

Trip to the UK and the British Birdwatching Fair (Programme Birds & BBF), with Birds & Nature

Dates: 20 – 24 th August 2010

Announcing a trip to the UK, combining birding and attendance at the British Birdwatching Fair, lead by **Birds & Nature**, in partnership with Wide Travel.

The Programme Birds & BBF is a trip of five days duration, designed to combine a visit to the world's largest birdwatching fair at Rutland Water, with a visit to one of the best birding sites in Britain, at Cley, in Norfolk.

The BBF lasts three days and includes an enormous range of bird-related presentations and sessions covering the gamut of birdwatching interests, world-wide. The place is alive with exhibitors, well-known personalities, along with press and media interest dedicated over the three days to conservation, bird-tourism, optics and photography, books and all accessories related to the observation of birds.

The fair takes place in the Egleton Nature Reserve, where there are interesting opportunities to watch a wide range of birds, from ducks to waders to songbirds. Osprey breeds in the area, giving an opportunity to observe the young of this endangered species.

The area around Cley, on the north coast of Norfolk, is probably the best known place in the whole of the UK for watching birds. It includes an extensive protected area known for its reed beds, coastal lagoons, marshes and sandy shores and is dotted with hides and observation towers, where birds can be observed and photographed under optimum conditions. About 350 species of birds have been recorded in the area and in August, autumn passage migration is coming into its own, with a range of species from the very common to the rarity, freshly arrived from America. We expect to see a range of species including ducks, herons, waders, seabirds and passerines, including with luck some species rarely seen in Portugal like Eider, Bittern, Grey Partridge, Arctic Skua, Great Skua, Common Gull, Herring Gull, Guillemot, Bearded Tit, Marsh Tit and Rook.

Programme

20 th August – Flight to London. Journey to Rutland Water. Visit to the BBF. Overnight at The Pear Tree Cottage, in Glaston.

21 st August – Visit to the BBF, followed by observation opportunities at Egleton Nature Reserve. Overnight at The Pear Tree Cottage, in Glaston.

22 nd August – Visit to the BBF, followed by observation opportunities at Egleton Nature Reserve. Journey to Cley, to observe birds at Cley Marshes Nature Reserve. Overnight at The George Hotel Cley.

23 rd August – Outing to observe birds at Cley Marshes Nature Reserve. Overnight at The George Hotel Cley.

24 th August – Outing to observe birds at Cley Marshes Nature Reserve. Journey to London, for flight to Lisbon.

Price

660 euros per person (80 euros single room supplement).

Payment: 25% down payment, another 25% payable up to two months before departure and the remaining 50% up to two weeks before departure.

Price includes your **Birds & Nature** guide, local guide at Cley, flights to and from the UK, transport at all times, accommodation throughout the trip, BBF registration, multiviagens insurance and VAT.

Not included are airport taxes (more or less 90 euros), meals and any personal expenditure.

Hotels

The Pear Tree Cottage – Site: http://www.rutland-cottages.co.uk/peartree_cottage.aspx

The George Hotel Cley – Hotel Site: <http://www.thegeorgehotelatcley.co.uk/>

Note

On trips organized by **Birds & Nature**, we try to provide you with excellent birding experiences along with unique opportunities to take that once-in-a-life time photograph.

Please note that the trip needs a minimum of 5 participants and will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants.

Contact us now for reservations or further details.