**Contents**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Pages</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Why The Travelling Naturalist?</td>
<td>4-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Naturalist Tour Leaders</td>
<td>6-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tour Calendar</td>
<td>8-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THE BRITISH ISLES</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>13-16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>16-19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EUROPE</td>
<td>20-41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belarus</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulgaria</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canary Islands</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corsica</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crete</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>24-25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>25-26 &amp; 34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>26-27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>29-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ireland</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madeira</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montenegro</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Norway</td>
<td>33-34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFRICA</td>
<td>42-50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Botswana</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gambia</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ghana</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kenya</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madagascar</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morocco</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Namibia</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>47-48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tanzania</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uganda</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASIA &amp; AUSTRALASIA</td>
<td>51-59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armenia</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Borneo</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>China</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>54-55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mongolia</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>57-58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australia</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THE AMERICAS</td>
<td>60-65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Argentina</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colombia</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Costa Rica</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guyana</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinidad</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Information</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Testimonials</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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 more than 100 departures to choose from.

This year we have introduced some exciting new trips close to home, including spring, summer and winter trips to the Norfolk Broads, Brecks and north coast with popular tour leader and naturalist Nick Acheson. In the west of England, we are delighted that charismatic TV presenter Mike Dilger is leading short breaks to the Somerset Levels. Further afield, we’re launching a new small group Birding in Botswana holiday focusing on the extraordinary birds and other wildlife of the Okavango Delta – with superb guiding, comfortable mobile camping and only six in the group we recommend booking fast! In Scotland our inaugural Isle of Mull Wildlife Cruise in June was a great success and we’re planning another charter for 2021.

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 team of our sister company Wildlife Worldwide – 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 September and December. 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 enewsletter 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 your feedback from your wildlife experiences – here are some of your recent comments about our holidays:

"The tour leader was more than excellent – encyclopaedic knowledge and put everyone's enjoyment first. The wildlife was sensational! Many first-time sightings, from eagles and minke whales, to magnificent bow-riding dolphins. The ship and crew were excellent, and the catering was first class. An unforgettable, life-affirming experience.”

Mr R – Isle of Mull Wildlife Cruise

"Mike Dilger is much more than a 'celebrity' – he’s a star! He worked super hard to get us lots of interesting birds. He really knows his wider natural history, not just birds, and was excellent company throughout. One of the best leaders we have ever travelled with. Highlights – dawn chorus walk, booming bitterns, masses of warblers and dragonflies identified by an expert!"

Mrs T – Somerset Levels in Spring with Mike Dilger

"I have so many favourite moments that it’s hard to pick just a few – the great bustards (displaying), a golden eagle on a post while we were looking at a little owl and some lovely butterflies. This is the first time I’ve used The Travelling Naturalist and found your service to be very good, friendly and helpful. Our guide was excellent.”

Mrs B – Spain: Secret Wilderness of Extremadura
Why Book with The Travelling Naturalist?

For over 30 years our expert naturalists at The Travelling Naturalist have led small group tours to some of the world’s most spectacular wildlife and birdwatching destinations. Our programme features over 100 natural history holidays including a range of specialised photography, botanical, butterfly and dragonfly tours.

Here are a few great reasons to choose a holiday with The Travelling Naturalist …

A Complete Personal Service
We provide a high level of personal service, built on the foundations of quality, knowledge, expertise, reliability and professionalism. A dedicated Personal Travel Consultant is available to discuss your holiday at any point. From the moment you book we take 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, plus the all-important naturalist leader – 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, as well as offer advice about airport hotels. And, if you have any questions about the tour, just ask your dedicated Personal Travel Consultant.

Expert Naturalist Tour Leaders & Guides
Our naturalist leaders are all-round expert 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. A brief biography is provided for just a few of our many leaders on pages 6-7, but further information on all our naturalist leaders can be found on our website.

Small Groups
We believe our holidays are best enjoyed in small groups. The average number of participants on our tours is between five and seven (maximum 12, unless otherwise stated). Every tour is led by at least one expert naturalist guide, but we endeavour to keep a ratio of eight clients to one guide. This is the optimum number for the group experience and for enjoying the wildlife to the full.

Knowledgeable & Passionate Team of Experts
Our office-based team has travelled the world, managed safari lodges, worked as tour leaders and naturalist guides, and has years of experience between them in the travel industry. We continually research and explore wildlife and wilderness areas around the world to keep our knowledge up-to-date, and consistently arrange outstanding trips.

Meet the Team
Our expert team is present at a number of key wildlife events and exhibitions each year including the Birdfair at Rutland, and the Wildlife & Safari Show, Harrogate. We also travel around the country each autumn and winter to different venues for our Discover Wildlife events – a series of illustrated talks given by our expert team and leaders. These events are an excellent opportunity for you to meet us and discuss your holiday plans. In addition, we always welcome visitors at our Hampshire offices – just phone ahead to book a meeting with the person most suited to help you.

Single Rooms
We welcome single travellers and offer a limited number of single rooms on all our trips. 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 if we are unable to pair you up.
Loyalty Discount
We are extremely proud of our clients’ loyalty towards us. Many new clients learn about us through personal recommendation and a large number of our regular clients return year after year. 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. If you wish, you can save two 5% discounts to get a 10% discount on your tenth tour! To find out more just contact us or visit our website.

Recommend a Friend & Save £50!
If your friend books with us for the first time and you are named on their booking form, we’ll say thanks by giving both you and your friend a £50 discount on your next holiday with us – and we’ll repeat this for every new friend you recommend that books.

Flexibility
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.

Committed to Conservation & Responsible Tourism
We have always placed a special emphasis on sustainable travel – focusing on the environment, the wildlife, and the communities that live in close proximity.

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. In addition, we are now delighted to be corporate sponsors of The Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

We are Independent
We are a privately owned independent company – something that is increasingly rare these days!

Peace of Mind
In addition to offering you 100% financial protection through our Air Travel Organiser’s Licence (ATOL 10544) and our membership of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (5199), we have a 24-hour emergency line should anything happen whilst you are away.
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.

**Nick Acheson**
For ten years Nick lived in South America working with conservation NGOs such as WWF and Wetlands International. He has also spent three years in Asia, worked with wildlife on every continent, and for organisations including Norfolk Wildlife Trust, The Wildlife Trusts and the Hawk & Owl Trust. Nick is now based in his native county of Norfolk, and regards himself equally at home spotlighting in a Bornean rainforest, watching walruses from Zodiacs in the Arctic or marveling at the song of Madagascar’s indris.

**Mike Dilger**
An ‘obsessive naturalist since childhood’, Mike has degrees in both Botany and Ecology, and worked a field biologist for several years in Africa, Asia and the Americas. After returning to the UK, he moved from a career in conservation to making wildlife documentaries. Mike films, writes and talks about wildlife, appears regularly on TV and leads our popular trips to his ‘home patch’, the Somerset Levels.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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**
Terry has always been inquisitive about anything to do with nature, and he 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 study for a degree in Environment & Conservation, and he has led many tours to South America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

---

**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 northwest 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.

---

**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.

---

**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 & 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.

---

**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.

---

**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 also supplies major international agencies with his photographs.

---

**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.

---

**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!).

---

**Terry Reis**
Terry has worked as a rainforest ecologist, and conducted fauna surveys for mammals, birds, reptiles and frogs in Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG). He has led numerous and varied wildlife tours to Malaysia and PNG, twice had lengthy stints as a guide based at a lodge in Amazonian Brazil, and searched for wildlife in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Kenya, China, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, India, Japan, the USA, New Caledonia and Morocco.

---

**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 northwest 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.

---

**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.

---

**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.

---

**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.

---

**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 & 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!).
**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
- Dragonfly watching
- Flora
- Photography
- Whale & dolphin watching
- Butterflies & moths
- Mammals

### October-December 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>October 2019</th>
<th>November 2019</th>
<th>December 2019</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Europe</strong></td>
<td><strong>Europe</strong></td>
<td><strong>Europe</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steppe &amp; Forests in Autumn</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>England</td>
<td>Scotlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
<td>Lancashire in Autumn</td>
<td>Autumn in the Scottish Highlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Dorset's Coastal Migrants</td>
<td>Islay &amp; Jura in Autumn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Namibia</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outer Hebrides in Autumn</td>
<td>Skeleton Coast &amp; Etosha</td>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Namibia</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Scotland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Skeleton Coast &amp; Etosha</td>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
<td>Autumn in the Scottish Highlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>November 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gambia</td>
<td>Argentina</td>
<td>Guyana</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>West African Birdwatch</td>
<td>Wildlife &amp; Glaciers of Patagonia</td>
<td>Rainforests, Savannahs &amp; Wetlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Argentina</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>Colombia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Birds &amp; Big Cats</td>
<td>Endemics &amp; Winter Migrants</td>
<td>Colombia's Birding Highlights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Birds &amp; Big Cats</td>
<td>Harlequins &amp; Northern Lights in Winter</td>
<td>Blue Whales, Dolphins &amp; Leopards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Endemics &amp; Winter Migrants</td>
<td>Harlequins &amp; Northern Lights in Winter</td>
<td>Blue Whales, Dolphins &amp; Leopards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harlequins &amp; Northern Lights in Winter</td>
<td>Easy Birding in South Luangwa</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Tigers in Central India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>Guyana</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Easy Birding in South Luangwa</td>
<td>Rainforests, Savannahs &amp; Wetlands</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guyana</td>
<td>Colombia</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainforests, Savannahs &amp; Wetlands</td>
<td>Colombia's Birding Highlights</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colombia</td>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colombia's Birding Highlights</td>
<td>Blue Whales, Dolphins &amp; Leopards</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blue Whales, Dolphins &amp; Leopards</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Tigers in Central India</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>SW</td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Birds &amp; Tigers in Central India</td>
<td></td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Spain</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### January-September 2020

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>January 2020</th>
<th>February 2020</th>
<th>March 2020</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>France</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flora &amp; Fauna of the Drakensberg &amp; Zululand</td>
<td>India's Wild South</td>
<td>The Dordogne in Early Spring</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Botswana</td>
<td>Costa Rica</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
<td>Birthing Botswana</td>
<td>Cloud Forests, Jungles &amp; Volcanoes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>England</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Somerset Levels in Winter with Mike Dilger</td>
<td>Steller's Eider Weekend</td>
<td>Norfolks in Late Winter with Nick Acheson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>Costa Rica</td>
<td>England</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quetzal Quest in the Land of the Maya</td>
<td>Cloud Forests, Jungles &amp; Volcanoes</td>
<td>Norfolks in Late Winter with Nick Acheson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>Costa Rica</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Zealand's Southern Wonderland</td>
<td>Steller's Eider Weekend</td>
<td>Cloud Forests, Jungles &amp; Volcanoes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Japan's Winter Wildlife</td>
<td>Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife</td>
<td>The Cape &amp; Karoo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For full details of, or to book, any of our small group natural history holidays please contact our expert wildlife team or visit our website. Stay up-to-date and be the first to receive details of new trips by signing up to our monthly e-newsletter online.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Mammals of Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Fri 13</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
<td>Sat 21</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Norway &amp; Finland</td>
<td>Northern Lights and Lapland Birds</td>
<td>Mon 23</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**April 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trinidad</td>
<td>Easy Birding in Trinidad</td>
<td>Wed 1</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Dorset's Coastal Migrants</td>
<td>Fri 3</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>China</td>
<td>Sichuan's Sensational Mammals &amp; Birds</td>
<td>Sat 4</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Portugal</td>
<td>Alentejo &amp; Algarve in Spring</td>
<td>Sat 4</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>Great Whales of Mexico's Pacific Coast</td>
<td>Mon 6</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crete</td>
<td>Crete's Spring Flowers &amp; Birds</td>
<td>Fri 10</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montenegro, Albania</td>
<td>The Unknown Adriatic</td>
<td>Sat 11</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slovakia</td>
<td>Spring Birding in Slovakia</td>
<td>Tue 14</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sweden</td>
<td>Scandinavian Spring</td>
<td>Thu 23</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Lewis &amp; Harris – Seabirds &amp; Standing Stones</td>
<td>Thu 23</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corsica</td>
<td>Mountains in the Med</td>
<td>Wed 29</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**May 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tanzania</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Mammals of the Serengeti &amp; Beyond</td>
<td>Sun 3</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poland</td>
<td>Primeval Forests &amp; Marshes</td>
<td>Mon 4</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Lancashire in Spring</td>
<td>Tue 5</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Portugal</td>
<td>Birds, Whales &amp; Dolphins of Madeira</td>
<td>Thu 7</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>Spring Birds, Orchids &amp; Prehistory in Wild Dordogne</td>
<td>Sat 9</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>Steppe &amp; Forests in Spring</td>
<td>Sat 9</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Focus on the Danube Delta</td>
<td>Sat 9</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Pyrenees &amp; Plains</td>
<td>Sat 9</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belarus</td>
<td>Secret Wildlife Wilderness</td>
<td>Sun 10</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Norway</td>
<td>Festival of Wildlife: Spitsbergen</td>
<td>Tue 12</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>Spring Photography of the Steppes &amp; Forests</td>
<td>Sun 17</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slovenia</td>
<td>Brown Bear Photography</td>
<td>Sun 17</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Borneo</td>
<td>Borneo's Wildlife</td>
<td>Sun 31</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Romania's Wildlife Highlights</td>
<td>Sun 31</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**June 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ireland</td>
<td>The Burren &amp; Aran Islands</td>
<td>Wed 3</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>Brown Bear Explorer</td>
<td>Sun 7</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Bears in Transylvania</td>
<td>Sun 7</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Somerset Levels in Spring with Mike Dilger</td>
<td>Sun 7</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>The Splendours of Wester Ross</td>
<td>Mon 8</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Norfolk in Early Summer with Nick Acheson</td>
<td>Mon 8</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**July 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>Brown Bear Explorer</td>
<td>Sun 28</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**August 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Spring Flowers from the Cape to the Kalahari</td>
<td>Fri 7</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>Grand Manan's Coastal Wonders</td>
<td>Fri 14</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>Around Lake Neusiedl</td>
<td>Sat 15</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>Waders in Friesland</td>
<td>Thu 20</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madagascar</td>
<td>Land of the Lemur</td>
<td>Mon 24</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armenia</td>
<td>Cranes, Raptors &amp; Culture</td>
<td>Thu 27</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Natural Highlights of South Africa</td>
<td>Mon 31</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**September 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Poland</td>
<td>Birding in Krakow &amp; the Carpathians</td>
<td>Sat 5</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Focus on the Danube Delta</td>
<td>Sat 5</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Pyrenees &amp; Plains</td>
<td>Sat 12</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>Autumn Migration in the Baltic</td>
<td>Fri 18</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australia</td>
<td>Islands, Rivers &amp; Ranges</td>
<td>Sat 19</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Georgia's Raptor Migration</td>
<td>Sat 19</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Portugal</td>
<td>The Alentejo &amp; Algarve in Autumn</td>
<td>Sat 19</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uganda</td>
<td>Shoebills, Primates &amp; Tree-climbing Lions</td>
<td>Fri 25</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**October 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>Steppe &amp; Forests in Autumn</td>
<td>Sat 3</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
<td>Sat 3</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Lancashire in Autumn</td>
<td>Tue 6</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Country</td>
<td>Destination</td>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Duration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------</td>
<td>------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Dorset’s Coastal Migrants</td>
<td>Fri 9 16</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Namibia</td>
<td>Skeleton Coast &amp; Etosha</td>
<td>Sun 11 46</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
<td>Sat 17 40</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Outer Hebrides in Autumn</td>
<td>Sat 17 18</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Autumn in the Scottish Highlands</td>
<td>Sat 17 18</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Islay &amp; Jura in Autumn</td>
<td>Sun 25 19</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>China</td>
<td>Sichuan’s Sensational Mammals &amp; Birds</td>
<td>Sat 31 53</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Bugs n’ Beasts Indoors</td>
<td>Sat 27 16</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Argentina</td>
<td>Wildlife &amp; Glaciers of Patagonia</td>
<td>Fri 6 61</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gambia</td>
<td>West African Birdwatch</td>
<td>Fri 6 44</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>Endemics &amp; Winter Migrants</td>
<td>Sun 8 58</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
<td>Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife</td>
<td>Tue 10 43</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Harlequins &amp; Northern Lights in Winter</td>
<td>Thu 12 30</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>Easy Birding in South Luangwa</td>
<td>Fri 13 50</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Blue Whales, Dolphins &amp; Leopards</td>
<td>Sat 14 57</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guyana</td>
<td>Rainforests, Savannas &amp; Wetlands</td>
<td>Sun 15 63</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colombia</td>
<td>Colombia’s Birding Highlights</td>
<td>Fri 20 62</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Big Cats</td>
<td>Sun 29 54</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Tigers in Central India</td>
<td>Sun 29 54</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
<td>Mon 21 39</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>The Cape &amp; Karoo</td>
<td>Sat 2 47</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Flora &amp; Fauna of the Drakensberg &amp; Zululand</td>
<td>Sat 2 48</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
<td>Wed 6 40</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Somerset Levels in Winter with Mike Dilger</td>
<td>Sun 10 14</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>Quetzal Quest in the Land of the Maya</td>
<td>Sat 16 63</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>New Zealand’s Southern Wonderland</td>
<td>Sun 17 59</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>Japan's Winter Wildlife</td>
<td>Wed 3 56</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>India’s Wild South</td>
<td>Sun 7 55</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>Japan’s Winter Wildlife</td>
<td>Mon 8 56</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>Steller’s Eider Weekend</td>
<td>Fri 12 24</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Botswana</td>
<td>Birding Botswana</td>
<td>Fri 12 43</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Costa Rica</td>
<td>Cloud Forests, Jungles &amp; Volcanoes</td>
<td>Sat 13 62</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Norfolk in Late Winter with Nick Acheson</td>
<td>Tue 16 15</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ghana</td>
<td>Quest for the Picathartes</td>
<td>Wed 17 44</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### November 2020

| Argentina | Wildlife & Glaciers of Patagonia | Fri 6 61   | 61       |
| Gambia    | West African Birdwatch           | Fri 6 44   | 44       |
| Taiwan    | Endemics & Winter Migrants       | Sun 8 58   | 58       |
| Ethiopia  | Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife       | Tue 10 43 | 43       |
| Iceland   | Harlequins & Northern Lights in Winter | Thu 12 30 | 30       |
| Zambia    | Easy Birding in South Luangwa    | Fri 13 50  | 50       |
| Sri Lanka | Blue Whales, Dolphins & Leopards  | Sat 14 57  | 57       |
| Guyana    | Rainforests, Savannas & Wetlands | Sun 15 63  | 63       |
| Colombia  | Colombia’s Birding Highlights    | Fri 20 62  | 62       |
| India     | Birds & Big Cats                 | Sun 29 54  | 54       |
| India     | Birds & Tigers in Central India  | Sun 29 54  | 54       |

### December 2020

| Spain     | Secret Wilderness of Extremadura      | Mon 21 39  | 39       |

### January 2021

| South Africa| The Cape & Karoo                      | Sat 2 47   | 47       |
| South Africa| Flora & Fauna of the Drakensberg & Zululand | Sat 2 48 | 48       |
| Spain      | Iberian Lynx Quest                    | Wed 6 40   | 40       |
| England   | Somerset Levels in Winter with Mike Dilger | Sun 10 14 | 14       |
| Guatemala | Quetzal Quest in the Land of the Maya | Sat 16 63  | 63       |
| New Zealand| New Zealand’s Southern Wonderland     | Sun 17 59  | 59       |

### February 2021

| Japan     | Japan’s Winter Wildlife               | Wed 3 56   | 56       |
| India     | India’s Wild South                    | Sun 7 55   | 55       |
| Japan     | Japan’s Winter Wildlife               | Mon 8 56   | 56       |
| Estonia   | Steller’s Eider Weekend               | Fri 12 24  | 24       |
| Botswana  | Birding Botswana                       | Fri 12 43  | 43       |
| Costa Rica| Cloud Forests, Jungles & Volcanoes    | Sat 13 62  | 62       |
| England   | Norfolk in Late Winter with Nick Acheson | Tue 16 15 | 15       |
| Ghana     | Quest for the Picathartes             | Wed 17 44  | 44       |

### March 2021

| Costa Rica| Cloud Forests, Jungles & Volcanoes    | Sat 6 62   | 62       |
| Morocco   | High Atlas, Sahara & Atlantic Coast   | Sun 7 46   | 46       |
| Malaysia  | Peninsular Birding                    | Wed 10 56  | 56       |
| Sri Lanka | Blue Whales, Dolphins & Leopards      | Fri 12 57  | 57       |
| Sri Lanka | Birds & Mammals of Sri Lanka          | Fri 12 58  | 58       |
| Norway & Finland| Northern Lights and Lapland Birds | Mon 22 34  | 34       |
| Spain     | Secret Wilderness of Extremadura      | Tue 23 39  | 39       |
| Mexico    | Great Whales of Mexico’s Pacific Coast| Tue 23 64  | 64       |
| China     | Sichuan’s Sensational Mammals & Birds | Sat 27 53  | 53       |
| Trinidad  | Easy Birding in Trinidad              | Wed 31 64  | 64       |

### April 2021

| England   | Dorset’s Coastal Migrants             | Fri 2 16   | 16       |
| Mexico    | Great Whales of Mexico’s Pacific Coast| Sat 3 64   | 64       |
| Portugal  | The Alentejo & Algarve in Spring      | Sat 3 36   | 36       |
| Crete     | Crete’s Spring Flowers & Birds        | Fri 9 24   | 24       |
| Montenegro, Albania| The Unknown Adriatic | Sat 10 31 | 31       |
| Slovakia  | Spring Birding in Slovakia            | Tue 13 38  | 38       |
| Scotland  | Lewis & Harris – Seabirds & Standing Stones | Thu 22 17 | 17       |
| Sweden    | Scandinavian Spring                    | Thu 22 41  | 41       |
| Corsica   | Mountains in the Med                  | Wed 28 23  | 23       |

### May 2021

| Tanzania  | Birds & Mammals of the Serengeti & Beyond | Sun 2 49 | 49       |
| Poland    | Primeval Forests & Marshes              | Mon 3 34  | 34       |
| England   | Lancashire in Spring                    | Tue 4 31  | 31       |
| Portugal  | Birds, Whales & Dolphins of Madeira     | Thu 6 37  | 37       |
| France    | Spring Birds, Orchids & Prehistory in Wild Dordogne | Sat 8 27 | 27       |
| Hungary   | Steppe & Forests in Autumn              | Sat 8 28  | 28       |
| Romania   | Focus on the Danube Delta               | Sat 8 37  | 37       |
### June 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Pyrenees &amp; Plains</td>
<td>Sat 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belarus</td>
<td>Secret Wildlife Wilderness</td>
<td>Sun 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>Spring Photography of the Steppes &amp; Forests</td>
<td>Sun 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slovenia</td>
<td>Brown Bear Photography</td>
<td>Sun 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>Romania’s Wildlife Photography</td>
<td>Sun 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Borneo</td>
<td>Borneo’s Wildlife</td>
<td>Sun 30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### July 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Lancashire in Spring</td>
<td>Sun 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>Boreal Predators Photography</td>
<td>Wed 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Principally Puffins</td>
<td>Fri 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>Brown Bear Explorer</td>
<td>Sun 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poland</td>
<td>Butterflies &amp; Moths of Southern Poland</td>
<td>Sun 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Outer Hebrides in Summer</td>
<td>Mon 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>The Splendours of Wester Ross</td>
<td>Mon 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>Classic South Luangwa Safari</td>
<td>Fri 18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sweden</td>
<td>Butterflies &amp; Dragonflies in Summer</td>
<td>Mon 21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>Brown Bear Explorer</td>
<td>Sun 27</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### August 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Spring Flowers from the Cape to the Kalahari</td>
<td>Fri 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>Grand Manan’s Coastal Wonders</td>
<td>Fri 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>Around Lake Neusiedl</td>
<td>Sat 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>Waders in Friesland</td>
<td>Thu 19</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### September 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Armenia</td>
<td>Cranes, Raptor &amp; Culture</td>
<td>Thu 26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madagascar</td>
<td>Land of the Lemur</td>
<td>Sat 28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Natural Highlights of South Africa</td>
<td>Mon 30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### October 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>Steppe &amp; Forests in Autumn</td>
<td>Sat 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uganda</td>
<td>Shoebills, Primates &amp; Tree-climbing Lions</td>
<td>Mon 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>Lancashire in Autumn</td>
<td>Mon 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Autumn in the Scottish Highlands</td>
<td>Mon 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Outer Hebrides in Autumn</td>
<td>Sat 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Iberian Lynx Quest</td>
<td>Sat 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>Islay &amp; Jura in Autumn</td>
<td>Sun 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>China</td>
<td>Sichuan’s Sensational Mammals &amp; Birds</td>
<td>Sat 30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### November 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Gambia</td>
<td>West African Birdwatch</td>
<td>Fri 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Argentina</td>
<td>Wildlife &amp; Glaciers of Patagonia</td>
<td>Fri 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>Endemics &amp; Winter Migrants</td>
<td>Sun 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
<td>Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife</td>
<td>Tue 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Harlequins &amp; Northern Lights in Winter</td>
<td>Thu 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>Easy Birding in South Luangwa</td>
<td>Fri 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Blue Whales, Dolphins &amp; Leopards</td>
<td>Sat 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guyana</td>
<td>Rainforests, Savannahs &amp; Wetlands</td>
<td>Sun 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colombia</td>
<td>Colombia’s Birding Highlights</td>
<td>Sat 28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>Birds &amp; Big Cats</td>
<td>Sun 28</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### December 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>Secret Wilderness of Extremadura</td>
<td>Mon 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Armenia</td>
<td>Cranes, Raptor &amp; Culture</td>
<td>Thu 26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madagascar</td>
<td>Land of the Lemur</td>
<td>Sat 28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Natural Highlights of South Africa</td>
<td>Mon 30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The British Isles

Our collection of holidays and short breaks in the British Isles is always growing, to match your interest in the spectacular wildlife of our beautiful country. We offer everything from island-hopping cruises in the Hebrides, to tutored photography workshops, coastal migration watches, celebrity-led short breaks, and week-long holidays in the Orkneys and Scottish Highlands. They cover a huge range of subjects including breeding and wintering birds, Neolithic monuments, butterflies, dragonflies and the autumn deer rut.
**Lancashire 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 four days of exceptional birdwatching. Visiting a mix of inland and coastal nature reserves we enjoy a diverse range of birds, along with some beautiful scenery.

Spring heralds the migration of waders to 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, dunlin and many others passing through. Inland, the peatbogs and hedgerows will be alive with the sound of birdsong. At Leighton Moss, we hope to see specialties 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 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 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 |

**DEPARTURES**

- Tue 5 - Fri 8 May 2020
- Tue 4 - Fri 7 May 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Good quality hotel

**PRICE FROM**

£745

**SINGLE SUPP**

£185

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

7

**LEADER**

Ed Hutchings

**TOUR CODE**

UK16

---

**Lancashire in Autumn**

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

Thousands of wildfowl and waders migrate to the wetlands and grasslands of this part of the Lancashire coast in autumn. Some birds merely pass through and continue their southward migration, while others make Lancashire their winter home.

We visit some of the finest nature reserves along the north-west coast including Leighton Moss – the largest reedbed in north-west England – which is home to 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 wetlands on the East Atlantic Flyway.

On 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 thousands of them 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 11 - Mon 14 October 2019
- Tue 6 - Fri 9 October 2020
- Tue 5 - Fri 8 October 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Good quality hotel

**PRICE FROM**

£745

**SINGLE SUPP**

from £185

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

7

**LEADER**

Ed Hutchings

**TOUR CODE**

UK17

---

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | [www.thetravellingnaturalist.com](http://www.thetravellingnaturalist.com)
Somerset Levels in Spring with Mike Dilger
✓ Experience one of England’s greatest wetlands in spring
✓ Explore an exceptional network of nature reserves
✓ Travel with friendly, knowledgeable TV naturalist Mike Dilger

The Somerset Levels is a wetland area of international importance comprising wet grassland, open water, willow woodland and drainage ditches known as rhynes. The Levels are home to an impressive range of birds, including nesting bitterns, great egrets, cattle egrets and, in some years, the UK’s only little bitterns. With marsh harriers, hobbies, bearded tits, Cetti’s warblers and a host of other breeding birds, it is easy to see why many outstanding nature reserves have been established here, including Shapwick Heath, Ham Wall and the Catcott reserves, which lie in the shadow of historic Glastonbury Tor and together make up the Avalon Marshes. The ancient wet grassland here is rich in plantlife, including marsh pea, marsh fern, tubular water-dropwort, milk parsley and several orchids. The rhynes are busy in spring with insects, most notably dragonflies, including four-spotted chaser, black-tailed skimmer, hairy dragonfly and large red damselfly. Otters, kingfishers, grass snakes and all three of the UK’s newts thrive here too.

The Levels are also the home of the hugely successful Great Crane Project, which has led to more than 20 pairs of common cranes becoming established in south-west England.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Meet in Wells; explore the Levels
Days 2-3 Somerset Levels excursions
Day 4 Morning on the Levels; return to Wells

DEPARTURES
Sun 7 - Wed 10 June 2020
Sun 6 - Wed 9 June 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Good quality hotel

PRICE FROM
£675 (land only)

SINGLE SUPP
£100

PRICE INCLUDES
Accommodation, half-board meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
7

LEADER
Mike Dilger

TOUR CODE
UK23

Somerset Levels in Winter with Mike Dilger
✓ Enjoy outstanding winter wetland birding
✓ Visit nature reserves teeming with waterfowl & waders
✓ Travel with charismatic TV naturalist Mike Dilger

In winter the internationally important wetlands of the Somerset Levels are alive with birds. These include thousands of ducks such as pintail, shoveler, gadwall and wigeon, and waders including golden plover, lapwing, curlew, redshank and snipe. Also here are several species which have recently colonised the UK or returned, including great and cattle egrets, bittern and a thriving reintroduced population of common cranes. We may hear the quiet chimes of bearded tits from the reeds or, even in midwinter, the strident song of a Cetti’s warbler as we explore the Levels’ superb network of nature reserves, including Ham Wall, Shapwick Heath and Catcott. This abundance of birds attracts predators such as buzzard and sparrowhawk, and the Levels can also be excellent for peregrine, merlin, hen harrier and marsh harrier during the winter.

Perhaps the most extraordinary winter spectacle here is the gathering or ‘mumuration’ of starlings. Vast flocks nightly fill the evening sky with dazzling aerial displays, often harried by peregrines, before dropping to the reedbeds of the Avalon Marshes to roost.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Meet in Wells; birdwatching on the Somerset Levels
Days 2-3 Explore the Somerset Levels
Day 4 Final morning birdwatching; return to Wells

DEPARTURES
Sun 12 - Wed 15 January 2020
Sun 10 - Wed 13 January 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Good quality hotel

PRICE FROM
£595 (land only)

SINGLE SUPP
from £100

PRICE INCLUDES
Accommodation, half-board meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
7

LEADER
Mike Dilger

TOUR CODE
UK24
Norfolk in Late Winter with Nick Acheson

✓ Enjoy superb coastal winter wildlife
✓ Explore the unique Norfolk Brecks for their birds
✓ Visit a raptor roost at dusk for falcons & harriers

In late winter Norfolk is as fine a birding destination as any in the UK. The north Norfolk coast is alive with special birds including shorelarks, snow buntings and twite on beaches and in saltmarsh. Nearby, on the sea, long-tailed ducks, red-necked and Slavonian grebes and great northern divers may all be found. We end our day on the coast with a visit to a raptor roost where hen and marsh harriers, merlin and peregrine are often seen.

At this time of year, the Wash is home to tens of thousands of wading birds, including curlew, bar-tailed and black-tailed godwits, knot, dunlin, oystercatcher and redshank. Keeping their eyes trained on this bounty of prey are hen harrier, peregrine and merlin.

The Norfolk Brecks in late winter host many sought-after birds, including displaying goshawks which are often seen beside sparrowhawks, buzzards and red kites. In nearby woodland, flocks of hawfinch, Brambling, redpoll, nesting common crossbill and the rare lesser spotted woodpecker may all be found. This is also a fine time of year to see the otters which inhabit the region’s chalk rivers. We make daily excursions in search of all these species and more from our comfortable base in north-west Norfolk.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Meet at King’s Lynn
Days 2-3 Birding walks
Day 4 End King’s Lynn

Norfolk in Early Summer with Nick Acheson

✓ Explore the Norfolk Broads for swallowtails & dragonflies
✓ Enjoy the seals & nesting terns of the north Norfolk coast
✓ Visit the Brecks for stone curlew, woodlark, bittern & marsh harrier

Early summer is perhaps the very best time for the naturalist to visit Norfolk. In June the Norfolk Broads are home to many dragonflies, including Norfolk hawker, four-spotted chaser and variable damselfly, plus the British endemic race of the swallowtail butterfly. This is also the time when bitterns, marsh harriers, cranes and bearded tits are feeding and fledging young. In patches of fen, marsh pea, marsh lousewort, milk parsley, southern marsh orchid and fen orchid are all in flower.

In the Norfolk Brecks, stone curlews are nesting in early summer, and near them woodlarks and tree pipits are in song. Nearby, at the edge of the Fens, there are still more breeding cranes, marsh harriers and bitterns, plus hobbies, cuckoos, garganey and grasshopper warblers.

Birds are nesting all along the north Norfolk coast at this time of year. Some impressive colonies of black-headed gulls and Sandwich terns, among many other species, are found on the same spits and sand bars as breeding harbour seals and post-breeding grey seals. Increasingly Norfolk’s breeding spoonbills and great egrets are a common sight on the north coast too, alongside avocets, little ringed plovers and lapwings.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Meet at King’s Lynn
Days 2-4 Walking excursions to enjoy Norfolk’s summer wildlife
Day 5 End King’s Lynn
**Dorset’s Coastal Migrants**

✓ Enjoy impressive bird migration along 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 on this short birding break, based at one of Dorset’s best hotels. South Dorset, with the Isle of Portland extending out into the English Channel, includes some of the best sites in Britain 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, and 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 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**  
Fri 11 - Sun 13 October 2019  
Fri 3 - Sun 5 April 2020  
Fri 9 - Sun 11 October 2020  
Fri 2 - Sun 4 April 2021  
Fri 8 - Sun 10 October 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**  
Good quality hotel with stunning views of Portland Harbour

**PRICE FROM**  
£495 (land only)  
from £115

**SINGLE SUPP**  
£115

**PRICE INCLUDES**  
Accommodation, meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**  
8

**LEADERS**  
Bob Ford

**TOUR CODE**  
UK2

**Scotland**

**Bugs n’ Beasts Indoors**

✓ Photograph a superb array of captive-bred rainforest invertebrates  
✓ Learn from expert macro photographer Alex Hyde  
✓ Diversify your portfolio & set of skills

We are bringing a tropical rainforest to Dorking! Using captive-bred subjects such as mantids, scorpions, and tarantulas, we recreate the experience of photography in rainforests and similar exciting tropical habitats. Good close-ups and portraits of such animals are always dramatic, but taking photos of them is not necessarily straightforward and can seem challenging. Join award-winning wildlife photographer Alex Hyde at Bishops Wood Field Centre, as they introduce and explain the principles and techniques of photographing invertebrates. Concepts and techniques will be demonstrated; then, working in small groups or individually with Alex’s guidance, you can put what you have learnt into practice. The aim is to share an informative and enjoyable weekend which 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 at your local nature reserve.

**OUTLINE ITINERARY**  
Day 1 Photography workshop activities, Bishops Wood Field Centre  
Day 2 Photography workshop activities, Bishops Wood Field Centre

**DEPARTURES**  
Sat 29 February - Sun 1 March 2020  
Sat 27 - Sun 28 February 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**  
No accommodation included

**PRICE FROM**  
£550 (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

**LEADER**  
Alex Hyde

**TOUR CODE**  
UK13

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
Isle of Mull Wildlife Cruise
✓ Explore the wild coastline of Mull & its surrounding islands
✓ Enjoy a host of birds & mammals on land & at sea
✓ Travel & live aboard the charming Seahorse II

Third largest of the Hebrides, the island of Mull has over 500 kilometres of dramatic coastline, which our tour explores from the comfort of a well appointed boat. The shoreline here is among the finest places in the UK for otters, and nearby there may be red-throated and great northern divers in gorgeous breeding plumage. Offshore, as we sail, we will look out for bottlenose and common dolphins, and northern minke whales. Fishing and foraging with them in summer are black-legged kittiwakes, northern gannets, Arctic terns and northern fulmars.

On land, Mull is no less exciting. The island’s moorland and mountains are home to red deer, golden and white-tailed eagles, hen harrier and short-eared owl. The flower-rich machair meadows of Mull, and especially nearby Coll, support breeding waders and the noisy but elusive corncrake.

Since we visit in midsummer, colonies of Atlantic puffin, razorbill, common guillemot and shag are buzzing with activity, especially on the uninhabited island of Lunga, which is also famed for its grey and harbour seals and its black rabbits. Nearby the National Nature Reserve on the island of Staffa embraces world-famous Fingal’s Cave, which can be viewed from the sea.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Embark Seahorse II & set sail
Days 2-6 Sailing, landings & walks on the islands of Mull, Coll, Staffa & Lunga
Day 7 Disembark

Lewis & Harris – Seabirds & Standing Stones
✓ Enjoy exceptional opportunities to see the dimunitive merlin & impressive 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.

Lewis has extensive moorlands, while Harris has high mountains, but both possess the typical vegetation of machair grassland where waders and corncrakes nest. They also offer wonderful coastlines for seabirds, and 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 islands’ wonderful wild scenery and you have the ingredients of 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 of Lewis & Harris
Day 4 End at Stornoway airport

DEPARTURE Wed 16 - Mon 21 June 2021
ACCOMMODATION Seahorse II
PRICE FROM £2,095
SINGLE SUPP N/A
PRICE INCLUDES Accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 11
LEADER Louise Hughes
TOUR CODE UK22

DEPARTURES Thu 23 - Wed 29 April 2020
Thu 22 - Wed 28 April 2021
ACCOMMODATION Charming mid-range hotel
PRICE FROM £1,345 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP N/A
PRICE INCLUDES Transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 7
LEADER Ed Hutchings
TOUR CODE UK4
**Autumn in the Scottish Highlands**

- Search for highland 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 stags roar in the hills.

On this holiday we visit ancient Caledonian pine forests, moorland and lower mountain slopes, highland glens and lochs, and we venture to the coast of the Moray Firth.

Exploring Loch Garten and Abernethy Forest Reserves, we search for common and Scottish crossbills, crested tit, capercaillie, black grouse, red squirrel and red deer. 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 gannets and various auks. 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 |
| Day 2-7 | Birding & wildlife excursions |
| Day 8 | End at Inverness |

**DEPARTURES**  
Sat 19 - Sat 26 October 2019  
Sat 17 - Sat 24 October 2020  
Sat 16 - Sat 23 October 2021

**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

**OUTER HEBRIDES IN SUMMER & AUTUMN**

- Explore true 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 vetches, and white and red clovers creating a stunning, sweet-smelling display. Waders breed in abundance, divers in breeding plumage frequent the lochs, golden eagles soar overhead, and there is a chance of seeing storm petrel and cetaceans.

Autumn is arguably the most exciting time 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 12 - Fri 18 October 2019  
Sat 11 - Fri 17 July 2020  
Sat 17 - Fri 23 October 2020  
Sat 12 - Fri 16 July 2021  
Sat 16 - Fri 22 October 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**  
Comfortable 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**  
UK6 & UK7
DEPARTURES  Sun 27 October - Sat 1 November 2019
Sun 25 - Sat 30 October 2020
Sun 24 - Sat 30 October 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable mid-range hotel

PRICE FROM £1,295 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP from £200

PRICE INCLUDES Transfers, accommodation, most meals &
guided activities

GROUP SIZE 7
LEADER Louise Hughes
TOUR CODE UK20

Islay & Jura in Autumn
✓ Enjoy the magnificent spectacle of 50,000 wintering geese
✓ See stunning landscapes & enjoy the islands’ fascinating histories
✓ 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
and buzzard, plus 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 landscapes, 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
Day 4  Loch Gruinart & Gruinart Falls
Day 5  Visit Jura
Day 6  Explore the Rhinns & the west coast
Day 7  Ferry to Kennacraig & drive to Glasgow

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

On this tour we explore a mosaic of habitats from the fertile east
cost to the dramatic and mountainous west, home to golden and
white-tailed eagles as well as merlin.

We visit a remote island 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 otter, marine mammals and birds such as black and red-
throated divers. We also travel over the steep ‘Pass of the Cattle’ on
the Applecross Peninsula, which, on a clear day, offers spectacular
views of Skye and the Outer Hebrides. We finish the week deep in a
highland glen, where we search for red deer and summer migrants
including cuckoo, whinchat and wheatear.

Our trip includes delicious food and 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

DEPARTURES  Mon 8 - Sat 13 June 2020
Mon 13 - Sat 18 July 2020
Mon 7 - Sat 12 June 2021
Mon 12 - Sat 17 July 2021

ACCOMMODATION Two comfortable small hotels with
excellent dining

PRICE FROM £1,195 (land only)
SINGLE SUPP £250

PRICE INCLUDES Transfers, accommodation, most meals &
guided activities

GROUP SIZE 7
LEADER Louise Hughes
TOUR CODE UK21

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
Europe

We offer an unbeatable range of natural history holidays across Europe. Generally lasting no more than nine days, and all within easy reach of the UK, they cover a wealth of subjects. Whether photographing brown bears and wolverines in Finland, enjoying bird migration on Mediterranean islands, tracking Iberian lynx in the mountains of southern Spain, or exploring the birdlife of wild deltas, our holidays in Europe reflect the continent’s tremendous variety of wildlife and landscapes.
Close-up on Alpine Nature
✓ Experience stunning Alpine meadows as wildflowers bloom
✓ Practise & develop creative macro techniques on this expert-led workshop-style holiday
✓ Discover a vast array of ornate butterflies & other insect species

June sees the Alpine meadows of the Austrian Tyrol in their full glory, flushed with a spectacular show of wildflowers and an equally stunning array of butterflies and other insects. In short, this is the perfect time for macro photography.

We explore many and varied meadows to discover gems such as the delicate burnt-tip orchid hidden among the grasses. Along the way we encounter the countless beautiful insects that flourish on the Alpine slopes, including the iconic Apollo butterfly. Moving higher up the slopes, the colourful meadows give way to swathes of vibrant alpenrose and high Alpine species such as dwarf snowbell and trumpet gentian.

We photograph flowers and insects, marmots, mountain-tops at sunrise and dramatic glacial valleys – looking at all aspects of macro photography, from the basics such as depth of field, through to advanced techniques like focus stacking. We explore how Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop can be used complement your field skills and help you get the most from your digital camera.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1  Fly to Innsbruck & transfer to Fisse Höfe
Days 2-7  Photography workshops in Alpine meadows & at the hotel
Day 8  Flight to UK

DEPARTURES
Sat 13 - Sat 20 June 2020
Sat 12 - Sat 19 June 2021

ACCOMMODATION
A friendly, family-run hotel

PRICE FROM
£2,195

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
10

LEADERS
Alex Hyde & Nick Garbutt

TOUR CODE
AUST1
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 Pripyat 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 Eurasian lynx still roam, we go in search of collared and red-breasted flycatchers, hazel grouse, icterus 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 Pripyat National Park
Days 4-5 Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park
Days 6-7 Sporava Reserve
Day 8 Transfer to Minsk & fly to the UK

DEPARTURES Sun 10 - Sun 17 May 2020
Sun 9 - Sun 16 May 2021
ACCOMMODATION Simple tourist-class hotels
PRICE FROM £1,875
SINGLE SUPP £250
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER István Pentek
TOUR CODE BELA1

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays

Bulgaria

Butterflies & Birds of Bulgaria
✓ Enjoy numerous rare & endemic butterflies including Frivaldsky’s white-banded grayling
✓ Explore the Eastern Rhodope Mountains – excellent for large birds of prey
✓ Visit wildflower meadows, lush pine forests & dramatic limestone gorges

Bulgaria’s unique geography gives it two distinct climatic zones. In consequence, the country’s butterfly fauna is among the richest in Europe, with 218 species recorded. They include rarities and endemics such as Frivaldsky’s white-banded grayling and Higgin’s anomalous blue. Other regional specialities include inky skipper, Mediterranean skipper, lesser Bath white and olive bee hawk-moth. Many species, such as the Apollo, which are declining elsewhere, maintain stable populations in Bulgaria.

As well as a fabulous wealth of butterflies, our stays in south-western and south-eastern Bulgaria give us fantastic chances to see some of Europe’s largest raptors. On our visit to the Eastern Rhodope Mountains, one of the best locations in Europe for large birds of prey, we may see golden, booted, lesser spotted and short-toed eagles, alongside long-legged buzzard and many interesting species of passerine.

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

DEPARTURES Thu 18 - Fri 26 June 2020
Thu 17 - Fri 25 June 2021
ACCOMMODATION Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM £1,245
SINGLE SUPP £100
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER Dr. Stoyan Beshkov & Assen Ignatov
TOUR CODE BULG3
Canary Islands

**DEPARTURES**
Fri 17 - Tue 21 July 2020
Fri 16 - Tue 20 July 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**
Small, good quality hotels

**PRICE FROM**
£1,595

**SINGLE SUPP**
£175

**PRICE INCLUDES**
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**
7

**LEADER**
John Muddeman

**TOUR CODE**
SPA110

---

**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.

Thanks to the Canary Islands’ isolation, many endemic plants and animals have evolved here, including species endemic to just one island. On Tenerife we hope to see endemic birds 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 a rare Macaronesian endemic – the Barolo shearwater – along with Cory’s shearwater and Bulwer’s petrel.

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

**OUTLINE ITINERARY**

Day 1  Fly to Tenerife & transfer to Corona Forestal National Park
Day 2  Boat 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

---

Corsica

**DEPARTURES**
Wed 29 April - Wed 6 May 2020
Wed 28 April - Wed 5 May 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**
Good quality, characterful hotels

**PRICE FROM**
£1,895

**SINGLE SUPP**
£245

**PRICE INCLUDES**
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**
7

**LEADER**
To be confirmed

**TOUR CODE**
FRAN3

---

**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 mountainous islands in the Mediterranean. From clear blue seas and forested slopes, to the snow-capped peaks of its highest mountains, the island offers a superb variety of 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 wildflowers including Corsican crocus, Corsican hellebore and pink 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 and Cetti’s warblers and zitting cisticolas. Other birds we should see here include European bee-eater, 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 Corse
Day 8  Fly to the UK

---

Europe

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
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
- Look for lammergeier, little crake & 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 and 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, eastern 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

DEPARTURES
Fri 10 - Fri 17 April 2020
Fri 9 - Fri 16 April 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Good mid-range hotels

PRICE FROM
£1,395

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals, & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
7

LEADER
Barry Embling

TOUR CODE
GREE1

Estonia

Steller’s Eider Weekend
- Enjoy a revitalising long weekend of birding on the Baltic
- Opportunity to see huge congregations of the exquisite Steller’s eider in breeding plumage
- Excellent chance of owls & woodpeckers

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 too.

We also visit the Poosaspea Peninsula, a spit of land that extends northward 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 we may 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, northern 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

DEPARTURES
Fri 14 - Mon 20 February 2020
Fri 12 - Mon 19 February 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Good mid-range hotels

PRICE FROM
£1,075

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
10

LEADER
Uko Paal

TOUR CODE
ESTO3
**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 occasions 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 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

---

**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

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 Europe’s best places to see and photograph brown bear. 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 wolf.

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 owls and woodpeckers.

**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

---
**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.

Largest of the land-dwelling mustelids, in Europe the wolverine is restricted to just a handful of northern countries. During our time in the Finnish wilderness we have an excellent chance of seeing and photographing this seldom-seen solitary animal which has 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

**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**

**The Dordogne in Early Spring**
- Search for wallcreeper, plus Alpine accentor & eagle owl
- Enjoy various raptors including all three European kites
- See up to five species of woodpecker

This 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, 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 Eurasian 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

**ACCOMMODATION**
A cosy riverside hotel

**PRICE FROM**
£1,245

**SINGLE SUPP**
£190

**PRICE INCLUDES**
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**
7

**LEADER**
David Simpson

**TOUR CODE**
FRANS

---

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
Spring Birds, Orchids & Prehistory in Wild Dordogne

✓ Enjoy rich spring wildlife, with birds & butterflies aplenty
✓ Observe an abundance of orchids including woodcock – 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, western Bonell'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 home to 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 justly 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

DEPARTURES  Sat 9 - Sat 16 May 2020
Sat 8 - Sat 15 May 2021

ACCOMMODATION  Cosy riverside hotel

PRICE FROM  £1,675
SINGLE SUPP  £290

PRICE INCLUDES  Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE  12

LEADERS  David Simpson (wildlife) & Corine Oosterlee (flowers)

TOUR CODE  FRAN7

France

Birds, Butterflies & Wildflowers of the Dordogne

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

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

Around 120 species of butterfly have been recorded in the Dordogne – twice the UK number – 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 special sites where highlights are likely to include lesser purple emperor, woodland grayling, ilex hairstreak, map, spotted fritillary and short-tailed blue. For many 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

DEPARTURES  Sat 13 - Sat 20 June 2020
Sat 12 - Sat 19 June 2021

ACCOMMODATION  Cosy riverside hotel

PRICE FROM  £1,675
SINGLE SUPP  £290

PRICE INCLUDES  Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE  12

LEADERS  David Simpson (wildlife) & Corine Oosterlee (flowers)

TOUR CODE  FRAN4
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 eagles, plus saker

Steppe only extends into Europe in one place – the Great Hungarian Plain. This is the Hortobágy, an ancient floodplain of grassland, meadows, marshes and pools 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 such Central European forest species as 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 5 - Sat 12 October 2019
Sat 9 - Sat 16 May 2020
Sat 3 - Sat 10 October 2020
Sat 8 - Sat 15 May 2021
Sat 2 - Sat 9 October 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Good comfortable hotels

PRICE FROM £1,495
from £185

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Gábor Simay
TOUR CODE HUNG2 & HUNG3

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 some excellent images of some of Europe’s most desirable birds.

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

DEPARTURES
Sun 17 - Sat 24 May 2020
Sun 16 - Sat 22 May 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable family-run lodge

PRICE FROM £2,145
SINGLE SUPP £190

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER Ashley Grove & István Bártol
TOUR CODE HUNG1

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
Winter Orcas & Auroras

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

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

During the winter, much of Iceland’s wildlife is locked in a constant battle for survival against the cold, 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 impressive pods of orca coming close inshore to feed on shoals of herring. Throughout the trip we 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

DEPARTURES  Thu 27 February - Tue 3 March 2020
Thu 25 February - Tue 2 March 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable hotels & guesthouses

PRICE FROM £2,165
SINGLE SUPP £160
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Philippe Patay Pétursson*
TOUR CODE ICEL1
* 2nd leader subject to minimum numbers

Harlequins & Northern Lights in Winter

✓ View harlequin ducks, flocks of snow bunting & ptarmigan
✓ Be mesmerised by the Aurora Borealis ‘dancing’ in the sky
✓ 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 great times to visit.

Along the coast and on the many lakes there are numerous wildfowl, and harlequin duck, Barrow’s goldeneye, glaucous and Iceland gulls are seen frequently. We’ll spend some time sea-watching, learning to distinguish 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 fortunate, we may even encounter gyrfalcon, white-tailed eagle or an Arctic fox in its white winter coat.

Iceland’s unique geology and landscapes, such as geysers and the waterfall at Gullfoss, are fascinating to explore. However, possibly the greatest highlight of all is the unforgettable sight of the ‘dancing’ Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights – illuminating the night skies of this subarctic region.

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

DEPARTURES  Thu 14 - Mon 18 November 2019
Thu 12 - Mon 16 March 2020
Thu 12 - Mon 16 November 2020
Thu 11 - Mon 15 March 2021
Thu 11 - Mon 15 November 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable guesthouse

PRICE FROM £1,995
SINGLE SUPP £120
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADING Philippe Patay Pétursson
TOUR CODE ICEL2

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
**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, plus 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 (sinkholes), 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 Aran Islands, 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  
Day 5 Ferry to the Aran Islands, Galway Bay  
Day 6 Ferry to the mainland & transfer to Lisdoonvarna  
Day 8 Transfer to Shannon airport

**DEPARTURES**

Wed 3 - Wed 10 June 2020  
Wed 2 - Wed 9 June 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Good quality hotel, comfortable inn & simple guesthouse

**PRICE FROM**

£1,725 (land only)

**SINGLE SUPP**

£250

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Accommodation, transfers, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

7

**LEADER**

Barry Embling

**TOUR CODE**

IREL1

---

**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 whale & orca

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 yourself 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 Flatey we will not be short of opportunities to observe puffins, but there is much more to enjoy besides. 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 whale and dolphin.

Sightings of gyrfalcon and white-tailed eagle are possible throughout the trip, and we’ll be on the 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 Reykjavík  
Day 8 Fly to the UK

**DEPARTURES**

Fri 10 - Fri 17 July 2020  
Fri 9 - Fri 16 July 2021

**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
**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 resident & migratory whales & dolphins offshore

Madeira has a great variety of habitats, a rich flora and wonderful marine life – it is particularly famed for its diversity of seabirds. Located on a whale migration route, as well as a feeding and calving ground, the island is an ideal cetacean watching destination and offers an opportunity to see species such as short-finned pilot whale, Bryde’s and sperm whales, and common, Atlantic spotted and bottlenose dolphins.

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

The combination of stunning scenery, excellent cetacean and birdwatching, and tasty cuisine makes an ideal 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 |

**DEPARTURES**

Thu 7 - Mon 11 May 2020
Thu 6 - Mon 10 May 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Comfortable mid-range family-run hotel

**PRICE FROM**

£995

**SINGLE SUPP**

£110

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

12

**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 birds
- View endangered Dalmatian pelican & pygmy cormorant on Lake Skadar

Despite its tiny size, Montenegro holds 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 is the westernmost nesting place of the remarkable 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 shrikes.

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

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, 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 | Return to Dubrovnik area |
| Day 9 | Fly to the UK |

**DEPARTURES**

Sat 11 - Sat 18 April 2020
Sat 10 - Sat 17 April 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Mid-range hotels & guesthouses

**PRICE FROM**

£1,895

**SINGLE SUPP**

£295

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

8

**LEADER**

István Bártol

**TOUR CODE**

MONT1

---

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
DEPARTURES  Thu 20 - Mon 24 August 2020
Thu 19 - Mon 23 August 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable, small, mid-range hotel

PRICE FROM £1,045
SINGLE SUPP  £190

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 7
LEADER Martijn Bot
TOUR CODE NETH2

What’s Good for the Goose ...
✓ Enjoy the visual & aural spectacle of thousands of wintering geese including barnacle, brent & white-fronted
✓ Look for snow bunting, shorelark & rough-legged buzzard
✓ Cosy, family-run hotel & ‘easy birding’ at its best

This short break offers the perfect chance to enjoy the spectacle of many thousands of wintering geese and ducks congregating in beautiful stretches of 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, shorelark and twite, alongside wintering raptors such as rough-legged buzzard, peregrine, goshawk, merlin, hen and (more recently) pallid harriers.

This is an ‘easy birding’ trip: we take our time to enjoy the scenery and birds without rushing around ‘chasing’ species. There are no large distances involved and our small hotel (only seven rooms) is run by a charming family which 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 Waddenzee 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

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 for seeing waders, which astound here in both quantity and quality.

This birding break visits the beautiful Wadden Sea and Lauwersmeer National Park area. 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 whiskered and black terns, garganey, great white egret, black-shouldered kite, curlew and Montagu’s harrier.

Like all short birding breaks in the Netherlands, this all-inclusive trip involves ‘easy birding’. We don’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 Breebaartpolder plus Oostpolder & Onnenpolder
Day 5 Transfer to Amsterdam & fly to the UK
Festival of Wildlife: Spitsbergen 2020

✓ Exclusive charter voyage led by a team of experts
✓ Timed to maximise the chance of seeing polar bears on the pack-ice
✓ Arctic fox, walrus & cetaceans among highlights

Since our first Festival of Wildlife in 2004, this winning formula – of a range of wildlife-based excursions alongside a programme of expert-led workshops and talks – offers a very special celebration of wildlife for all those who take part. Over the years, our Festivals of Wildlife have proved a huge success and we have, not surprisingly, seen a phenomenal array of wildlife, from leopards, lions, elephants and wild dogs at our African Festivals, to lemurs in Madagascar, tigers in India, spirit bears and grizzlies in Canada and most recently orangutans and proboscis monkeys on the island of Borneo.

For 2020 we are planning something quite different and have chartered the beautifully appointed Ocean Adventurer to take us to the realm of the polar bear in Norway’s High Arctic – the Svalbard Archipelago. We have made the decision to travel in May for a number of reasons. With the increasingly variable weather conditions that we are experiencing worldwide these days, the Arctic ice is melting earlier and earlier, and it is this ice (particularly the ‘fast ice’) that the polar bears need in order to hunt seals. We want to make sure that we are in Svalbard at the perfect time for polar bears and other wildlife, and that means travelling in May. There will be plenty of ice, the wildlife sightings should be excellent and the photographic opportunities exceptional.

We begin in the small, sleepy town of Longyearbyen, the stepping stone for all of the voyages to this incredible part of the Arctic. After boarding we set sail in a northerly direction heading for the pack-ice and, with luck, some exciting wildlife encounters.

The birdlife here is superb, and species we’ll look out for include purple sandpiper, snow bunting and ptarmigan on land, while northern fulmar, Brünnich’s guillemot, black-legged kittiwake, black and common guillemots, the iconic Atlantic puffin and king eider should be our companions at sea. Islands and fjords are home to Arctic fox, reindeer and harbour seal, while the keen-eyed may spot minke whale in the icy waters of the fjords and at sea. However, for many the real draw of a trip this far north is a chance to see polar bears and, from our experience in recent years, our best chance of this is in May, on the pack-ice. We’ll head towards fjord systems and this ice, hoping for some of the superb close encounters we’ve had in previous years … all with an utterly spectacular backdrop, a landscape photographer’s dream. We may even be lucky enough to come across one or more polar bears hunting or on a kill, with the blows of beluga whales in the background, as we did on our voyage to Spitsbergen in May 2019! So do join us in this true polar wilderness in May 2020 for the voyage of a lifetime!

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Day 1 Fly to Oslo
Day 2 Fly to Longyearbyen; board the Ocean Adventurer
Days 3-9 Voyage around Spitsbergen & Svalbard Archipelago
Day 10 Return to Longyearbyen
Day 11 Fly back to the UK

DEPARTURE 12 – 22 May 2020
ACCOMMODATION Ocean Adventurer
PRICE FROM £5,995
SINGLE SUPP On request
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, all accommodation, meals on board & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 124
LEADERS Nick Acheson, Chris Breen, Mark Carwardine, Bret Charman, Nick Garbutt, Joe Cornish & Nick Joynes
TOUR CODE ARCT1
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 specialties 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, home of 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 European 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  Vardo
Day 6    Kaamanen (Finland)
Day 7    Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES  Mon 23 – Sun 29 March 2020
Mon 22 – Sun 28 March 2021
ACCOMMODATION  Comfortable hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM £2,995
SINGLE SUPP £250
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 7
LEADER Ari Latja*
TOUR CODE FINL2
* 2nd leader subject to minimum numbers

Poland’s Winter Wildlife

✓ Visit snow-covered landscapes in search of some of Europe’s most elusive large mammals
✓ Track mammals including Eurasian lynx & wolf plus other wildlife with local foresters
✓ See winter birdlife including 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 elusive large 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 Eurasian 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

DEPARTURES  Fri 28 February - Thu 5 March 2020
Fri 26 February - Thu 4 March 2021
ACCOMMODATION  Comfortable hotels
PRICE FROM £1,595
SINGLE SUPP £150
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER Andrzej Petryna
TOUR CODE POLN3
Primeval Forests & Marshes
✓ Experience ancient & secluded forests alive with birdsong
✓ Search for flycatchers, woodpeckers & warblers in breeding season, plus lekking great snipe
✓ Mammal highlights include bison, wild boar, beaver & elk

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

The Bialowieza Forest is part of the largest area of virgin lowland woodland in Europe. Huge trees, some of them 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 are found here including three-toed, grey-headed and the rare white-backed. We may 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

DEPARTURES
Mon 4 - Mon 11 May 2020
Mon 3 - Mon 10 May 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable hotels

PRICE FROM
£1,695

SINGLE SUPP
£150

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Andrzej Petryna

TOUR CODE
POLN1

Butterflies & Moths of Southern Poland
✓ Discover Poland's diverse & wonderful Lepidoptera including Pallas's fritillary, and enjoy moth-traps at night
✓ Explore the conifer forests & alpine meadows of the Tatra & the slopes of the Pieniny ranges
✓ Enjoy a rich flora & fauna in spectacular landscapes

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 simple moth-traps by night, we go in search of Poland's interesting invertebrates in the company of an expert local naturalist. With a variety of habitats visited – from the relict steppe of the Ponidzie and the dry slopes of the Pieniny Mountains, to the primeval conifer forests and alpine meadows 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 Ponidzie
Days 5-8 Pieniny Mountains
Day 9 Transfer to Krakow & fly to the UK

DEPARTURES
Sun 12 - Mon 20 July 2020
Sun 11 - Mon 19 July 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable hotels

PRICE FROM
£1,725

SINGLE SUPP
£165

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Andrzej Petryna

TOUR CODE
POLN4
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 their great diversity of habitats offering refuge to thousands of migrants, and a fine range of resident birds, Portugal’s Algarve and Alentejo regions offer some of Europe’s finest spring and autumn birdwatching, plus 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 habitats – from the rugged cliffs of Cape St Vincent on the Atlantic coast to Salgados Marsh and the Ria Formosa wetlands – are 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 4 - Sat 11 April 2020
Sat 19 - Sat 26 September 2020
Sat 3 - Sat 10 April 2021
Sat 18 - Sat 25 September 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Family-run country hotel

PRICE FROM
£1,825

SINGLE SUPP
No single supplement

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Andrzej Petryna

TOUR CODE
POLN2
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 wildcat & golden jackal

The Danube is Europe’s second largest river delta and one of the continent’s great wetlands. In spring it is a haven for migrating birds, as well as the permanent home of a wealth of wildlife including birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and an impressive diversity of insects.

Our base is a comfortable lodge, only accessible 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. 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 9 - Sat 16 May 2020
Sat 5 - Sat 12 September 2020
Sat 8 - Sat 15 May 2021
Sat 4 - Sat 11 September 2021

Accommodation
City hotel & wilderness lodge

Price from
£2,475
£190

Price includes
Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

Group Size
6

Leader
Ashley Grove (May) & Bret Charman (September)

Tour Code
ROMA1

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 holiday shows the very best wildlife 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 about 6,000 brown bears, and our best chance of seeing these magnificent creatures is from dedicated hides in the late afternoon and early evening.

The Carpathians are also home to birds such as 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
Days 2-7 Wildlife & photography excursions in & around the Danube Delta
Day 8 Drive to Bucharest & fly to the UK

Departures
Sun 31 May - Sun 7 June 2020
Sun 30 May - Sun 6 June 2021

Accommodation
Simple & comfortable guesthouses

Price from
£1,795
£230

Price includes
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

Group Size
7

Leader
Mihai David

Tour Code
ROMA3
**Romania**

**Birds & Bears in Transylvania**

✓ Explore Transylvania’s atmospheric ancient landscapes
✓ Enjoy impressive, varied birdlife & plantlife
✓ Watch for brown bears from dedicated hides

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 plantlife.

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, allegedly 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 the forest’s giants, 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. Meanwhile, 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

**DEPARTURES**

Sun 7 - Sun 14 June 2020
Sun 6 - Sun 13 June 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Good mid-range hotels

**PRICE FROM** £1,975

**SINGLE SUPP** £250

**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 & large raptors

With its pristine forests and excellent infrastructure, Slovakia makes a superb choice for a short birding break, offering a wealth of highly sought-after woodpeckers, raptors and owls.

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 Eurasian lynx here, though they are very elusive.

In the nearby scenic Szadelo Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of 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 to see eastern imperial eagle and saker, 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

**DEPARTURES**

Tue 14 - Sat 18 April 2020
Tue 13 - Sat 17 April 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Simple but comfortable mid-range hotels

**PRICE FROM** £1,345

**SINGLE SUPP** £190

**PRICE INCLUDES** Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE** 8

**LEADER** István Pentek

**TOUR CODE** SLVK1

38 Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
Iberian Lynx Quest

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

On this trip we’ll explore two of Andalucia’s wildest corners – the vast Doñana National Park and rugged Andújar Natural Park. Home to a wealth of wildlife, they form almost the last refuge of the world’s rarest cat, the critically endangered Iberian lynx.

An expert at slipping through scrubby habitat unseen, the Iberian lynx evolved as a specialist hunter of rabbits. We will learn about its ecology and conservation and, though it is one of the hardest mammals to see in Europe, we will do everything possible to ensure a sighting. We spend time enjoying the birds and mammals of these two contrasting habitats and we stay at simple accommodation in both locations, which adds a charming cultural dimension to the 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 UK

DEPARTURES
Sat 19 - Sat 26 October 2019
Tue 7 - Tue 14 January 2020
Sat 6 - Tue 12 January 2021
Sat 16 - Sat 23 October 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Mid-range hotel & rustic rural apartments,
all rooms with en suite or adjacent facilities

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
14

LEADERS
John Muddeman & Sergio González Asíán*

TOUR CODE
SPA12
* 2nd leader and 2nd vehicle with more than 7 passengers

---

Slovenia

Brown Bear Photography
✓ Enjoy fantastic brown bear sightings from comfortable purpose-built hides
✓ Develop your skills with guidance from expert photographer Tom Mason
✓ Search for Ural owl in this untouched forest wilderness

Our visit to Slovenia, a land famed for its wonderful mix of mountains, lakes and forest, is based in the country’s southern Dinaric Alps. The rich forest here borders neighbouring Croatia, together forming 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 photography and for observing the region’s charismatic brown bears.

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

Aided by your tour leaders’ expert photography tuition, we spend our mornings exploring the Notranjska and Kočevska regions, learning about their natural history. We will also spend time searching for roosting Ural owls and visiting 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

DEPARTURES
Sun 17 - Fri 22 May 2020
Sun 16 - Fri 21 May 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Traditional guesthouse

PRICE FROM
£1,995

SINGLE SUPP
£125

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADERS
Tom Mason & Miha Mlakar

TOUR CODE
SLOV2
Secret Wilderness of Extremadura

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

Extremadura’s wild and beautiful countryside holds some of Europe’s most endangered birds. The region is also 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 cinereous vulture, Spanish imperial eagle and black-shouldered kite.

In the distinctive ‘dehesa’ habitat we find good numbers of azure-winged magpie, while migrants passing through in spring and summer may include European bee-eater, woodchat shrike, western black-eared wheatear, great spotted cuckoo and European roller. White stork nests are ubiquitous throughout this picturesque area.

This is a beautiful and distinctive part of Europe, brimming with birds, 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 5 - Sat 12 October 2019
Sat 21 - Sat 28 December 2019
Sat 21 - Sat 28 March 2020
Sat 3 - Sat 10 October 2020
Sat 21 - Sat 28 December 2020
Sat 23 - Sat 30 March 2021
Sat 5 - Sat 12 October 2021
Sat 21 - Sat 28 December 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Small family-run country guesthouse

PRICE FROM
£1,645
from £220

SINGLE SUPP
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
7

LEADER
John Muddeman

TOUR CODE
SPA13

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

On this trip we explore a diverse range of habitats in a wildlife-rich corner of the western Pyrenees. The open plains of Bardenas Reales are home to larks including Dupont’s, great and little bustards, and pin-tailed and black-bellied sandgrouse. The nearby saline Laguna Las Pitillas is one of the best sites in Spain to see bittern, as well as purple heron, black-winged stilt and marsh harrier, while in 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 surrounding scenery. Enormous lammergeiers and griffon vultures soar overhead, whilst wallcreeper, citril finch, Alpine accentor and rock thrush vie for our attention below. At lower elevations, riverine woodlands hold western orphean, Sardinian and subalpine warblers, as well as golden oriole, penduline tit and wryneck. The onset of dusk provides a chance of spotting Eurasian eagle plus 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 9 - Sat 16 May 2020
Sat 12 - Sat 19 September 2020
Sat 8 - Sat 15 May 2021
Sat 11 - Sat 18 September 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Small hotel & family-run guesthouse

PRICE FROM
£1,545
£130

SINGLE SUPP
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
7

LEADER
Richard Cash

TOUR CODE
SPA17
Scandinavian Spring

✓ See seven owl species including great grey, Eurasian eagle & pygmy owls
✓ Discover impressive forests & lakes that are home to capercaillie, divers & cranes
✓ Look for hazel grouse plus 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 extensive woodlands are unlike anything found in the UK, and provide a glimpse of what the ancient woodland that once covered much of Europe must have been like.

Crested tit, osprey, black grouse and both red and black-throated divers abound alongside such rarer delights as hazel grouse, nutcracker, and 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 Eurasian eagle owl.

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

Butterflies & Dragonflies

✓ Fabulous mix of Scandinavian & Eastern European butterflies including many rare & hard-to-see species
✓ Explore Sweden during the long Nordic summer days
✓ Dragonflies such as common goldenring, bog hawker, 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 butterflies, alongside a diverse range of dragonflies and damselflies.

Over the course of the season, more than 80 of Sweden’s 120 butterflies can be seen in the Svartådalen region, including many rare and otherwise hard-to-see species such as poplar admiral, Baltic grayling and the scarce Frigga’s fritillary.

Visiting some of central Sweden’s richest butterfly sites, we can enjoy long summer days in the field. We explore a variety of coastal and inland habitats for some of the region’s most sought-after butterflies.

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 damsel.

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
Home to some of the planet’s most iconic animals, Africa is the world’s top wildlife destination and a must for every keen naturalist. Most of our holidays in Africa last between ten and 14 days. They include classic safaris (laden with mammals) to South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia, tours focused on the dazzling birds of Kenya, Ghana and Morocco, and journeys in search of the wondrous endemic mammals and birds of Madagascar and Ethiopia.
**Botswana**

**Birding Botswana**

- See a range of spectacular birds in one of Africa’s greatest wetlands
- Be amazed by the vast herds of antelopes found in the Okavango
- Enjoy a peerless luxury bush camping experience

In addition to mammals such as lion and African wild dog, Botswana’s Okavango Delta holds a dazzling variety of birds. One of Africa’s greatest wetlands, this is the home of huge flocks of waterbirds, such as yellow-billed and African openbill storks, wattled crane, African spoonbill and the near-endemic slaty egret. Raptors include martial and tawny eagles, black sparrowhawks, African cuckoo-hawks, crepuscular bat hawks and strange bateleurs, while more impressive still are many of Botswana’s smaller birds – lilac-breasted rollers and woodland kingfishers hunt from perches, while southern carmine bee-eaters loop noisily overhead. Green woodhoopoes chatter in the trees and crimson-breasted shrikes hop quietly through the undergrowth. Moving between two of the Okavango’s finest reserves, using an outstanding mobile tented camp, our tour samples the very best of Botswana’s birdlife. As we go, we also stop to admire the great herds of Cape buffalo, red lechwe, wildebeest and other mammals for which the Okavango is rightly prized.

**OUTLINE ITINERARY**

- **Day 1** Depart UK
- **Days 2-5** Birdwatching drives & walks in Khwai Concession
- **Days 6-8** Birding & mammal watching in Moremi Wildlife Reserve
- **Day 9** Fly to the UK
- **Day 10** Arrive UK

**ACCOMMODATION**

- High quality mobile tented camp

**PRICE FROM**

- £3,495

**SINGLE SUPP**

- £395

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- Flights, transfers, accommodation, meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

- 6

**LEADER**

- Disho Gabatsholwe

**TOUR CODE**

- BOTS10

---

**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 holiday focuses on Ethiopia’s sought-after endemic birds and mammals, including Ruspoli’s turaco, Ethiopian wolf and the charismatic gelada baboon.

Dominated by the vast central highlands and bisected by the Great Rift Valley, Ethiopia has a huge variety of habitats – from the open savannah 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.

During this trip, we can hope to see over 400 bird species and 30-40 species of mammal, including many that are unique to the country. In addition, Ethiopia has a fascinating culture and rich history.

**OUTLINE ITINERARY**

- **Day 1** Depart UK
- **Days 2-3** Addis Ababa
- **Days 4-5** Awash National Park
- **Day 6** Awassa
- **Days 7-9** Bale Mountains National Park
- **Days 10-11** Negele
- **Days 12-13** Yabello
- **Days 14-16** Lake Langano, Lake Abiata & Lake Shalla
- **Day 17** Fly to the UK

**DEPARTURES**

- Thu 20 February - Sat 7 March 2020
- Tue 10 - Thu 26 November 2020
- Thu 18 February - Sat 6 March 2021
- Tue 9 - Thu 25 November 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

- Simple government-run hotels & private lodges

**PRICE FROM**

- £4,595

**SINGLE SUPP**

- £395

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- Flights, transfers, accommodation, meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

- 9

**LEADER**

- Abel Belay

**TOUR CODE**

- ETHI1

---

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
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 stunning species, the tiny Republic of the Gambia offers the 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 hold such delights as blue-breasted kingfisher and African 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 northern 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
Days 9-10 Kiang National Park; Banjul
Day 11 Fly to the UK

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable coastal hotels & basic river camps

PRICE FROM
£1,845

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Dembo Sonko

TOUR CODE
GAMB1

DEPARTURES
Fri 1 - Thu 11 November 2019
Fri 6 - Thu 16 November 2020
Fri 5 - Thu 15 November 2021

PRICE FROM
£1,845

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Dembo Sonko

TOUR CODE
GAMB1

Quest for the Picathartes
✓ Encounter the unique & fascinating white-necked picathartes
✓ Use the canopy walkway for superb birding opportunities
✓ Experience Ghana’s astounding profusion of butterflies

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 are one of just a few groups to stay within walking distance of this prehistoric-looking bird’s nest 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. Plus we offer an extension to Offinso Forest and 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

ACCOMMODATION
Hotels, lodges & camps

PRICE FROM
£2,795

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
10

LEADER
Philip Senyo Atigli

TOUR CODE
GHAN1

DEPARTURES
Wed 19 February - Sun 1 March 2020
Wed 17 - Sun 28 February 2021
Kenya

KENYA'S BIRDS & WILDLIFE
✓ Enjoy unparalleled birding in this megadiverse country
✓ Visit renowned safari destinations 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, in his Masai homeland. We go 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 hosts a spectacular annual migration, when more than one million wildebeest and 200,000 plains zebra cross the Mara River. It is also a birdwatcher's paradise, with diverse habitats and over 1,000 species of birds, including several endemics. Birding highlights include grey-crowned crane and lesser flamingo, plus endemics such as Sharpe's longclaw and Aberdare cisticola.

We offer a pre-tour extension to Amboseli National Park. 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 Kineyai Conservancy; fly to Nairobi
Day 13 Overnight flight to the UK
Day 14 Arrive UK

DEPARTURES Fri 28 February - Wed 11 March 2020
Fri 26 February - Wed 10 March 2021
ACCOMMODATION Comfortable lodges & permanent tented camps
PRICE FROM £4,995
SINGLE SUPP £750
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 6
LEADER Wilson ole Kasaine
TOUR CODE KENY3

Madagascar

MADAGASCAR
✓ Track lemurs through verdant rainforest
✓ Discover Madagascar's bizarre & fascinating flora & fauna
✓ Meet chameleons, vangas & other inhabitants of the 'red island'

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

It is home to over half the world's chameleons, plus all of the more than 100 species of lemur. These have evolved into a stunning array from the howling indri, which greets the dawn in Périnet with haunting calls, to tiny nocturnal mouse lemurs, all of them prey for the sleek fosa. This impressive range of mammals inhabits an extraordinary mix of Madagascan forests, from super-humid rainforest to dry spiny forest composed of octopus trees and baobabs.

Madagascar will dazzle any wildlife enthusiast with its birds, mammals and reptiles, many of which are nothing short of bizarre: the eerie-looking aye-aye, the insectivorous tenrecs 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

DEPARTURES Mon 24 August - Wed 9 September 2020
Mon 23 August - Wed 8 September 2021
ACCOMMODATION Small hotels & lodges
PRICE FROM £6,495
SINGLE SUPP £865
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Barrie Cooper
TOUR CODE MADA2

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
Morocco

✓ 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 bird-rich and highly scenic 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 Etosha National Park, home to 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 Skeleton Coast at Walvis Bay, and the coastal oasis of Swakopmund, are all stops on our route.

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 Transfer to Windhoek & fly to the UK
Day 15 Arrive UK

DEPARTURES  Sun 13 - Sun 27 October 2019
Sun 11 - Sun 25 October 2020
Sun 10 - Sun 24 October 2021

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

High Atlas, Sahara & Atlantic Coast

✓ Search the mountains of the High Atlas for birds including the endemic Levaillant's woodpecker
✓ See desert specialities, such as pharaoh eagle owl, at Merzouga's sand dunes
✓ Spot waders & wildfowl in the Souss & Massa estuaries

With its magnificent variety of dramatic landscapes, and year-round interest, 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 holiday ends on the Atlantic coast, where we explore the broad estuaries of the Souss and Massa rivers for waders, wildfowl, and wetland species that include the critically endangered 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

DEPARTURES  Sun 8 - Wed 18 March 2020
Sun 7 - Wed 17 March 2021

ACCOMMODATION Good mid-range hotels
PRICE FROM £1,695
SINGLE SUPP £240
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER John Muddeman
TOUR CODE MORO3

Over 30 years' experience in small group wildlife holidays
South Africa

DEPARTURES  Fri 7 - Fri 21 August 2020  Fri 6 - Fri 20 August 2021
ACCOMMODATION Characterful hotels, lodges & resthouses
PRICE FROM £5,495  SINGLE SUPP £435
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE SOUT4

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, 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, 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, all taken 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

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, over to the Eastern Cape, then 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, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, and the Rondevlei and Strandfontein Bird Reserves. Birdlife is prolific on the Cape at this time of year, 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

ACCOMMODATION Small hotels, guesthouses & national park chalets
PRICE FROM £4,995  SINGLE SUPP £395
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER Geoff Crane
TOUR CODE SOUT2

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
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. Bird highlights here include 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

Natural Highlights of South Africa
✓ Enjoy the indigenous flora of the Cape Peninsula & Garden Route
✓ Discover the iconic large mammals & smaller fauna of Kruger
✓ Observe a variety of African birdlife in a wide range of habitats

Starting on the Cape Peninsula, we visit a mixture of formal botanical gardens, nature reserves and national parks to discover the unique flora of the fynbos. Endemic birds here include orange-breasted sunbird and Cape sugarbird. We continue via the Little Karoo and the Garden Route, enjoying 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 give us plenty of opportunity to search for the 507 species of bird and 147 mammal species that have been recorded here, including iconic safari species such as lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and white 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
Sat 4 - Sat 18 January 2020
Sat 2 - Sat 16 January 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Characterful hotels, lodges & resthouses

PRICE FROM
£5,145

SINGLE SUPP
£395

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Geoff Crane

TOUR CODE
SOUT3

DEPARTURES
Mon 31 August - Tue 15 September 2020
Mon 30 August - Tue 14 September 2021

ACCOMMODATION
Characterful hotels, lodges & national park resthouses

PRICE FROM
£5,255

SINGLE SUPP
£435

PRICE INCLUDES
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE
8

LEADER
Geoff Crane

TOUR CODE
SOUT9
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

DEPARTURES  Fri 25 September - Tue 6 October 2020
Fri 24 September - Tue 5 October 2021
ACCOMMODATION  Hotels, safari lodges & tented camps
PRICE FROM £4,495
SINGLE SUPP £1,075 (if available)
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER  Harriet Kemigisha
TOUR CODE UGAN1

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-faced sandgrouse, double-banded courser and yellow-necked spurfowl, often under the watchful eye of onlooking raptors that include martial and tawny eagles and the strange bateleur.

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 spurfowl.

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

DEPARTURES  Sun 3 - Fri 15 May 2020
Sun 2 - Fri 14 May 2021
ACCOMMODATION  Safari lodges & tented camps
PRICE FROM £4,995
SINGLE SUPP £300
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER  Expert local naturalist
TOUR CODE TANZ4

DEPARTURES  Fri 3 - Fri 15 May 2020
Fri 2 - Fri 14 May 2021
ACCOMMODATION  Safari lodges & tented camps
PRICE FROM £4,995
SINGLE SUPP £300
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER  Expert local naturalist
TOUR CODE TANZ4
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 southern 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 Mfuwe via Lusaka
Day 2 Arrive Mfuwe & 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

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.

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 Mfuwe via Lusaka
Day 2 Arrive Mfuwe & 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

DEPARTURES
Fri 15 - Sun 24 November 2019
Fri 13 - Sun 22 November 2020
Fri 12 - Sun 21 November 2021

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
ZAMB8

DEPARTURES
Fri 19 - Sun 28 June 2019
Fri 18 - Sun 27 June 2021

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
From the ancient ruins and migrant cranes of Armenia to macaques huddled in hot springs in Japan, our tours embrace every corner of Asia. From the steamy forests of Borneo to the seemingly endless vistas of the Mongolian steppe, from tigers in the heart of India to lustrous endemic birds in Taiwan, we show you Asia’s finest wildlife highlights.

In Australasia, we take you to meet koalas, kangaroos and the incomparable endemic birds of Australia, while in New Zealand we explore the rugged wilderness of South Island, coming face to face with penguins, albatrosses and unique, mountain-dwelling parrots.
Armenia

✓ A unique mix of historic sites, scenery & birdlife
✓ Look for raptors galore in rugged mountainous terrain
✓ Visit the 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, plus 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 Yehegnadzor via the wetlands of Armash, then visit the central and northern parts of the country in an anticlockwise 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 in species, 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

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

DEPARTURES
Thu 27 August - Tue 8 September 2020
Thu 26 August - Tue 7 September 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable mid-range hotels

PRICE FROM £3,295

SINGLE SUPP £250

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10

LEADER John Muddeman

TOUR CODE ARME1

Borneo

✓ See Bornean orangutan, proboscis monkey & Bornean gibbon
✓ Search for eight 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 lush lowland rainforest and jungle-lined rivers, Borneo’s 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 eight 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

DEPARTURES
Sun 31 May - Sat 13 June 2020
Sun 30 May - Sat 12 June 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable hotels & lodges

PRICE FROM £6,920

SINGLE SUPP £1,680

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10

LEADER Napolean Bin Dimus (a.k.a Paul)

TOUR CODE BORN3
**Georgia’s Raptor Migration**

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

This exciting 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, eastern 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

**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

---

**China**

**Sichuan’s Sensational Wildlife**

- Explore Sichuan in search of China’s unique mammals
- Search for golden snub-nosed monkey & hog badger in Tangjiahe
- Spot red pandas, golden pheasants & blue eared pheasants

On this exciting 16-day tour we look for some of Asia’s most iconic mammal and bird species in China’s Sichuan Province.

Visiting the key wildlife locations of Labahe, Ruoergai and Tangjiahe we hope to see a tantalising array of mammals including red panda, golden takin, Chinese serow, Pallas’s cat, Tibetan wolf, Tibetan fox and golden snub-nosed monkey.

Sichuan is home to more than half of China’s endemic bird species, and we hope to encounter blue eared pheasant, Lady Amherst’s pheasant and firethroat, as well as enjoy the province’s stunning scenery and unique culture, including its world-famous cuisine!

**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

---

**Georgia**

**Georgia’s Raptor Migration**

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

This exciting 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, eastern 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

---

**DEPARTURES**

**China**

Sat 2 - Sun 17 November 2019
Sat 4 - Sun 19 April 2020
Sat 27 March - Sun 11 April 2021
Sat 30 October - Sun 14 November 2021

**Georgia**

Sat 19 - Sat 26 September 2020
Sat 18 - Sat 25 September 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

**China**

Comfortable, basic to mid-range hotels

**Georgia**

Comfortable mid-range hotel

**PRICE FROM**

**China**

£4,695

**Georgia**

£2,295

**PRICE INCLUDES**

**China**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**Georgia**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

**China**

8

**Georgia**

10

**LEADER**

**China**

Terry Reis or Nick Acheson

**Georgia**

Aslan Bolkvadze

**TOUR CODE**

**China**

CHIN1

**Georgia**

GEOR1

www.thetravellingnaturalist.com  53

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com
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 splendid itinerary covers the highlights of Central India, including numerous 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 go in search of an exciting range of mammals and birds, including Asian wild dog, sloth bear, leopard, gaur and the majestic Bengal tiger.

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 very rich area though little explored. Satpura is even less well known but offers a unique opportunity to explore on foot and by boat.

The dense, bamboo-laden jungles of Tadoba offer fantastic birding and other wildlife viewing. The park has also consistently boasted some of the best tiger sightings 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

**Day 14-15**  
Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve

**Day 16**  
Transfer to Delhi

**Day 17**  
Fly to the UK

**DEPARTURES**

Thu 28 November - Sat 14 December 2019  
Sun 29 November - Tue 15 December 2020  
Sun 28 November - Tue 14 December 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Hotels & comfortable jungle lodges

**PRICE FROM**

£4,395

**SINGLE SUPP**

£1,415

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

10

**LEADER**

Anand Sinha

**TOUR CODE**

INDI4

---

**Birds & Big Cats**

- Explore wild jungle in search of the stunning Bengal tiger
- Enjoy excellent birding & fantastic photographic opportunities
- Immerse yourself in India’s rich culture & history including a visit to the Taj Mahal

On this comprehensive safari we visit the beautiful Corbett National Park, home to Asian elephant, tiger and leopard, as well as an array of such fabulous birds as collared falconet, great hornbill, lineated barbet and, in the winter months, wallcreeper and 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. We end in Ranthambore National Park, one of India’s most picturesque reserves, where we have 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 9 - Sat 23 November 2019  
Sun 29 November - Sun 13 December 2020  
Sun 28 November - Sun 12 December 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Hotels & comfortable jungle lodges

**PRICE FROM**

£3,395

**SINGLE SUPP**

£790

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

10

**LEADER**

Durgesh Singh

**TOUR CODE**

INDI3

---

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
India’s Wild South

✓ Visit some of South India’s finest protected areas including Nagarhole National Park
✓ Enjoy drives in search of tiger, leopard, Asian wild dog & much more
✓ Explore South Indian humid forests on foot in search of rare endemics

Though little visited by naturalists, South India is a superb destination for wildlife. The region boasts not only the country’s charismatic megafauna, including tiger, Asian elephant, leopard and Asian wild dog, but also a host of southern endemic mammals and birds. In addition, the south has delicious food and a laid-back feel quite different from that of the north and centre.

Nagarhole National Park offers wildlife watching as fine as can be found anywhere on the Indian Subcontinent. Thanks to its strict limit on jeep numbers, it is also a serene and beautiful place to visit. In Nagarhole, sightings of Asian wild dog, tiger and leopard – even of the park’s celebrated black panther – never feel crowded. In addition to India’s classic wildlife, the park is home to many charismatic southern species, such as Malabar pied hornbill, Malabar parakeet, vernal hanging-parrot and stripe-necked mongoose.

The boat safari on the dammed Kabini River is superb for Asian elephant, smooth-coated otter and many wetland birds including river tern, small pratincole, osprey, grey-headed fish-eagle and Indian cormorant. Our base in Nagarhole, the charming Kabini River Lodge, is a beautifully maintained Maharaja’s hunting lodge. Set in large wooded gardens inhabited by bonnet macaques, a roost of Indian flying foxes and many birds, it has the timeless feel reminiscent of an older India.

Further south, the humid forests of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and Anamalai Tiger Reserve support many of South India’s most remarkable endemics. Special birds here include Malabar trogon, Malabar grey hornbill, Malabar whistling thrush and Nilgiri pipit. More exciting still are the endemic mammals which include the strange, sheep-like Nilgiri tahr and two monkeys: the gorgeous Nilgiri langur and the critically endangered lion-tailed macaque.

In Wayanad we stay at Fringe Ford, an exceptional private reserve where a colonial-era cardamom plantation has largely been allowed to revert to native rainforest, a move clearly approved by the Asian elephants and placid gaur which have returned in numbers. Being a private reserve, it is possible to walk in the forest here, both by day and by night, giving us the chance to encounter the rarely seen brown palm-civet, a local endemic.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Depart UK
Days 2-4 Wildlife excursions in Nagarhole National Park (including looking for black panther)
Days 5-6 Birdwatching & wildlife excursions at Fringe Ford, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary
Day 7 Transfer to Coimbatore
Days 8-10 Valparai Range, Anamalai Tiger Reserve
Day 11 Transfer to Kochi for flight to Bengaluru
Day 12 Fly to the UK

DEPARTURES Tue 4 - Sat 15 February 2020
Sun 7 - Thu 18 February 2021

ACCOMMODATION Good quality lodges & comfortable hotels

PRICE FROM £3,295
SINGLE SUPP £675

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & activities

GROUP SIZE 6
LEADER Ashwin HP
TOUR CODE INDI6
Japan

Japan’s Winter Wildlife

✓ Watch breathtaking red-crowned cranes in the mist
✓ Witness Japanese macaques bathing in hot springs
✓ Enjoy stunning views of Steller’s sea eagle

Travelling to Japan in the depths of winter this highlight-packed 11-day tour goes in search of the country’s most iconic winter wildlife. Arriving in Kushiro we can hope to see the spectacle of red-naped cranes displaying on a canvas of white snow. In Rausu we take to the water in search of white-tailed eagles and stately Steller’s eagles. As dusk falls, we will turn attention to another heavyweight of the region, the magnificent Blakiston’s fish owl. Returning to Tokyo we experience the thrill of the bullet train to 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.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2  Fly to Kushiro via Tokyo
Day 3  Birding at Tsurui-Ito Crane Sanctuary & Akan National Park
Days 4-5  Transfer to Rausu & boat trips for eagles
Day 6  Yorouish for Blakiston’s fish owl
Day 7  Lake Furen & fly to Tokyo
Days 8-9  Transfer to Yamanouchi & visit Jigokudani
Day 10  Zenko-ji Temple & transfer to Tokyo
Day 11  Fly to the UK

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable, small, mid-range hotels

PRICE FROM £5,495
SINGLE SUPP £595

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, some meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 12
LEADER Terry Goble or Terry Reis
TOUR CODE JAPA2

Peninsular Birding

✓ Experience varied habitats: rainforest, wetland & mangrove
✓ Visit Malaysia’s premier birdwatching hotspots
✓ Try for all ten species of Malaysia’s hornbills & some of its exciting endemics

The central and northern regions of Peninsular Malaysia hold a wide range of habitats, including lowland and montane forest, mangrove, mudflat, wetland and scrub, and support a corresponding diversity of birds. In all, some 640 bird species have been recorded on the mainland.

This comprehensive itinerary visits many of the country’s premier birding sites, including Fraser’s Hill, Taman Negara and Royal Belum State Park, for a mouthwatering array of birds. Species we hope to see include Malaysian whistling thrush, Malaysian hill partridge, Diard’s trogon and Malaysian peacock pheasant. The excellent infrastructure, accommodation and food – along with the added advantage of English being widely understood – make for a comfortable and fulfilling tour.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Days 1-2  Fly to Kuala Lumpur
Day 3  Birding at Tsurui-Ito Crane Sanctuary & Akan National Park
Days 4-5  Transfer to Rausu & boat trips for eagles
Day 6  Yorouish for Blakiston’s fish owl
Day 7  Lake Furen & fly to Tokyo
Days 8-9  Transfer to Yamanouchi & visit Jigokudani
Day 10  Zenko-ji Temple & transfer to Tokyo
Day 11  Fly to the UK

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable mid-range hotels

PRICE FROM £4,575
SINGLE SUPP £650

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 8
LEADER Irshad Mobarak or Andrew Sebastian
TOUR CODE MALY1

DEPARTURES
Wed 1 January - Sat 8 February 2020
Thu 6 - Sun 16 February 2020
Wed 3 - Sat 13 February 2021
Mon 8 - Thu 18 February 2021

DEPARTURES
Wed 11 - Sat 27 March 2020
Wed 10 - Sat 26 March 2021

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
**Mongolia**

**Birding the Land of Genghis Khan**

- Experience the vast wilderness of the Mongolian steppe
- Search for birds including Henderson’s ground jay, Altai snowcock & saxaul sparrow plus Przewalski’s horse
- Learn about 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, cinereous 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 an exciting 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  Gorkhi-Terelj National Park  
Day 16  Fly to the UK

**DEPARTURES**  
Mon 15 - Tue 30 June 2020  
Mon 14 - Tue 29 June 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**  
Mid-range hotels & tourist ‘ger’ (or yurt) camps

**PRICE FROM**  
£4,595

**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
- Search for mammals such as Asian elephant, leopard & sloth bear
- Enjoy the island’s fabulous birdlife

This trip offers the very best of Sri Lanka’s wildlife, both on land and at sea. At Kalpitiya we should see large numbers of spinner dolphins, before we cross the island and head to the south coast for an opportunity to see blue whales – the largest animals on Earth. En route we visit some of Sri Lanka’s premier national parks: Yala and Udawalawe.

Yala is considered one of the best places in the world to see leopard, but is also home to Asian elephant, sloth bear, sambar, chital, wild boar, golden jackal and mugger crocodile.

Birding highlights may include blue-faced malkoha, yellow-wattled lapwing, Jerdon’s bushlark, thick-billed flowerpecker, purple-rumped sunbird, white-rumped shama and black-necked stork.

**OUTLINE ITINERARY**

Day 1  Fly to Colombo  
Days 2-4  Arrive Colombo & transfer to Hustai National Park  
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**  
Sun 24 November - Sat 7 December 2019  
Fri 13 - Thu 26 March 2020  
Sat 14 - Fri 27 November 2020  
Fri 12 - Thu 25 March 2021  
Sat 13 - Fri 26 November 2021

**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

---

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
**Sri Lanka**

**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

This tour focuses on Taiwan’s superb endemic birds, plus its many winter visitors. The island’s humid lowland forest and rolling plains, and five ranges of rugged mountains support a huge variety of species.

Over 500 bird species have been recorded on the island, of which there are impressively 24 endemics including Swinhoe’s pheasant, Taiwan fulvetta, Taiwan barwing, Taiwan barbet, Taiwan blue magpie, Taiwan whistling thrush and the exquisite flamecrest.

One of the non-endemic highlights is the rare and unusual black-faced spoonbill, just one of the many migrants that visit 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**

Sun 10 - Sat 23 November 2019
Sun 8 - Sat 21 November 2020
Sun 7 - Sat 20 November 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Small, basic to mid-range hotels

**PRICE FROM**

£4,395

**SINGLE SUPP**

from £715

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

10

**LEADER**

Barrie Cooper & local leader

**TOUR CODE**

TAIW1

---

**Taiwan**

**DEPARTURES**

Fri 13 - Sat 28 March 2020
Fri 12 - Sat 27 March 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**

Comfortable hotels

**PRICE FROM**

£3,195

**SINGLE SUPP**

£750

**PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**

10

**LEADER**

Saman Kumara Gamage

**TOUR CODE**

SRIL3

---

**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 leopards & sloth bears at Yala National Park plus blue whales off Mirissa

On this exciting 16-day holiday we go in search of Sri Lanka’s endemic birds, South Indian specialities and a host of exquisite winter visitors. We may also see a fabulous array of mammals including Asian elephant, leopard and sloth bear in Yala National Park, and blue whale off the coast of Mirissa. During a visit to Sigiriya, an ancient rock fortress rising above the surrounding jungle, we hope to see shaheen falcon, a subspecies of the peregrine.

Sri Lanka is home to more than 30 endemic birds and we should see most, if not all, of them – from Legge’s flowerpecker and Sri Lanka hanging parrot, to Sri Lanka junglefowl, Sri Lanka blue magpie and Serendib scops owl. Sri Lanka frogmouth, Malabar trogon, yellow-browed bulbul, and both Loten’s and purple-rumped sunbirds are among the island’s other specialities.

**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

---

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
Australia

Islands, Rivers & Ranges
✓ See rare birdlife with South Australia specialist Peter Waanders
✓ Overnight on the iconic & beautiful Kangaroo Island
✓ Search for endemic mammals such as koala & short-beaked echidna

From the dry red interior of the outback to the wetlands, mangroves and estuaries of Coorong National Park, South Australia’s diverse habitats offer excellent birdwatching. We begin our exploration in Adelaide, where we follow the Samphire Coast to the Eyre Peninsula. We then visit the Flinders Ranges and Murray River, before finishing at Gluepot Reserve and the exceptional Kangaroo Island.

We can expect to see over 200 species of birds, including five parrots, three cockatoos, little penguin, black-eared miner, mallee fowl, western whipbird, freckled duck, Cape Barren goose and a variety of grasswrens, eagles, rails and crakes. Aside from the region’s rich birdlife, we also look for endemic mammals such as short-beaked echidna, koala, three species of kangaroo and the endangered yellow-footed rock wallaby, plus fur 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 Bird Sanctuary; fly to the UK
Day 15 Arrive UK

ACCOMMODATION
Hotels, motels & lodges

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Peter Waanders
TOUR CODE AUSIS

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 resulted in New Zealand being a world apart in evolutionary terms. The absence of land mammals has given native birds room to occupy the niches filled elsewhere by mammals and a truly fascinating avifauna has evolved, including the nocturnal flightless kiwis and many other unique and often very tame species.

This botanical and wildlife trip-of-a-lifetime covers the South Island, going in search of its 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

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable mid-range hotels

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Mark Hanger
TOUR CODE NEWZ1

ACCOMMODATION Hotels, motels & lodges

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Peter Waanders
TOUR CODE AUSIS

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable mid-range hotels

PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Mark Hanger
TOUR CODE NEWZ1

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
From the icy south of Argentina, home of guanacos and penguins, to the huge tides and shorebird migrations of the Bay of Fundy, via hummingbirds on your verandah in Trinidad and giant anteaters in Guyana, our tours take you to the wildest extremes of the Americas. In the cloud forest of Costa Rica we show you the resplendent quetzal, around Baja California we bring you face to face with giant grey whales, we explore Colombia for its incomparable endemic birds, and in the heart of Brazil we look into the powerful gaze of Latin America’s apex predator, the jaguar.
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 a biologically fascinating: the closest continental landmass 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 detail by Darwin.

We begin in the coastal desert of the Valdes Peninsula. Here we get a flavour of the region’s 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 gooses, torrent duck, austral parakeet and Andean condoor.

Returning north to El Calafate, where the Patagonian steppe meets the Andes, we can enjoy yet more views of Andean Condoor 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

Brazil

Wildlife of the North & South Pantanal
✓ Experience two contrasting regions of the 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 many very different habitats. Both regions are home to large numbers of capybara and yacare caiman, but the south has more extensive savannahs, punctuated by termite mounds and dry deciduous forest. This is the realm of the 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 wetter environment of meandering rivers and channels lined with gallery forest. It is here that we stand our best chance of seeing jaguars, as well as giant river otters, marsh deer, black howler monkeys and the continent’s largest terrestrial mammal, the lowland tapir. The birdlife in this area is superb and among the many star species we can expect to see are hyacinth macaws, jabiru storks, roseate spoonbills, toco toucans and five species of kingfisher – not to mention a plethora of raptors.

OUTLINE ITINERARY
Day 1 Fly overnight to São Paulo
Days 2-5 South Pantanal
Days 6-8 North Pantanal
Days 9-12 Porto Jofre
Day 13 Fly to the UK
Day 14 Arrive UK
**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 many of Colombia’s most sought-after birds such as multicoloured, black-and-gold and gold-ringed tanagers, Bogota rail and yellow-eared parrot. Our quest takes us to habitats ranging from starkly beautiful high Andean páramo, with exquisite species like buffy helmetcrest, to moss-festooned cloud forest that is home to mixed flocks and iconic birds such as white-tipped quetzal and black-billed mountain toucan.

Other highlights include an Andean cock-of-the-rock lek, where we can watch more than 20 raucous males displaying at near point-blank range, and the Rio Blanco Reserve where 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

**Colombia**

**DEPARTURES**
Fri 22 November - Sat 7 December 2019
Fri 20 November - Sat 5 December 2020
Fri 19 November - Sat 4 December 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**
Hotels & lodges (some rustic)

**PRICE FROM**
£4,725

**SINGLE SUPP**
£585

**PRICE INCLUDES**
Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees & guided activities

**GROUP SIZE**
7

**LEADER**
Hernan Arias

**TOUR CODE**
COLO1

**Costa Rica**

**Cloud Forests, Jungles & Volcanoes**

✅ See remarkable birdlife across this biologically rich country
✅ Explore a huge range of habitats & enjoy their flora & fauna
✅ Resplendent quetzal, trogons, woodpeckers & hummingbirds

Costa Rica is divided by a chain of volcanic peaks that rise to over 3,500 metres in altitude. These mountains carve 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.

We visit Costa Rica’s rich ecoregions in the company of our guide, an outstanding naturalist with a passion for the wildlife of his homeland. Along with such mammals as mantled howler, white-faced capuchin, Central American squirrel and Geoffroy’s spider monkeys, plus northern 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

**DEPARTURES**
Sat 15 - Fri 28 February 2020
Sat 7 - Fri 20 March 2020
Sat 13 - Fri 26 February 2021
Sat 6 - Fri 19 March 2021

**ACCOMMODATION**
Hotels, lodges (some remote) & cabins

**PRICE FROM**
£4,245

**SINGLE SUPP**
£700

**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 including resplendent quetzal, azure-rumped tanager & long-tailed manakin
✓ Observe howler & spider monkeys among ancient Mayan ruins
✓ Experience fascinating Guatemalan culture & delicious food

This tour explores Guatemala’s rich natural and cultural heritage. We begin in the city of Antigua Guatemala, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with fine colonial architecture, before visiting the Central Highlands to look for endemic birds 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 Quetzal Biotope Reserve’s cloud forest we should see resplendent quetzal, azure-hooded jay and spotted nightingale-thrush. Our visit to the ancient monuments at 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

DEPARTURES  Sat 18 January - Fri 31 January 2020
Sat 16 January - Fri 29 January 2021
ACCOMMODATION  Comfortable hotels (some quite rustic)
PRICE FROM  £4,145
SINGLE SUPP  £380
PRICE INCLUDES  Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities
GROUP SIZE  10
LEADER  Maynor Ovando
TOUR CODE  GUAT1

Guyana

Rainforests, Savannas & Wetlands

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

Guyana is a tiny country of pristine rainforests, waterfalls, freshwater wetlands, and lekking sites for 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 4WD vehicles, motorised dugouts and on foot.

The birdwatching is wonderful with such species as 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, southern tamandua, giant river otter and innumerable 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  Sun 17 - Fri 29 November 2019
Sun 15 - Fri 27 November 2020
Sun 14 - Fri 26 November 2021
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

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
**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 exciting voyage along Baja California’s Pacific Coast to see the blue, fin and humpback whales that congregate in Baja’s waters each winter. At one of the warm lagoons where grey whales come to calve, we transfer to small local boats for memorable eye-to-eye encounters with these ‘friendly’ whales.

The incredible diversity of marine life here includes whales, dolphins, turtles, fur seals and birds, which we enjoy through a mixed programme of snorkelling and 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 Searcher 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 & Espiritu Santo Island

**Departures**

Mon 6 - Wed 15 April 2020
Tue 23 March - Thu 1 April 2021
Sat 3 - Mon 12 April 2021

**Accommodation**

Comfortable hotels & the 29-metre Searcher

**Price from**

£5,595

**Single Supp**

from £1,645

**Price Includes**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, most meals & guided activities

**Group Size**

24

**Leader**

Chris Breen or Lee Morgan

**Tour Code**

MEXI4

**Trinidad**

**Easy birding in Trinidad**

- A relaxing birdwatching holiday based at the world-renowned Asa Wright Centre
- Enjoy a tantalising array of Neotropical bird species
- A flexible tour with the option to enjoy the birds at your own pace

Located on the beautiful island of Trinidad, amid a private reserve of 1,500 acres, the delightful Asa Wright Centre provides the perfect base for this relaxing nine-day birdwatching holiday in the Caribbean. 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 that 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, with 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 centre
Day 3
Waterloo & Caroni Swamp
Day 4
Birdwatching around 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

**Departures**

Wed 1 - Thu 9 April 2020
Wed 31 March - Thu 8 April 2021

**Accommodation**

Simple but comfortable chalets

**Price from**

£3,195

**Single Supp**

£395

**Price Includes**

Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

**Group Size**

10

**Leader**

Terry Goble

**Tour Code**

TRIN3

Over 30 years’ experience in small group wildlife holidays
Grand Manan’s Coastal Wonders

✓ Look for a fantastic variety of cetaceans in the Bay of Fundy, including the North Atlantic right whale
✓ View a superb array of seabirds & migrating warblers
✓ Explore this amazing ecosystem, with 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 rare North Atlantic right whales 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 species such as grey and red-necked phalaropes, Atlantic puffin and Arctic and pomarine skuas are all regularly observed. The intertidal zone is equally rich in life and attracts a variety of waders, whilst coastal forests are 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

DEPARTURES Fri 14 - Sat 22 August 2020
Fri 13 - Sat 21 August 2021

ACCOMMODATION Good hotels & guesthouses

PRICE FROM £3,745
SINGLE SUPP £520
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Alain Clavette
TOUR CODE CANA3

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

The Canadian Rockies have spectacular glacial lakes, dramatic mountain peaks, thundering waterfalls, deep canyons and a fantastic diversity of wildlife. But it’s the remarkable combination of all 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 for the needs of the travelling naturalist. Using our local expertise, we have created an itinerary which balances visits to 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

DEPARTURES Thu 11 - Wed 24 June 2020
Thu 10 - Wed 23 June 2021

ACCOMMODATION Comfortable hotels & lodges

PRICE FROM £6,495
SINGLE SUPP £1,500
PRICE INCLUDES Flights, transfers, accommodation, all meals & guided activities

GROUP SIZE 10
LEADER Lee Morgan & Lindsay Janes*
TOUR CODE CANA8
*2nd leader subject to minimum numbers

01305 267994 | sales@thetravellingnaturalist.com | www.thetravellingnaturalist.com
HOW TO BOOK

Make Your Booking
Once you have selected a tour you would like to book, you can book in one of three different ways:

a) Online – simply click the ‘Book’ button on the tour you’d like to book then complete your details online.

b) Contact a member of our expert team on 01305 267994. Alternatively, use our ‘contact’ form online.

c) By email or post. You can print out a copy of our booking form and send this to us by email or post.

What Happens Next
A member of our team will check availability for 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 email or post. If you book 12 weeks or less before departure, we require the total cost of the holiday to be paid at the time of booking. Please note that for some holidays we may ask you to pay a higher deposit.

We will then ask you to complete our booking details form (if not already completed), with full details of all those travelling on your booking. You must ensure you have adequate travel insurance in place before you travel with us; we recommend you consider an insurance package from our preferred brokers, Endsleigh.

After receiving your booking, we will send you full confirmation, together with all the information you need to prepare for your holiday. We require full payment 12 weeks before departure.

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.

For holidays which do not include flights arranged by us, your booking will be protected by our membership of ABTOT (No. 5199). 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 t/a 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 of the EU, which are sold to customers outside of the EU *; and
3. accommodation only bookings;

* Please note that flight inclusive packages that commence within the EU but outside of the UK will continue to be covered by ABTOT until the renewal of The Natural Travel Collection t/a The Travelling Naturalist’s ATOL number 10544 on 30 September 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 with The Natural Travel Collection t/a 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/2018/978011168479/contents

BROCHURE VALIDITY

This brochure is published in August 2019. 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.thetruvellingnaturalist.com/booking/conditions
Don’t Just Take Our Word For It …

Please find below a few testimonials from clients about our tours. To read more client reviews of our holidays please visit our website.

Spain – Iberian Lynx Quest
Julie H, January 2019
“We both loved the tour. Obviously, seeing the lynx on our last day was a highlight, but so was the remarkable birdlife, exploring the scenery and learning about the local wildlife from our two remarkable guides. Their knowledge really enhanced our experience. We were also fortunate to be part of a great group.”

Our next eight-day Iberian Lynx Quest holiday departs Saturday 19 October 2019 and costs from £1,645 per person.

Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife
Martin B, February 2019
“Abel was a good guide and went well beyond what was expected not only in finding wildlife but in helping individuals and the smooth running of the tour in so many ways: a charming man. We had good sightings of Ethiopian wolves, turacos and other wildlife.”

Our next 17-day Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife holiday departs Thursday 20 February 2020 and costs from £4,595 per person.

Slovenia – Brown Bear Photography
Peter O, May 2019
“This was the first time I had been on a specific wildlife and photography holiday. The welcome by Bret, his knowledge of the wildlife and his enthusiasm and photographic skills made for a wonderful trip and improvement of my own camera skills. The guest house and staff and also the local guides were excellent making it a faultless trip.”

Our next six-day Brown Bear Photography tour departs Sunday 17 May 2020 and costs from £1,795 per person.

To receive details of our new tours, offers, events and to read more client testimonials, visit our website (www.thetravellingnaturalist.com) and subscribe to our regular e-newsletters.