinary mix of Madagascan forest made up of thorn trees, octopus trees and brilliant baobab trees.

Madagascar will dazzle any wildlife enthusiast with its birds, mammals and reptiles, many of which are quite simply nothing short of bizarre – such as the eerie-looking aye-aye, the predatory fossa and the fabulous giraffe-weevil.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2	Fly overnight to Antananarivo
Days 3-7	Berenty Private Reserve & Ifaty
Days 8-9	Isalo National Park
Days 10-11	Ranomafana National Park
Day 12	Antsirabe
Days 13-15	Andasibe-Mantadia National Park
Day 16	Transfer to Antananarivo & fly to the UK
Day 17	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Tue 27 August - Thu 12 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£5,475
SINGLE SUPP	£750
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Barrie Cooper
TOUR CODE	MADA2



Morocco



High Atlas, Sahara & Atlantic Coast

- ✓ Search the mountains of the High Atlas for Levaillant's woodpecker
- ✓ See desert specialities at Merzouga's sand dunes
- ✓ Spot waders & wildfowl in the Souss & Massa estuaries

With a magnificent variety of dramatic landscapes at any time of year, Morocco boasts possibly the richest birdlife of any country in North Africa.

We start in the mountains of the High Atlas to look for the endemic Levaillant's woodpecker, before descending to the northern boundary of the immense Sahara Desert. Out in the sand dunes at Merzouga we try to locate specialities such as pharaoh eagle owl, desert sparrow and Egyptian nightjar.

In complete contrast, our trip ends at the Atlantic coast, where we explore the broad estuaries of the Souss and Massa rivers for waders, wildfowl, and wetland species that include the threatened bald ibis.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Marrakech & transfer to Ourika Valley
- Day 2 Ouarzazate in the Atlas Mountains
- Days 3-4 Boumalne du Dades
- Days 5-6 Derkaoua, near Merzouga
- Day 7 Tamnougalt, Draa Valley
- Day 8 Ouled Berhil, near Taroudant
- Days 9-10 Agadir
- Day 11 Transfer to Marrakech & fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 10 - Wed 20 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£1,895
SINGLE SUPP	£220
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	MORO1 

Namibia



Skeleton Coast & Etosha

- ✓ Observe a range of exciting birdlife across Namibia's varied habitats
- ✓ Encounter mammal species uniquely adapted to harsh desert conditions
- ✓ Enjoy superb photographic opportunities in this special birding area

Namibia has one of Africa's most bird-rich coastlines and some of the highest and most dramatic sand dunes in the world.

It is also blessed with rocky highlands, coastal wetlands and Etosha – one of Africa's finest wildlife reserves. Etosha National Park offers a superb array of mammals and birds, including a number of avian endemics. We travel at the end of the dry season when the prolific wildlife is congregated around the waterholes of this vast salt pan, providing excellent photographic opportunities. The rugged wilderness of the Erongo Mountains, the southern part of the Skeleton Coast at Walvis Bay, along with the coastal oasis of Swakopmund, are all integral stops on our route.

We also take in the deciduous woodland of the Waterberg National Park and its surrounding semi-dry acacia forest, where we look for the delightful rosy-faced lovebird among many other species.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly overnight to Windhoek
- Days 2-4 Windhoek & Waterberg National Park
- Days 5-9 Etosha National Park
- Days 10-11 Erongo Mountains
- Days 12-13 Swakopmund & Walvis Bay
- Day 14 Walvis Bay Lagoon & fly to the UK
- Day 15 Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 13 - Sun 27 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels, guesthouses & safari lodges
PRICE FROM	£5,395
SINGLE SUPP	£385
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE	NAMI5  

South Africa



Spring Flowers from the Cape to the Kalahari

- ✓ Savour spectacular wildflower meadows in spring bloom
- ✓ Safari in Kgalagadi in search of its infamous black-maned lions
- ✓ Explore scenic garden & mountain trails rich in biodiversity

This safari visits a multitude of habitats – from the unique fynbos vegetation of the Cape to blistering desert scattered with succulents, plus the world-famous kaleidoscopic wildflower meadows of Namaqualand and the dramatic mountainscape of the Cederberg.

The birdlife here is prolific, with more than 200 species recorded – particularly at Augrabies Falls National Park, where species include pygmy falcon, rosy-faced lovebird and cinnamon-breasted warbler. Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park – home to huge black-maned lion, as well as cheetah, leopard, gemsbok and numerous other mammals – is one of the world's last true wilderness reserves.

Visiting when the birds and flowers are at their very best, and southern right whales are displaying acrobatically just off the Cape, this two-week holiday offers a fabulous range of wildlife, botany and scenery, and all at a very comfortable pace.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Cape Town
Days 2-4	Cape Peninsula
Days 5-8	Namaqua National Park & Cederberg Mountains
Day 9	Goegap Nature Reserve
Days 10-11	Augrabies Falls National Park
Days 12-15	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
Day 16	Transfer to Upington & fly to the UK via Johannesburg
Day 17	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 9 - Fri 23 August 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Characterful hotels, lodges & resthouses
PRICE FROM	£5,045
SINGLE SUPP	£385
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE	SOUT4



South Africa



The Cape & Karoo

- ✓ Take in the remarkable coastal flora & fauna of the Cape Peninsula
- ✓ Watch Cape sugarbirds feeding on proteas below Table Mountain
- ✓ Enjoy exceptional wildlife & scenery along the Garden Route

From the flowers and stunning scenery of the Cape, across to the dramatic Karoo, and over to the Eastern Cape including the fabulous Addo Elephant Park, and back along the beautiful Garden Route, this safari offers a wealth of fabulous wildlife.

Starting in Cape Town, we spend time exploring the wonders of this beautiful city, including the famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, as well as Rondevlei and Strandfontein Bird Reserves. Birdlife is prolific at this time of year at the Cape, with the arrival of Palearctic and African migrants in addition to the resident species.

We take in the Great Karoo, Mountain Zebra and Addo Elephant National Parks before returning via the indigenous forests of the Garden Route. Our last stop is the coastal town of Hermanus, the hotspot of the natural shrubland known as Cape fynbos.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Cape Town
Days 2-4	Cape Town
Days 5-6	Karoo National Park
Days 7-8	Mountain Zebra National Park
Days 9-10	Addo Elephant National Park
Days 11-14	Garden Route
Day 15	Depart Cape Town & fly to the UK
Day 16	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 5 - Sun 20 January 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small hotels, guesthouses & national park chalets
PRICE FROM	£4,645
SINGLE SUPP	£350
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE	SOUT2



South Africa



Flora & Fauna of the Drakensberg & Zululand

- ✓ Discover the Drakensberg – famed for its stunning scenery
- ✓ Explore this botanical paradise with expert naturalist Geoff Crane
- ✓ Navigate through diverse landscapes rich in birdlife

The dramatic Drakensberg Mountains are a wildlife treasure trove with over 2,000 species of flowering plant, 290 bird species and 48 mammal species recorded to date.

On this two-week holiday we enjoy leisurely walking, birding and botanising on the many trails of the superb Drakensberg Mountains before heading to Bonamanzi Private Game Reserve, adjacent to Lake St Lucia and the magnificent Hluhluwe River. Here we explore the sand-forests, open savannahs and wetlands via a mix of walks, safari drives and boat trips in search of the area's fantastic flora and fauna, including bird highlights such as African broadbill, Narina trogon and pink-throated twinspot.

We conclude our stay in the montane grasslands of the Highveld that surround the fabulous wetlands of Wakkerstroom, home to flocks of elegant blue crane, blue korhaan and mischievous meerkats!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Johannesburg
Days 2-4	Golden Gates Highland National Park
Days 5-7	Royal Natal National Park
Days 8-10	Bonamanzi Private Game Reserve
Days 11-13	Wakkerstroom
Day 14	Overnight flight to the UK
Day 15	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Tue 12 - Tue 26 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Characterful hotels, lodges & resthouses
PRICE FROM	£4,545
SINGLE SUPP	£385
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE	SOUT3



South Africa



Natural Highlights of South Africa

- ✓ Enjoy the indigenous flora of the Cape Peninsula & Garden Route
- ✓ Discover Kruger with its iconic big mammals & smaller species
- ✓ Observe a variety of African birdlife in a wide range of habitats

Starting in the Cape Peninsula we visit a mixture of formal botanical gardens, nature reserves and national parks to discover the unique flora of the fynbos and its endemic bird species, which include the orange-breasted sunbird and Cape sugarbird. We continue via the Little Karoo and the Garden Route to discover the area's varied flora and avifauna, taking in the scenery of Swartberg Plateau, evergreen forests, inland lakes, sweeping beaches and estuarine mudflats.

After flying to Johannesburg, we explore Blyde River Canyon and the escarpment of the Drakensberg en route to one of the highlights of the trip – Kruger National Park. Five nights in Kruger gives us plenty of opportunity to search for the 507 species of bird and 147 mammal species that have been recorded here, including the iconic safari species of lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and black rhino.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Cape Town
Days 2-4	Cape Peninsula
Day 5	Swellendam – The Overberg
Day 6	Little Karoo
Days 7-8	The Garden Route
Day 9	Mpumalanga
Days 10-14	Kruger National Park
Day 15	Overnight flight to the UK
Day 16	Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Mon 1 - Tue 16 October 2018 Mon 2 - Tue 17 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Characterful hotels, lodges & national park resthouses
PRICE FROM	£4,395
SINGLE SUPP	£340
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE	SOUT9



Tanzania



Birds & Mammals of the Serengeti & Beyond

- ✓ Witness the raw drama & spectacle of the Great Migration
- ✓ Marvel at Tanzania's incredible birdlife, including many endemics
- ✓ Encounter many of Africa's most iconic mammals

Coinciding with the wildebeest migration, our safari to northern Tanzania focuses on East Africa's incredible birdlife, and the abundance of mammals that roams the rolling plains. We begin in Arusha National Park, where we hope to see such highlights as bar-tailed trogon, Hartlaub's turaco and silvery-cheeked hornbill.

In Tarangire, amidst a mosaic of habitats we find savannah species such as yellow-throated and black-throated sandgrouse, double-banded courser and yellow-necked spurfowl, often under the watchful eye of onlooking raptors that include martial, black-breasted, bateleur and tawny eagles.

Finally, we visit Ngorongoro crater and the Serengeti plains to witness the dramatic migration while looking for endemics such as rufous-tailed weaver, Fischer's lovebird and grey-breasted spur-fowl.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Arusha
Day 2	Arusha National Park
Days 3-4	Tarangire National Park
Days 5-6	Lake Manyara National Park
Days 7-8	Ngorongoro Conservation Area
Days 9-11	Serengeti National Park
Day 12	Fly to Arusha & on to the UK
Day 13	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 5 - Fri 17 May 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Safari lodges & tented camps
PRICE FROM	£4,495
SINGLE SUPP	£240
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Jackson Chezi
TOUR CODE	TANZ4



Uganda



Shoebills, Primates & Tree-climbing Lions

- ✓ Search for some of Uganda's most desirable birds, including the shoebill
- ✓ Visit wetlands, forests & national parks rich in birds & mammals
- ✓ Opportunities to track chimpanzees & extend trip to see mountain gorillas

As well as being home to the world's highest density of primates, Uganda offers some spectacular birding with over 1,000 species recorded to date.

On this holiday we join renowned guide Harriet Kemigisha on a unique safari to search for Uganda's most sought-after bird species including the magnificent shoebill, green-breasted pitta and Ruwenzori turaco.

For mammal enthusiasts Kibale Forest National Park offers the chance of 13 species of primates, with the option of a morning's chimpanzee-tracking, whilst Queen Elizabeth National Park, famed for its tree-climbing lions, also holds great herds of Ugandan kob, elephant, buffalo and leopard.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Entebbe
Days 2-4	Kampala & Kibale Forest
Days 5-7	Queen Elizabeth National Park
Days 8-9	Lake Mburo National Park
Day 10	Kampala
Day 11	Mabamba Swamps & depart Entebbe
Day 12	Arrive UK – or join our extension to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to track mountain gorillas

DEPARTURE	Fri 27 September - Tue 8 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels, safari lodges & tented camps
PRICE FROM	£4,495
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Harriet Kemigisha
TOUR CODE	UGAN1



Zambia

NEW



Easy Birding in South Luangwa

- ✓ Discover Luangwa's unspoiled wilderness
- ✓ Excellent birding from a comfortable riverside lodge
- ✓ Witness a fantastic array of iconic African mammals

South Luangwa is undoubtedly the jewel among Zambia's national parks. The eastern boundary of this unspoiled wilderness is the meandering Luangwa River, whose regular changes of course create scenic oxbow lakes. There could hardly be a better place for birdwatchers, as Luangwa is blessed with some 400 bird species including 39 raptors and 50 or more migrants.

The sun-scorched riverbanks play host to colonies of carmine bee-eaters, which – together with numerous raptors, lovebirds, weavers and kingfishers – lend more than a splash of colour to this stunning destination.

The beautiful 'green season' begins with the arrival of the first rains in early November. These cleanse the dust and haze that builds up during the intense heat of the dry season, giving rise to a wonderful burst of green that adorns the previously parched earth. Flowering trees and plants come into bloom, and many animals – including the antelope species – give birth at this time, offering fantastic hunting opportunities for the park's predators.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

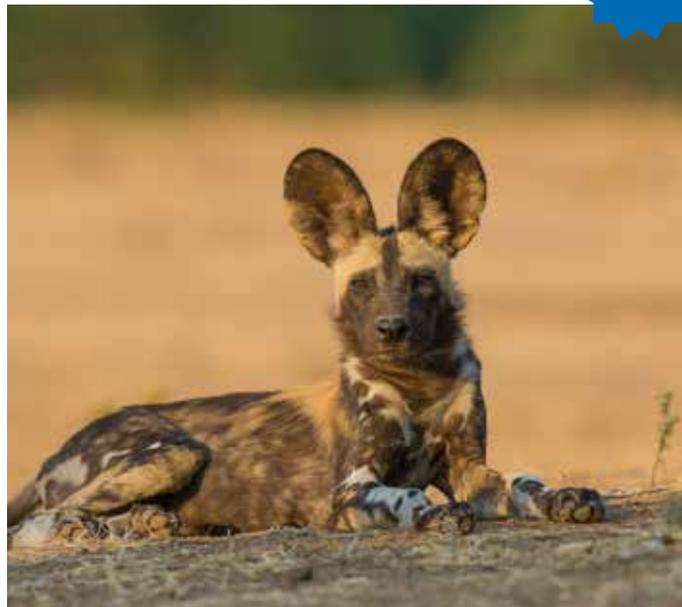
- Day 1 Fly overnight to Mufwe via Lusaka
- Day 2 Arrive Mufwe & transfer to South Luangwa
- Days 3-7 Birdwatching & wildlife viewing in South Luangwa NP
- Day 8 Transfer to Mfuwe & fly to the UK via Lusaka
- Day 9 Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Fri 2 - Sun 11 November 2018 Fri 15 - Sun 24 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Award-winning safari camp
PRICE FROM	£3,295
SINGLE SUPP	£420
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Geoffrey Lungu
TOUR CODE	ZAMB3



Zambia

NEW



Classic South Luangwa Safari

- ✓ Enjoy South Luangwa's stunning riverine landscape
- ✓ See leopard, lion, wild dog & elephants as well as superb birdlife
- ✓ Unwind in a comfortable riverside camp with swimming pool

This excellent value holiday to South Luangwa National Park offers the chance to see a tantalising array of iconic African mammals and birds, from the comfort of an award-winning camp located on the riverside at the edge of the national park. More than 60 species of mammal are found in the park plus around 400 bird species. South Luangwa is noted for its reliable sightings of leopard and lion, as well as striking birds including African fish eagle and southern ground hornbill. June is also a good time of year for seeing wild dog.

Using our exclusive vehicles, we follow a daily programme of morning and afternoon game drives – with the possibility of staying out all day on occasion. Our afternoon drives usually include a sundowner in a scenic location and then turn into a night drive as we return to camp after dark. The middle of the day can be spent relaxing in the lodge grounds, enjoying the delightful pool or watching the wildlife visiting the river.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly overnight to Mufwe via Lusaka
- Day 2 Arrive Mufwe & transfer to South Luangwa
- Days 3-8 Morning, afternoon & night safaris (possibility of full day drives)
- Day 9 Transfer to Mfuwe & fly to the UK via Lusaka
- Day 10 Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 21 - Sun 30 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Award-winning safari camp
PRICE FROM	£2,995
SINGLE SUPP	£370
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	12 (max of six per vehicle)
LEADERS	Geoffrey Lungu & Yotam Sakala
TOUR CODE	ZAMB8



Asia

Asia encompasses an extraordinary variety of landscapes, and this is reflected both in its wildlife and the holidays we offer to the continent, from tiger-focused holidays in India to looking for blue whales and endemic birds in Sri Lanka, or experiencing the vast Mongolian steppe. Further east, the forests of Borneo harbour unusual mammals, while Japan offers a chance to see 'snow monkeys' and 'dancing' cranes!



Armenia



Cranes, Raptors & Culture

- ✓ A unique mix of historic sites, scenery & birdlife
- ✓ Raptors galore in the rugged mountainous terrain
- ✓ Armash wetland – a veritable birding hotspot

This tour aims to be the first of its kind in landlocked Armenia, combining a remarkable diversity of habitats and landscapes with something of the country's rich ancient culture, and a unique opportunity to see demoiselle cranes on their autumn passage.

As we are more likely to see migrating cranes at the start of our stay, and raptors on passage towards the end, we head first to Yeghegnadzor via the wetland of Armash, then visit the central and northern parts of the country in an anti-clockwise loop.

This means we visit the country's largest body of water, Lake Sevan, early in the itinerary and leave the northern areas for migrant raptors until later. On our return to Yerevan we revisit Armash, and may note a considerable change even in such a short period.

Armash is one of the top birding sites in the Western Palearctic and – as we know from experience – its list of species is mouthwatering!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2	Fly to Yerevan; visit surroundings
Days 3-5	Yeghegnadzor via Armash
Day 6	Sevanavank
Days 7-8	Vanadzor
Days 9-10	Gyumri
Days 11-12	Yerevan; revisit Armash
Day 13	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 29 August - Tue 10 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£3,075
SINGLE SUPP	£250
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	ARME1 

Borneo



Borneo's Wildlife

- ✓ See Bornean orangutan, proboscis monkey & Bornean gibbon
- ✓ Search for seven species of hornbill & Bornean bristlehead
- ✓ Experience one of the world's best rainforest lodges

The island of Borneo has long fascinated naturalists with its wealth of fauna and flora. From the heights of Mount Kinabalu to its lush lowland rainforest and jungle-lined rivers, its varied habitats support an array of intriguing species from lizards, snakes and frogs that 'fly', to monkeys that dive and swim, and plants that eat insects, with flowers the size of dustbin lids.

This trip visits Borneo's foremost locations in a quest to see some of the island's most famed wildlife, including the 'old man of the forest' the Bornean orangutan, bizarre-looking proboscis monkeys, secretive Asian elephants, and up to seven species of hornbill.

In the heart of Danum Valley our three-night stay at the exquisite Borneo Rainforest Lodge is arguably the highlight of the trip. It is possible to see a host of bird and mammal species from the comfortable verandah, including the sole representative of the genus Pityriasis, the enigmatic Bornean bristlehead.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Kota Kinabalu
Day 2	Arrive Kota Kinabalu
Days 3-5	Kinabalu National Park; visit Poring
Day 6	Sepilok; visit Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre
Days 7-9	Kinabatangan River
Days 10-12	Danum Valley
Day 13	Transfer to Lahad Datu & fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 2 - Sat 15 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£5,845
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Napolean Bin Dimus (a.k.a Paul)
TOUR CODE	BORN3   

China


 NEW


Sichuan's Sensational Mammals & Birds

- ✓ Explore Sichuan in search of China's unique mammals
- ✓ Search for golden snub-nosed monkey & hog badger in Tangjiahe
- ✓ Spot red pandas, golden pheasants & Temminck's tragopan

Focusing on China's Sichuan Province this superb new 16-day tour goes in search of some of Asia's most iconic mammal and bird species.

Visiting the key wildlife locations of Labahe, Ruoergai and Tangjiahe we can hope to see a tantalising array of mammals including red panda, golden takin, Chinese serow, Pallas's cat, Tibetan wolf, Tibetan fox, golden snub-nosed monkey and much more. As it is home to more than half of China's endemic bird species – far exceeding any other province – we can hope to encounter such avian delights as Temminck's tragopan, Lady Amherst's pheasant and firethroat.

As well as its sensational wildlife, Sichuan's stunning scenery and unique culture make this trip an unforgettable experience.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Chengdu
Day 2	Arrive Chengdu & drive to Labahe Nature Reserve
Days 3-4	Explore Labahe Nature Reserve
Days 5-6	Wolong & the Balangshan Mountains
Days 7-10	Drive to Hongyuan. Explore Ruoergai & Zoige Wetland
Days 11-14	Explore Tangjiahe Nature Reserve
Day 15	Transfer to Chengdu
Day 16	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 13 - Sun 28 October 2018 Sat 13 - Sun 28 April 2019 Sat 26 October - Sun 10 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable, basic to mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£4,625
SINGLE SUPP	£420
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Barrie Cooper
TOUR CODE	CHIN1  

Georgia


 NEW


Georgia's Raptor Migration

- ✓ Visit Batumi – one of the best places to witness raptor migration
- ✓ Watch many thousands of raptors from specialist watchpoints
- ✓ Delicious local food & warm hospitality

This exciting new holiday focuses on the spectacular raptor migration in Batumi, in south-west Georgia, where up to a million birds pass through every autumn. Sandwiched between the vast expanse of the Black Sea to the west and the imposing Lesser Caucasus Mountains to the east, Batumi sits on a migratory bottleneck where it is possible to see many thousands of raptors in a single day.

Steppe buzzard and honey-buzzard, greater and lesser spotted eagles, black kite, imperial eagle, red-footed falcon and Levant sparrowhawk all pass through during this period, and we watch this extraordinary natural phenomenon from purpose-built viewpoints at key locations on the migration pathway.

Elsewhere we enjoy some excellent birdwatching in the natural areas located close to Batumi, where it is possible to see a wide variety of migratory and resident species.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Batumi
Day 2	Arrive Batumi; afternoon at Sakhalvasho Raptor Watchpoint
Day 3	Chorokhi Delta & Sakhalvasho Raptor Watchpoint
Day 4	Full day at Shuamta Raptor Watchpoint
Days 5-6	Kolkheti Wetlands & Mtirala National Park
Day 7	Black Sea Coast & Raptor Watchpoint
Day 8	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 21 - Sat 28 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotel
PRICE FROM	£2,295
SINGLE SUPP	£320
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Aslan Bolkvadze
TOUR CODE	GEOR1 

India



Birds & Big Cats

- ✓ Explore wild jungle in search of royal Bengal tiger
- ✓ Enjoy excellent birding & fantastic photographic opportunities
- ✓ Immerse yourself in India's rich culture & history

This comprehensive safari visits the national parks of Corbett, Keoladeo and Ranthambore – each is rich in birds and mammals.

Lying on the Indo-Gangetic plains, the beautiful park of Corbett is known for its scenic charm and magnificent submontane forests, which provide refuge for elephant, tiger and leopard, alongside such fabulous birds as collared falconet, great hornbill, lineated barbet and, in the winter months, ibisbill.

In Agra we visit the breathtaking Taj Mahal, before travelling a short distance to Keoladeo, one of the finest bird reserves in the world. Here we find a mosaic of habitats supporting over 350 species. Ranthambore is one of India's most picturesque reserves and offers an excellent chance of seeing the magnificent tiger – a fitting conclusion to our remarkable time in India.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Delhi
Days 2-3	Arrive Delhi & transfer to Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary & Okhla Bird Park
Days 4-7	Corbett National Park
Days 8-10	Delhi, Taj Mahal & Keoladeo National Park
Days 11-13	Ranthambore National Park
Day 14	Transfer to Delhi
Day 15	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 10 - Sat 24 November 2018 Sat 9 - Sat 23 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels & comfortable jungle lodges
PRICE FROM	£2,995
SINGLE SUPP	£645
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Varun Narain Mathur (2018) Durgesh Singh & Anand Sinha* (2019)
TOUR CODE	INDI3

*2nd leader subject to minimum numbers



India



Birds & Tigers in Central India

- ✓ Fantastic birding & tiger viewing opportunities
- ✓ Chance of Gangetic river dolphin along the Chambal River
- ✓ Visit the stunning marble mausoleum of the Taj Mahal

This itinerary reveals the highlights of central India as we discover key wildlife and birding destinations. From the Chambal River and the wetlands of Keoladeo to the legendary Taj Mahal and the tiger reserves of Pench, Satpura and Tadoba, we have opportunities to see an exciting range of mammals and birds: from the majestic Bengal tiger to sloth bear, leopard and Asiatic wild dog.

The beauty of Pench and Satpura is that we can explore each park away from the crowds. In Pench we stay on the remote northern side, a much quieter but very rich area, while the less well-known Satpura offers a unique opportunity to explore on foot and by boat.

The open landscapes of Tadoba offer fantastic photographic opportunities, with excellent scope for birding and other wildlife viewing; this park boasts the best tiger sightings of all in recent times.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Delhi
Day 2	Arrive Delhi
Days 3-6	Keoladeo National Park & Chambal River
Day 7	Agra & the Taj Mahal
Days 8-13	Satpura & Pench National Parks
Days 14-15	Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve
Day 16	Transfer to Delhi
Day 17	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Fri 23 November - Sun 9 December 2018 Thu 28 November - Sat 14 December 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels & comfortable jungle lodges
PRICE FROM	£4,395
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Sunny Patil (2018) & Anand Sinha* (2019)
TOUR CODE	INDI4

*2nd leader subject to minimum numbers



Japan



Japan's Spectacular Winter Wildlife

- ✓ Watch thousands of cranes dancing at their winter gathering
- ✓ Witness Japanese macaques bathing in hot springs
- ✓ Get stunning views of Steller's sea eagle

Covering a range of climatic zones, Japan's diverse habitats support an abundance of wildlife. More than 600 bird species have been recorded, of which over 250 are known to breed in Japan. Endemic highlights include Japanese woodpecker, green pheasant – Japan's national bird – and copper pheasant. On this tour we hope to see the spectacle of large numbers of migrating cranes, including hooded, white-naped, sandhill and common crane in Arasaki.

Aside from the brilliant birdlife, we visit one of the country's most renowned wildlife sites, where the captivating Japanese macaque, or 'snow monkey', can be found in the natural hot springs of Jigokudani Valley. On the walk to the spring, we look out for Japanese serow and raptors soaring overhead.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Days 1-2 Fly to Miyasaki via Tokyo
- Day 3 Birding at Kadogawa; drive to Hyuga
- Days 4-5 Lake Mi-ike, Kirishima, Arasaki & Kogawa Reservoir
- Days 6-9 Fly to Tokyo; transfer to Kambayashi Onsen & Karuizawa
- Days 10-11 Fly to Kushiro and transfer to Yoroushi, Lake Mashu, Kussharo & Yoroushi Valley
- Day 12 Notsuke Peninsula, Lake Furen & Nemuro
- Days 13-14 Tsurui & transfer to Tokyo
- Day 15 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 24 November - Sat 8 December 2018 Sat 23 November - Sat 7 December 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable, small, mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£8,595
SINGLE SUPP	£890
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Barrie Cooper
TOUR CODE	JAPA1



Malaysia



Peninsular Birding

- ✓ Experience varied habitats: rainforest, wetland & mangrove
- ✓ Visit Malaysia's premier birdwatching areas
- ✓ Try for all ten species of Malaysia's hornbills

The central and northern regions of Peninsular Malaysia cover a wide range of habitats that include lowland and montane forest, mangrove, mudflat, wetland and scrubland. This vast expanse of untouched rainforest, golden beach and secluded coral islands holds fantastic birdlife. In all, some 640 bird species are found on the mainland, and 11 of the peninsula's 18 Important Bird Areas lie within this area.

This comprehensive itinerary visits many of the country's premier birdwatching areas, and – with so much on offer – will surely excite any enthusiastic birder. The excellent infrastructure, accommodation and food – along with the added advantage of English being widely understood – makes for a comfortable and fulfilling birding experience.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Kuala Lumpur
- Days 2-4 Arrive Kuala Lumpur & transfer to Bukit Fraser
- Days 5-8 Taman Negara National Park
- Days 9-10 Batu Gajah
- Days 11-12 Taiping
- Days 13-14 Royal Belum State Park
- Days 15-16 Penang; fly to the UK
- Day 17 Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 1 - Sun 17 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£3,855
SINGLE SUPP	£645
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Irshad Mobarak or Andrew Sebastian
TOUR CODE	MALY1



Mongolia



Birding the Land of Genghis Khan

- ✓ Experience the vast wilderness of the Mongolian steppe
- ✓ Search for Henderson's ground jay, Altai snowcock & saxaul sparrow
- ✓ Immerse yourself in fascinating ancient culture & customs

This fabulous birdwatching itinerary visits the majestic mountains and steppe of Mongolia. Sandwiched between Russia and China, this vast open grassland is bordered by the Altai Mountains in the north and west, and the Gobi Desert in the south. From the spectacular Hustai National Park, home of Przewalski's horse, to the taiga forests in Terelj National Park, Mongolia has much to offer.

Pacific swift, steppe eagle, Pallas's fish-eagle, black vulture, upland buzzard, saker and Amur falcons, white-naped and demoiselle cranes, red-flanked bluetail, Siberian rubythroat, Henderson's ground jay, Altai snowcock and saxaul sparrow are all possible sightings alongside a supporting cast of mammals that includes Tarbagan marmot, white-tailed gazelle and grey wolf.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Ulaanbaatar
Days 2-3	Arrive Ulaanbaatar & transfer to Hustai National Park
Days 4-6	Ugii Lake & Kharkhorin
Days 7-8	Elsen Tasarkhai & Ulanbaatar
Days 9-12	Yolyn Am & Khongoryn Els
Day 13	Dalanzadgad
Days 14-15	Ghorki-Terelj National Park
Day 16	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 16 June - Mon 1 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Mid-range hotels & tourist 'ger' or yurt camps
PRICE FROM	£4,295
SINGLE SUPP	£475
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Bayanmunkh Dashnyam
TOUR CODE	MONG1



Sri Lanka



Blue Whales, Dolphins & Leopards

- ✓ Encounter the world's largest mammal – the blue whale
- ✓ See mammals that include Asian elephant, leopard & sloth bear
- ✓ Enjoy the island's fabulous birdlife

At Kalpitiya we should see large numbers of spinner dolphins before we cross the island and head for the south coast, for an opportunity to see blue whales – the largest mammals on earth – and possibly orca, sperm, and beaked whales. En route we visit Sri Lanka's premier national parks: Yala and Udawalawe.

Yala is widely acknowledged as one of the best places in the world to see leopard, but is also home to water buffalo, Asian elephant, sloth bear, sambar, chital, wild boar and mugger crocodile.

Birding highlights may include blue-faced malkoha, yellow-wattled lapwing, rufous-winged bush lark, thick-billed flowerpecker, purple sunbird, white-rumped shama and black-necked stork.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Colombo
Days 2-4	Arrive Colombo & transfer to Kalpitiya
Days 5-6	Udawalawe National Park
Days 7-8	Yala National Park
Days 9-12	Whale watching at Mirissa
Day 13	Katunayaka
Day 14	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 24 November - Fri 7 December 2018 Sun 3 - Sat 16 March 2019 Sun 24 November - Sat 7 December 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & resorts
PRICE FROM	£2,995
SINGLE SUPP	£750
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, some meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	12
LEADER	Upul Wickramasinghe
TOUR CODE	SRIL1



Sri Lanka



Birds & Mammals of Sri Lanka

- ✓ A birder's paradise rich with endemic & migratory species
- ✓ Experience Sri Lanka's unique blend of nature & culture
- ✓ Search for leopard inland & blue whale offshore

On this exciting 16-day holiday we go in search of Sri Lanka's endemic birds and a host of exquisite winter visitors and south Indian specialities, alongside a fabulous array of mammals that includes Asian elephant, leopard and possibly sloth bear in Yala National Park, and blue whale off the coast of Mirissa. During a visit to Sigiriya, an ancient rock fortress that rises above the surrounding jungle, we hope to see shaheen falcon, a sub-species of the peregrine.

Home to more than 30 endemic bird species, we should see most, if not all of them – from Legge's flowerpecker and Sri Lankan hanging parrot, to Sri Lankan junglefowl and Sri Lankan blue magpie plus, hopefully, Serendib scops owl as well as Sri Lankan frogmouth, Malabar trogon, yellow-browed bulbul, and both Loten's and purple-rumped sunbirds.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Colombo
Days 2-4	Arrive Colombo & transfer to Sigiriya & Kandy
Days 5-10	Nuwara Eliya, Kitulgala & Sinharaja
Days 11-12	Udawalawe National Park
Day 13	Yala National Park, Tissamaharama
Day 14	Bundala National Park & transfer to Mirissa
Day 15	Whale watching in Mirissa & drive to Katunayaka
Day 16	Fly to the UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 15 - Sat 30 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM	£3,095
SINGLE SUPP	£720
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Saman Kumara Gamage   
TOUR CODE	SRIL3

Taiwan



Endemics & Winter Migrants

- ✓ Search for the exquisite flamecrest & other endemic birds
- ✓ Explore the island's rich & diverse ecosystems
- ✓ See numerous migratory species including black-faced spoonbill

Our tour focuses on Taiwan's national treasure – its superb endemic birds – along with its winter visitors. The diversity of tropical and temperate habitats – from humid lowland forest and rolling plains to five ranges of rugged mountains running from north to south – supports a huge variety of species.

Over 500 bird species have been recorded on the island, and this includes no less than 24 endemics, including the stunning Swinhoe's pheasant, Taiwan fulvetta, Taiwan blue magpie, Taiwan whistling thrush, and the exquisite flamecrest. One of the non-endemic highlights is the graceful and unusual black-faced spoonbill – just one of the many migrants that passes through en route between Siberia and tropical Asia between September and March.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Taipei
Day 2	Arrive Taipei
Day 3	Hualien & Taroko National Park
Day 4	Bulowan, Hehuan Shan & Cingjing
Day 5	Cingjing to Huisun
Day 6	Huisun to Alishan National Park
Days 7-8	Alishan National Park & Augu Wetland
Days 9-11	Douliou & Dasyueshan National Park
Day 12	Transfer to Taipei via Wulai
Day 13	Yehliu Geopark; fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 10 - Fri 23 November 2018 Sun 10 - Sat 23 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Small, basic to mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£4,395
SINGLE SUPP	£715
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Barrie Cooper  
TOUR CODE	TAIW1

Australasia

Our holidays in Australia seek out the country's unique mammals, including koala and kangaroos, as well as its birds, of which there are over 200 species, while in New Zealand we focus on the landscapes and wildlife of South Island. We also offer a holiday to Papua New Guinea, famous for its rich avifauna – of which the birds-of-paradise are the main attraction – and extraordinary tribes, including the intriguingly named Huli Wigmen!



Australia



Islands, Rivers & Ranges

- ✓ See rare birdlife with South Australia specialist Peter Waanders
- ✓ Overnight on the iconic & beautiful Kangaroo Island
- ✓ Search for endemics such as koalas & short-beaked echidnas

With a diversity of habitats from the dry red interior of the outback, to the wetlands, mangroves and estuaries of Coorong National Park, we visit the best birding locations South Australia has to offer. We begin in Adelaide, where we follow the Samphire Coast to the Eyre Peninsula, before visiting the Flinders Ranges and Murray River, finishing at Gluepot Reserve and Kangaroo Island.

We can expect to see over 200 species of birds, including five species of parrot, three species of cockatoo, little penguin, black-eared miner, malleefowl, western whippbird, freckled duck, Cape Barren goose and a variety of grasswrens, eagles, rails and crakes. Aside from the rich birdlife, we will also look for endemic mammals such as short-beaked echidna, koala, three species of kangaroo, the endangered yellow-footed rock wallaby, seals, sea lions and cetaceans.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Adelaide
Day 2	Arrive Adelaide
Days 3-5	Eyre Peninsula
Days 6-9	Flinders Ranges & Murray River
Day 10	Coorong wetlands & Victor Harbour
Days 11-12	Fleurieu Peninsula & Kangaroo Island
Day 13	Adelaide Hills
Day 14	Adelaide International International Bird Sanctuary; fly to the UK
Day 15	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 21 September - Sat 5 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels, motels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£4,995
SINGLE SUPP	£685
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Peter Waanders
TOUR CODE	AUS15



Australia



Top End Birding

- ✓ Discover the region's spectacular & colourful birdlife
- ✓ See an incredible array of mammals, colourful insects & reptiles
- ✓ Cruise the Mary River Wetlands in search of saltwater crocodile

The 'Top End' of the Northern Territory is a haven for birdlife and hosts some truly spectacular species such as rainbow bee-eater, Gouldian finch, and the emblematic black-necked stork, as well as numerous mammals and an incredible array of reptiles.

This tour covers all the key locations from the Mary River wetlands and Kakadu National Park, to the scenic Katherine Gorge and Kununurra in the Kimberley. Get a real taste of the outback while observing the unique species found only in the 'Top End'.

Why not consider our pre-tour Sacred Arnhem Land extension? See our website for details.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Darwin
Day 2	Arrive Darwin; transfer to Mary River
Day 3	Mary River Wetlands to Kakadu National Park
Day 4	World Heritage Kakadu National Park
Day 5	Yellow Water boat cruise & drive to Pine Creek
Day 6	Katherine Gorge – Nitmiluk National Park
Days 7-8	Timber Creek
Day 9	Drive to Kununurra
Day 10	Lake Argyle
Day 11	Transfer to Kununurra airport & fly to the UK
Day 12	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 31 October - Mon 11 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Wilderness retreats, eco-lodges & rustic hotels in remote locations
PRICE FROM	£6,545
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Luke Paterson
TOUR CODE	AUS13



Australia



Jewels of the Kimberley

- ✓ Visit Lake Argyle, an international Important Bird Area
- ✓ Explore rugged & dramatic gorges & waterways
- ✓ Search for 18 endemic bird species from over 500 in the region

Western Australia covers an area larger than Western Europe and supports more than 500 bird species, including 18 endemics. Some of the best birding areas in Western Australia are in the Kimberley in the far north of the state. Broome is outstanding for waders, summer migrants and mangrove species while Kununurra is a hotspot for finches, parrots, honeyeaters and water birds.

This comprehensive birdwatching tour is designed to capture the remote beauty of the Kimberley while searching for some of the more unusual birds and animals that inhabit this rugged country. We search sandstone terraces for the Kimberley's endemic black grasswren and Kimberley honeyeater; woodland for Gouldian finch and partridge pigeon; riverine pandanus for purple-crowned fairy-wren; and Melaleuca gallery forest for red goshawk and Pacific baza.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2	Fly to Kununurra
Day 3	Transfer to Lily Creek Lagoon
Day 4	Lake Argyle, Kununurra
Days 5-6	El Questro & Emma Gorge
Days 7-9	Drive to Drysdale River Station & Mitchell Plateau
Day 10	Return to Drysdale River Station; birding en route
Days 11-13	Mount Elizabeth Station & drive to Derby
Days 14-15	Broome
Day 16	Fly to the UK
Day 17	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 5 - Sat 21 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Wilderness retreats, comfortable eco-lodges & the occasional rustic hotel
PRICE FROM	£6,645
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	George Swann
TOUR CODE	AUS14



New Zealand



New Zealand's Southern Wonderland

- ✓ Discover the evolutionary treasures of this isolated island nation
- ✓ Enjoy spectacular & dramatic natural scenery
- ✓ See endemic kiwi, tuatara & yellow-eyed penguin

A hundred million years of isolation have made New Zealand a world apart in evolutionary terms. The absence of land mammals has given native birds room to occupy the niches filled elsewhere by mammals. This truly fascinating avifauna includes the nocturnal flightless kiwi, and many other unique and often very tame species.

This is the botanical and wildlife trip-of-a-lifetime, covering the South Island. In search of endemic plants and birds, we find a host of seabirds along the coast, and a wealth of botanical treasures including the famous 'vegetable sheep'.

Why not consider our North Island extension?
See our website for details.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2	Fly to Auckland
Day 3	Fly to Invercargill & drive to Fjordland
Days 4-6	Lake Te Anau, Milford Sound & Stewart Island
Day 7	Catlins to Dunedin
Days 8-10	Lake Ohau, Mount Cook National Park & Arthur's Pass
Day 11	Moa Forest to the Tasman Sea
Days 12-15	Kaikoura & St Arnaud
Day 16	Fly to Auckland & fly to the UK
Day 17	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 19 January - Mon 4 February 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM	£5,545
SINGLE SUPP	£810
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Geoff Henderson
TOUR CODE	NEWZ1



Papua New Guinea



Birds-of-Paradise

- ✓ Search for splendid birds-of-paradise and view their mating rituals
- ✓ Immerse yourself in Papua New Guinea's many fascinating cultures
- ✓ Discover the island's varied ecosystems & rich avifauna

Papua New Guinea (PNG), with an unparalleled array of natural beauty and exotic wildlife, is one of the world's last frontiers. Lying just north of Australia and occupying roughly half of the world's second largest island, this is a land of extraordinary contrasts with 4,500-metre-high mountains, vast expanses of rainforest, huge river systems and pristine coral atolls. With one of the world's richest and most varied avifaunas, PNG possesses more than 700 species that include seven endemic families, and 38 of the world's 43 birds-of-paradise. There are kingfishers, frogmouths, berrypeckers and fairywrens, and the air is filled with a cacophony of calls from orioles, lorikeets and parrots, to the high-pitched, almost electric-sounding song of the black-throated robin. Raptors include the magnificent New Guinea harpy eagle.

Scattered wilderness lodges in remote areas provide our bases for sampling indigenous culture and witnessing the varied ecosystems. From Port Moresby, the capital, we fly to Tari in the Central Highlands to stay at Ambua Lodge. The Tari Valley is home to the Huli Wigman tribe, so called on account of their ornate ceremonial wigs, whose song and dance is based around the mating ritual of birds-of-paradise. During our time in the Tari Valley we hope to feast our eyes on a number of birds-of-paradise including the magnificent King of Saxony, blue, superb and Princess Stephanie's astrapias, along with a wealth of other interesting species.

Continuing by chartered light aircraft to Karawari, we explore the Sepik River, where we go in search of the fabulously bizarre twelve-wired bird-of-paradise, with the aim of witnessing its elaborate

courtship display. Here we see a way of life that has only opened to the outside world since the 1930s – tribes still live entirely off the land and perform their ceremonial dances as they always have done.

Another light aircraft flight takes us to the Western Highlands and our base, Kumul Lodge, which is famous for its bird-feeding table at which we may see smoky honeyeater, Brehm's tiger parrot, Belford's melidectes, brown sicklebill, and ribbon-tailed astrapia among other species. We will also have an opportunity to learn about the Melpha people.

We end our time in Papua New Guinea with an overnight stay in Port Moresby with visits to nearby Varirata National Park which provides our best chance of seeing a displaying Raggiana bird-of-paradise, an iconic lekking species that is PNG's national bird, and a visit to Port Moresby Nature Park, where we learn more about this fascinating country's regional flora and fauna.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to Singapore
Day 2	Fly overnight to Port Moresby
Day 3	Fly to Tari; stay at Ambua Lodge
Days 4-5	Birding in the Southern Highlands
Day 6	Charter flight to Karawari
Days 7-9	Birding in Sepik River
Day 10	Charter flight to Mt Hagen; stay at Kumul Lodge
Days 11-12	Birding in the Western Highlands
Day 13	Fly to Port Moresby; visit Varirata National Park
Day 14	Morning visit to Port Moresby Nature Park; fly to Singapore & fly to the UK
Day 15	Arrive UK



DEPARTURE	Wed 17 - Wed 31 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good city hotels & rustic rainforest lodges
PRICE FROM	£8,995
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Barrie Cooper
TOUR CODE	PAPU2





Latin America

From the Caribbean islands to the tip of Argentina, Latin America offers a mouthwatering array of climates and habitats. Quetzals, trogons and monkeys abound in the forests of Costa Rica, while Trinidad offers a chance to watch hummingbirds and other birdlife from the comfort of your verandah! Our holiday to Brazil's Pantanal gives a superb chance of seeing Jaguar, the continent's apex predator, while the whale watching off Mexico's Baja Peninsula is simply world class!

Argentina



Wildlife & Glaciers of Patagonia

- ✓ Immerse yourself in Patagonia's staggering wildlife gatherings
- ✓ Experience the cacophony of an elephant seal breeding colony
- ✓ Search for condors soaring over stunning glaciers

Patagonia is one of the world's wildest and most biologically fascinating areas: the closest continental land mass to the Antarctic, connected to the supreme biodiversity of the South American tropics, and isolated from the rest of the world's temperate zones, it has unique wildlife, first described in any detail by Charles Darwin.

Our journey begins in the coastal desert of the Valdes Peninsula where we get a flavour of the astonishing contrasts as we watch colourful burrowing parrots, inspect flowering cacti, walk through a colony of Magellanic penguins, and watch offshore for southern right whales. At the very tip of South America we take a boat trip on the Beagle Channel to see seabirds and marine mammals, and visit Tierra del Fuego National Park in search of kelp goose, torrent duck, austral parakeet and Andean condor.

Returning north to El Calafate where the Patagonian steppe meets the Andes, we are able to enjoy yet more views of Andean Condor alongside a breathtaking 100-metre-high glacier mouth.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2	Depart from UK & arrive Buenos Aires
Days 3-5	Valdes Peninsula
Days 6-7	Fly to Ushuaia; Tierra del Fuego National Park
Days 8-10	Fly to Calafate; Los Glaciares National Park
Day 11	Fly to Buenos Aires
Day 12	Morning at leisure; fly to the UK
Day 13	Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Fri 9 - Wed 21 November 2018 Fri 8 - Wed 20 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good mid-range hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£5,525
SINGLE SUPP	£750
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Luis Segura
TOUR CODE	ARGE2



Bolivia



Birding in the Heart of South America

- ✓ Explore biodiverse ecosystems with numerous endemic species
- ✓ Absorb Bolivia's fascinating culture & spectacular scenery
- ✓ Crested quetzal, toco toucan & king vulture among avian highlights

Considered a biological treasure, Bolivia is a landlocked and mostly mountainous country, with some of the most dramatic scenery in South America, and arguably its best-preserved indigenous cultures. Indeed some of the culture and language that still exists dates from pre-Inca days! Thanks to its great diversity of habitat, the country hosts over 1,300 species of birds – 40 per cent of all the species in South America with 20 endemics and more than 100 that are endemic to the limited ecosystems that share a border with Bolivia's neighbours.

Our tour focuses on the bird and wildlife riches of the lowlands and Andean foothills, with their cloud forests and dry savannahs, before we gradually make our way up to the region of Cochabamba.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Santa Cruz
Day 2	Arrive Santa Cruz; visit Botanical Garden
Day 3	Birding in Lopas de Arena National Park
Days 4-5	Refugio Los Volcanes
Days 6-7	Comarapa & the Mizque Valley
Day 8	Comarapa & Siberia cloud forest
Days 9-10	Cochabamba & Upper Chapare Road
Day 11	Cerro Tunari, fly to the UK via Santa Cruz
Day 12	Arrive UK – or join extension to Trinidad

DEPARTURES	Wed 3 - Sun 14 October 2018 Wed 9 - Sun 20 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£3,375
SINGLE SUPP	£380
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Pablo Petracci
TOUR CODE	BOLI1



Brazil



Wildlife of the North & South Pantanal

- ✓ Experience both the north & south Pantanal
- ✓ Quest for jaguar, giant anteater, giant river otter & ocelot
- ✓ A profusion of fabulous birds including hyacinth macaw

Visiting both the south and north Pantanal we experience two very different habitats. Both play host to large numbers of capybara and yacare caiman, but the south has more extensive areas of savannah, punctuated by termite mounds and dry deciduous forest. This is the realm of greater rhea, red-legged seriema and vermilion flycatcher, and mammals such as giant anteater, six-banded armadillo and ocelot.

In the north we find a more enclosed, wetter environment of meandering rivers and channels lined with gallery forest. It is here we have our best chance of seeing jaguars, as well as giant river otters, marsh deer, howler monkey and the Brazilian tapir. The birdlife in this area is superb and among the many species we can expect to see are hyacinth macaws, jabiru storks, roseate spoonbills, toco toucans, five species of kingfisher and a plethora of raptors.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly overnight to São Paulo
Days 2-4	South Pantanal
Days 5-6	Serra das Araras
Days 7-8	North Pantanal
Days 9-12	Porto Jofre & Cuiabá
Day 13	Fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Thu 4 - Wed 17 October 2018 Fri 14 - Thu 27 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels & comfortable lodge
PRICE FROM	£5,125
SINGLE SUPP	£550
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Miguel Castelino
TOUR CODE	BRAZ2



Chile



Total Solar Eclipse 2019

- ✓ Experience first-hand the drama of a total solar eclipse
- ✓ Search for pelagic, coastal, desert & high-altitude birds
- ✓ See South America's camelids: llama, alpaca, vicuña & guanaco

Sandwiched between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean, Chile stretches 4,300 kilometres north to south, yet is only an average 175 kilometres wide. The country's topographical extremes and relative isolation have led to a high degree of endemism. This tour focuses on birds and mammals of the south and central regions as well as the chance to witness one of nature's most spectacular events – a total solar eclipse – in the south of the country. Beginning with a pelagic trip off Valparaiso, we then explore two national parks in central Chile before witnessing the eclipse. Next we transfer to Arica in the north to enjoy the superb birdlife of the Humboldt coast before finishing with a visit to Lauca National Park, famous for its high-altitude desert landscapes, rich birdlife and camelids.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Santiago
Day 2	Transfer to Valparaiso; birding on the waterfront
Day 3	Pelagic boat trip & birding on the waterfront
Day 4	Quintero; birding at La Campana National Park
Days 5-6	Elqui Valley; birding & eclipse day!
Day 7	Return to Santiago & fly to Arica
Day 8	Oasis birding & pelagic boat trip
Days 9-10	Putre; explore Lauca National Park
Day 11	Return to Arica & fly to Santiago
Day 12	Fly to the UK
Day 13	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 27 June - Tue 9 July 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£5,555
SINGLE SUPP	£575
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	16
LEADER	Barrie Cooper & local guide
TOUR CODE	CHIL2



Colombia




Colombia's Birding Highlights

- ✓ Visit a variety of Colombia's exceptional habitats
- ✓ See many highly sought-after endemic bird species
- ✓ Enjoy delicious food & fabulous South American hospitality

This exciting holiday targets some of Colombia's sought-after species such as multicoloured, black-and-gold and gold-ringed tanagers, Bogota rail and yellow-eared parrot. Our quest takes us to scenic locations from starkly beautiful high Andean páramo, which holds species like buffy helmetcrest to moss-festooned Andean cloud forest that is home to mixed flocks and iconic birds such as white-tipped quetzal and black-billed mountain toucan.

Other highlights include a cock-of-the-rock lek, where we can watch more than 20 raucous males displaying at near point-blank range, while at Rio Blanco Reserve we may encounter as many as five species of antpitta in a single morning! Hummingbird lovers will be in heaven – over 50 species are possible during the trip!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Bogota & transfer to Canmore
Days 2-3	Transfer to Pereira & drive to Manizales
Days 4-5	Explore Rio Blanco Reserve & Nevado del Ruiz
Day 6	Jardin
Days 7-9	Las Tangaras Reserve
Days 10-13	Medellin & fly to Santa Marta; transfer to Minca
Day 14	Santa Marta & fly to Bogota
Day 15	Explore Chingaza National Park; fly to the UK
Day 16	Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Fri 9 - Sat 24 November 2018 Fri 22 November - Sat 7 December 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels & lodges (some rustic)
PRICE FROM	£4,575
SINGLE SUPP	£580
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Jose Castaño (2018) & Hernan Arias (2019)
TOUR CODE	COLO1 

Costa Rica



Cloud Forests, Jungles & Volcanoes

- ✓ See remarkable birdlife across this biologically rich country
- ✓ Explore the diverse world of exotic plant & animal species
- ✓ Resplendent quetzal, trogons, woodpeckers & hummingbirds

Costa Rica is an intensely beautiful tropical land, with a chain of volcanic peaks that rise to over 3,500 metres in altitude. These mountains divide the country into quite separate ecological zones, each with its characteristic fauna and flora. As a consequence, Costa Rica is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world.

Over the course of our holiday, we aim to visit a representative sample of its biologically rich areas, to provide the best possible experience of this wonderful country. Our guide is an outstanding naturalist with a real passion for Costa Rica. Along with such mammals as howler, capuchin, squirrel and spider monkeys, plus southern tamandua, he will endeavour to show us such avian delights as resplendent quetzal, fiery-throated hummingbird, yellow-throated toucan, swallow-tailed kite and sunbittern.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to San José
Days 2-3	Arenal highlands
Days 4-5	Sarapiquí
Day 6	Rancho Naturalista
Days 7-8	Cerro de la Muerte highlands
Days 9-11	Pacific Coast & Carara National Park
Day 12	Drive to San José
Day 13	Fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 16 February - Fri 1 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels, lodges (some remote) & cabins
PRICE FROM	£4,195
SINGLE SUPP	£650
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Abelardo Benavides   
TOUR CODE	COST1

Guatemala



Quetzal Quest in the Land of the Maya

- ✓ Star-studded birdlife with resplendent quetzal, azure-rumped tanager & long-tailed manakin
- ✓ Observe Yucatan howler & spider monkeys in ancient Mayan ruins
- ✓ Experience fabulous Guatemalan culture & food

This tour combines Guatemala's rich natural and cultural history. We begin in the capital, Antigua – a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its fine colonial architecture – before visiting the Central Highlands to look for endemics such as pink-headed warbler.

The hills of the Pacific slopes are home to species such as azure-rumped tanager and long-tailed manakin, and in the cloud forest of the Quetzal Biotope Reserve we should see resplendent quetzal, azure-hooded jay and spotted nightingale-thrush. Our visit to the sites of Tikal and Yaxca provides an opportunity to learn about fascinating Mayan history, while keeping an eye out for an incredible variety of birds and mammals.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Guatemala City & transfer to Antigua
Days 2-3	Antigua & Santiago Atitlán
Days 4-5	Los Tarrales Reserve
Days 6-7	Quetzal Biotope Reserve
Day 8	Flores
Days 9-11	Tikal National Park
Day 12	Antigua
Day 13	Fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sat 19 January - Fri 1 February 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels, some quite rustic
PRICE FROM	£3,845
SINGLE SUPP	£390
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADERS	Maynor Ovando & Barrie Cooper*
TOUR CODE	GUAT1

*2nd leader subject to minimum numbers



Guyana



Rainforests, Savannahs & Wetlands

- ✓ Explore Guyana's pristine rainforest & savannahs
- ✓ Visit lekking sites of the spectacular cock-of-the-rock
- ✓ See a tantalising mix of Caribbean & South American birdlife

Guyana is a tiny country containing pristine rainforest, wonderful waterfalls, freshwater wetlands that teem with birds and mammals, and lekking sites of the spectacular Guianan cock-of-the-rock.

We visit the coastal plain, sand-belt forest, the rainforests of the interior and the Rupununi savannah, travelling by four-wheel-drive vehicles, motorised dugouts and on foot.

The birdwatching is wonderful with blood-coloured woodpecker, rufous crab-hawk, scarlet ibis, oilbird, white-tipped swift and Amazonian antshrike all possible. Mammals include black spider and red howler monkeys, wedge-capped capuchin, banded tamandua, giant river otter and numerous capybaras.

Why not consider extending to visit Kaieteur Falls?
See our website for details.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Georgetown
Days 2-3	Iwokrama River Lodge
Day 4	Surama village
Days 5-6	Atta Rainforest Lodge
Days 7-9	Karanambu Ranch
Day 10	Georgetown
Days 11-12	Arrowpoint Nature Reserve
Day 13	Depart Georgetown & fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURES	Sat 24 November - Thu 6 December 2018 Sun 17 - Fri 29 November 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Mix of comfortable & rustic lodges
PRICE FROM	£5,095
SINGLE SUPP	£395
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Gary Sway
TOUR CODE	GUYA1



Mexico



Great Whales of Mexico's Pacific Coast

- ✓ See blue, sperm, Bryde's & humpback whales plus other cetaceans
- ✓ Come eye-to-eye with grey whales in San Ignacio Lagoon
- ✓ See highly endangered Guadalupe fur seals

Join our spectacular voyage along Baja California's Pacific coast, timed to coincide with the best time of year for seeing the blue, fin and humpback whales that congregate in Baja's waters each winter. En route we witness the thrilling spectacle of grey whales in one of the warm lagoons where they come to calve. Here, we transfer to smaller local boats for eye-to-eye encounters, a never-to-be-forgotten experience! The incredible diversity of marine life includes whales, dolphins, turtles, seals and birds, enjoyed through a mixed programme of snorkelling, slow walks and from the comfort of our privately chartered vessel, the *Searcher*.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to San Diego
Day 2	Free morning; board <i>Searcher</i> in the afternoon & sail
Days 3-4	Islas Todos Santos & Islas San Benito
Days 5-6	San Ignacio Lagoon
Days 7-8	Bahía Magdalena & Cabo San Lucas
Day 9	Disembark at Cabo San Lucas & transfer to Los Cobos; fly to the UK
Day 10	Arrive UK – or join our extension to swim with whale sharks in the Bay of La Paz & to Espíritu Santo Island

DEPARTURES	Sun 7 - Tue 16 April 2019 Mon 6 - Wed 15 April 2020
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & the 29-metre <i>Searcher</i>
PRICE FROM	£5,295
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	24
LEADER	Chris Breen (2019) Lee Morgan (2020)
TOUR CODE	MEX14



Mexico



Mexico's Great Migrations

- ✓ Witness the spectacle of millions of migrating monarch butterflies
- ✓ Experience close encounters with migrating humpback whales
- ✓ Enjoy fabulous birding in San Blas Nayarit

Combine two extraordinary wildlife events while enjoying some of the finest birdwatching in Mexico: observe millions of monarch butterflies settling in the warmer climate of Michoacán for their winter hibernation after a 5,000-kilometre journey from North America, then transfer to San Blas and Puerto Vallarta to witness humpback whales arriving at their breeding grounds in the waters of Mexico's Pacific coast. As well as seeing humpback whales at close quarters – and also, hopefully, hearing them by means of a hydrophone lowered into the water – it is possible to see both grey and blue whales at this time of year too, the latter being the largest animal ever to inhabit the earth!

In San Blas Nayarit, one of Mexico's premier birdwatching locations, we go in search of a variety of star species including rosy thrush-tanager, military macaw and rufous-bellied chachalaca, Mexican parrotlet, crowned motmot and beautiful masked tityra.

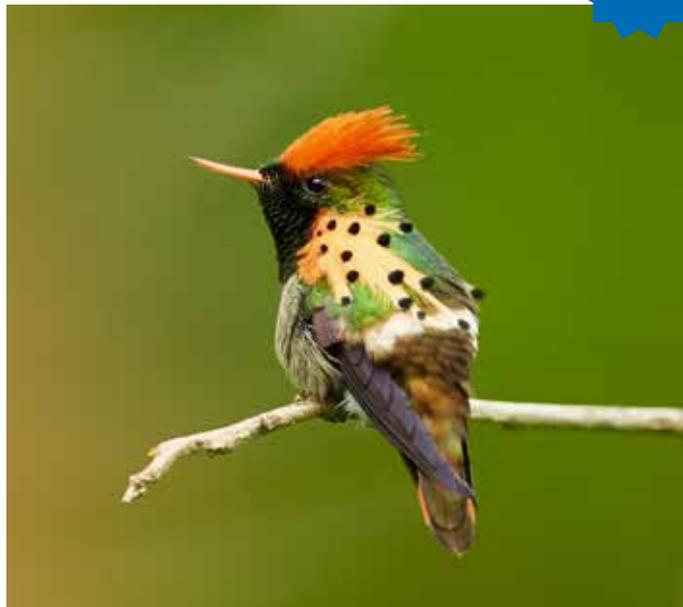
OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Mexico City
Days 2-4	Monarch butterfly sanctuaries in Michoacán
Day 5	Fly to Tepic, San Blas
Days 6-10	San Blas & Puerto Vallarta
Day 11	Military macaw nesting sanctuary; fly to the UK
Day 12	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Wed 6 - Sun 17 March 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels, guesthouses & ranches
PRICE FROM	£5,195
SINGLE SUPP	£440
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	MEX13



Trinidad



Easy Birding in Trinidad

- ✓ A relaxing nine-day birdwatching holiday based at the renowned Asa Wright Centre
- ✓ Enjoy a tantalising array of Neotropical bird species
- ✓ A flexible programme with the option to relax at centre if you wish

Located on a 600-hectare private reserve on the lovely Caribbean island of Trinidad, the delightful Asa Wright Centre makes a perfect base for this relaxing nine-day birdwatching holiday.

Established in 1967, the centre offers visitors the opportunity to see and photograph an incredible variety of Neotropical species, from tanagers and honeycreepers to manakins and toucans, many of which are drawn to the feeders and can be viewed from the comfort of a beautiful verandah with a cold rum punch in hand!

Leisurely day trips offer the chance to experience a different range of habitats and species, and there is the option of an evening excursion in search of nesting leatherback turtles.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Trinidad & transfer to Asa Wright Centre
- Day 2 Birdwatching around the Asa Wright Centre
- Day 3 Waterloo & Caronia Swamp
- Day 4 Birdwatching around Asa Wright Centre & evening turtle-watching excursion
- Day 5 Morning at leisure & afternoon visit to Wallerfield
- Day 6 Blanchisseuse Road/Brasso Seco excursion
- Day 7 Dunston Caves
- Day 8 Morning at leisure; afternoon transfer to airport
- Day 9 Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 7 April - Mon 15 April 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple but comfortable chalets
PRICE FROM	£3,095
SINGLE SUPP	£395
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	12
LEADER	Terry Goble
TOUR CODE	TRIN3



Trinidad & Tobago



The Asa Wright Experience

- ✓ Stay at Trinidad's world-famous Asa Wright Centre
- ✓ Unwind at a beach-side hotel in Tobago with superb snorkelling
- ✓ Enjoy a stunning array of Neotropical birds

This relaxing 13-day holiday offers a perfect introduction to the natural riches of the Caribbean – from the comfort of the world-famous Asa Wright Centre in Trinidad, and a comfortable beachside hotel on Tobago.

The view from the verandah of Asa Wright is superb, and birding here – sometimes just a few feet from the hummingbird feeders – is always entertaining. In the surrounding forests we hope to encounter violaceous trogon, channel-billed toucan, white-bearded manakin, ornate hawk-eagle and the stunning white hawk. Nearby excursions provide a chance to see majestic scarlet ibis and the bizarre nocturnal oilbird, a fruit-eating relative of the nightjar that relies on echolocation to navigate.

With its lovely sandy beaches, coral reefs and nearby seabird-filled islands, Tobago makes a very relaxing conclusion to this enjoyable trip.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Fly to Port of Spain & transfer to Asa Wright Centre
- Days 2-7 Asa Wright Centre; excursions to Nariva & Caroni Swamps, oilbird cave & Arena Forest
- Day 8 Fly to Tobago
- Days 9-11 Tobago
- Day 12 Morning birdwatching; fly to the UK
- Day 13 Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Thu 7 - Tue 19 February 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Simple but comfortable chalets & a comfortable hotel on Tobago
PRICE FROM	£4,675
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	John Muddeman
TOUR CODE	TRIN1



North America

North America's vast plains, dramatic canyons and northern seas are home to some exceptional wildlife, while the country's sophisticated infrastructure and accommodation offer the visitor a chance to view it with a level of comfort hard to match elsewhere in the world! We offer a chance to enjoy the Bay of Fundy's impressive whale and shorebird concentrations, watch wolves in Yellowstone's Lamar Valley or explore the deserts and canyons of the west.



Canada



Grand Manan's Coastal Wonders

- ✓ Witness a fantastic variety of cetaceans in the Bay of Fundy
- ✓ View a superb array of seabirds & migrating warblers
- ✓ Explore this amazing ecosystem, which has the world's highest tides

The Bay of Fundy is one of the world's great marine wonders. This amazing ecosystem is powered by the highest tides in the world – which reach a staggering 14.5 metres.

Charging through submarine canyons, Fundy's mighty currents create upwellings that result in an abundance of food for marine life and produce one of the greatest concentrations of whales and seabirds in the North Atlantic. Fin, minke, humpback and the rare North Atlantic right whale congregate here in August to feed their young, play and mate.

We enjoy boat trips into the bay to see whales and seabirds. Harbour porpoise may be spotted as we head out to sea, and the likes of grey and red-necked phalarope, Atlantic puffins and Arctic and pomarine skua are all regularly observed. The intertidal zone is equally rich in life, attracting a variety of waders, whilst the coastal forests will be alive with warblers and other passerines fattening up on invertebrates, ahead of their arduous trek south.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Halifax & transfer to Sackville
Day 2	Sackville
Days 3-6	Grand Manan Island
Day 7	Fundy National Park
Day 8	Mary's Point & transfer to Halifax, fly to the UK
Day 9	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 16 - Sat 24 August 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Good hotels & guesthouses
PRICE FROM	£3,545
SINGLE SUPP	£375
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	10
LEADER	Alain Clavette
TOUR CODE	CANA3



Canada

NEW



Wildlife of the Canadian Rockies

- ✓ Spectacular scenery of the Canadian Rockies
- ✓ Grizzly & black bears, elk, beaver & bighorn sheep
- ✓ Fantastic array of boreal birds, butterflies & flora

There are many things that make the Canadian Rockies a wonderful place to visit: spectacular glacial lakes, dramatic mountain peaks, thundering waterfalls, deep canyons and, of course, the fantastic diversity of wildlife. But it's the remarkable combination of these highlights that gives the Canadian Rockies their international acclaim and justifies their designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Numerous tours claim to visit the Rockies, but it's easy to spread your time too thinly and find yourself enduring an arduous road or rail trip, with fleeting stops at busy tourist traps.

For this reason, we have tailored a tour to the needs of the travelling naturalist. Using our local knowledge and expertise, we have created an itinerary which balances visiting a variety of areas, with time to explore some of the best wildlife hotspots. We have worked hard to find accommodation in the most beautiful areas, away from the crowds, to provide the finest opportunities for experiencing the wilderness and enjoying some unique wildlife encounters.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Calgary
Days 2-3	Canmore & Banff National Park
Days 4-6	Jasper National Park
Days 7-9	Yoho National Park
Days 10-12	Kananakis Country
Day 13	Transfer to Calgary & fly to the UK
Day 14	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Sun 16 - Sat 29 June 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£6,495
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	12
LEADERS	Lee Morgan & Lindsay Janes*
TOUR CODE	CANA8

*2nd leader subject to minimum numbers



USA



Wildlife of Southern Utah & the Grand Canyon

- ✓ Marvel at the awesome majesty of the Grand Canyon
- ✓ Take in southern Utah & Arizona's finest protected areas
- ✓ See varied birdlife with many local specialities

This exciting itinerary visits the must-see national parks of southern Utah and Arizona: Arches, Islands in the Sky, Canyonlands, Natural Bridges, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, Lake Powell, the Grand Canyon and Zion – evocative names that are full of promise.

Despite the barren appearance of the desert, these habitats are rich in birdlife, and in the company of an experienced and knowledgeable naturalist we are particularly well-placed to take advantage of the many opportunities to see the region's specialities. En route we may see Townsend's solitaire, Clark's nutcracker, mountain chickadee, American dipper, black phoebe and greater roadrunner, plus migrant Townsend's and yellow-rumped warblers, as well as mountain and western bluebirds and pinyon jays.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Salt Lake City
Days 2-3	Moab & Arches National Park
Days 4-5	Islands in the Sky & Canyonlands National Parks, Natural Bridges
Days 6-7	Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon & Lake Powell
Days 8-9	Grand Canyon
Days 10-11	Springdale-Zion National Park
Day 12	Transfer to Salt Lake City & fly to the UK
Day 13	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 20 September - Wed 2 October 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels & motels
PRICE FROM	£5,495
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Eric Ripam
TOUR CODE	USA8



USA



North Utah, Grand Teton & Yellowstone

- ✓ Enjoy the incomparable scenery of Grand Teton National Park
- ✓ Marvel at Yellowstone's dramatic canyons, alpine rivers & lush forests
- ✓ See iconic mammals, birds & steaming geysers in this vast wilderness

On this wildlife bonanza we explore two of North America's – indeed arguably the planet's – most famous national parks: Grand Teton, with its dramatic scenery of rugged, glacier-hewn mountains, and the legendary Yellowstone. It was here – in the world's oldest national park – that habitat and wildlife conservation were pioneered.

The birdlife in these two national parks is particularly rich and, with our experienced naturalist guide and such a rich variety of habitats to explore, we are likely to see some fantastic species, including Barrow's goldeneye, harlequin, great grey owl and black-backed woodpecker. With luck, mammals should include grizzly and black bears, wolves, bison and moose. We also visit the renowned geyser of Old Faithful – just one of the park's many geothermal features.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly to Salt Lake City
Days 2-4	Explore Grand Teton National Park from Jackson
Days 5-6	Mammoth Hot Springs & Gardiner – explore Yellowstone's geysers
Days 7-8	Explore the Lamar Valley, Yellowstone National Park
Day 9	Drive to Brigham City, birding en route
Day 10	Transfer to Salt Lake City & fly to the UK
Day 11	Arrive UK

DEPARTURE	Fri 6 - Mon 16 September 2019
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable mid-range hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM	£6,045
SINGLE SUPP	On request
PRICE INCLUDES	Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE	8
LEADER	Eric Ripam
TOUR CODE	USA7



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WORLDWIDE

We create outstanding tailor-made and small group wildlife holidays

Wildlife Worldwide* was founded in 1992 by Chris Breen, who spotted a gap in the market for specialist tailor-made wildlife holidays after working as a safari guide in Zambia and then for a London-based travel company.

Your appetite for wildlife travel has never been greater and today, in addition to offering tailor-made wildlife holidays to over 50 destinations worldwide, we are pleased to have added small-group mammal-focused holidays to our portfolio as well as specialist photography tours.

We have a team of experts at our Hampshire offices who between them have many years of travel, logistics, guiding, tour leading and lodge management experience. This means that we are able to give you the best possible advice on your tailor-made wildlife holiday, wherever you want to go! In addition, all members of our team travel regularly, looking for the best wildlife experiences and for new and exciting destinations, as well as to ensure our knowledge of existing accommodation and logistics is as up-to-date as possible.

Whether you are a single traveller, a family, couple, group of friends or members of a society, we can tailor your holiday to your needs, within the budget you give us. Simply tell us your ideas and requirements, and we'll offer you ideas and sample itineraries so that we can design a bespoke holiday for you. Our aim is always to offer you the best possible value whether you want a deluxe African safari combining stays in multiple countries, or a jaguar-watching holiday in Brazil's Pantanal on a tight budget.

We believe that conservation tourism plays a major role in protecting our planet for future generations.

So, if you're looking for a close encounter with whales in Baja California, to see orcas off Vancouver Island or grizzly bears and wolves in Canada's Great Bear Rainforest, our specialists would love to create the trip-of-a-lifetime for you.

Contact our expert wildlife team to help you plan your holiday-of-a-lifetime, or to order a copy of our latest seasonal brochure.



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Wildlife cruising

Our small-boat and/or exclusive charter wildlife cruises offer the ideal way to enjoy the natural history of some of the world's most remote and special destinations in comfort. Expert onboard talks and lectures are scheduled around daily shore excursions, providing plenty of opportunity to discuss sightings. Our wildlife cruises take you to the world-famous Galápagos Islands, to the Arctic and Antarctic, and to the lesser-known wilderness areas of British Columbia, Canada, Alaska and Russia. We also offer a unique Festival of Wildlife Photography trip to Antarctica and the Falkland Islands with award-winning photographer Nick Garbutt, a highlight of which is the sight of thousands of breeding penguins and other seabirds on South Georgia.



Southern Galápagos Sailer

Spend a week exploring the Galápagos Islands onboard *Nemo II*, with landings to see penguins, giant tortoises and a host of unique bird species.

Departures: All year round

8 days, from £3,110 (voyage only)



South Georgia – Festival of Wildlife Photography

Join award-winning wildlife photographers Nick Garbutt and Alex Hyde on an exceptional journey to South Georgia onboard the ice-strengthened *Vavilov*, visiting the major wildlife and historical sites.

Departure: 1 Nov 2018

17 days, from £9,395 (voyage only)



Antarctic – Classic Antarctica

This incredible voyage visits prime wildlife sites in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, making a perfect introduction to the Antarctic!

Departures: November-March

11 days, from £4,590 (voyage only)



Arctic – North Spitsbergen

Navigate through a wonderland of mountains and glaciers, and enjoy wildlife encounters in the land of the polar bear – a paradise for birdwatchers too.

Departures: June-September

8 days, from £4,275 (voyage only)



Wrangel Island Exclusive with Mark Carwardine

Explore the remote wilderness of Wrangel Island on this 14-night wildlife Cruise which takes you right to the top of the world between Russia and Alaska in the company of renowned explorer Mark Carwardine.

Departure: 22 July 2019

18 days, from £13,395 (twin main deck)



Canada – Orcas, Bears & Totems

Enjoy spotting orcas and watching grizzly bears on this breathtaking trip to British Columbia, in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Departures: July-August

10 days, from £4,745

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