

Trip to Monfrague National Park (Spain), with Birds & Nature

Weekend of 5 th and 6 th June 2010

Leaving Lisbon at 18,00 hours on the evening of the 4 th (Friday) and returning to Lisbon by 17,30 hours on the 6 th (arrival around 23,30 hours)

The Monfrague National Park and its surroundings is one of the most remarkable wildlife areas in Europe, renowned for the highly valuable communities of flora and fauna inhabiting the Mediterranean woodland and scrub, which cover its mountains. The huge extent of dehesa (managed oak parkland) is also a great treasure of biodiversity.

The tour is programmed to coincide with one of the most interesting times of the year to visit Monfrague: the breeding season. Bird populations in Monfrague boast outstanding numbers; the most recent census (2006) recorded the following numbers: 12 pairs of Spanish Imperial Eagle, 27 of Black Stork, 287 of Black Vulture, 513 of Griffon Vulture, 6 of Bonelli's Eagle, 6 of Golden Eagle, 33 of Egyptian Vulture, 15 of Short-toed Eagle, 27 of Booted Eagle 53 of Black Kite and 164 of Red Kite. Other interesting birds present at this time of the year include: Eagle Owl, Alpine Swift, White-rumped Swift, Black-eared Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush, Orphean Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, Subalpine Warbler and Rock Bunting.

Apart from the Park, we will be visiting the Llanos de Caceres and of Trujillo (as their names suggest, great places to observe steppe birds) and the nearby Embalse de Arrocampo, an interesting spot for aquatic species.

On the steppes we shall aim to find Montagu's Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Great and Little Bustards, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Stone-curlew, Collared Pratincole, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Roller and Calandra Lark.

The Embalse of Arrocampo and its surroundings offer species like Little Bittern, Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Great White Egret, Purple Heron, Spoonbill, Black-shouldered Kite, Water Rail, Purple Swamp-hen, Savi's Warbler and Golden Oriole.

Price

160 euros per person. Price includes your **Birds & Nature** guide plus a local field expert, transport at all times, use of optical equipment, participant's accident insurances and VAT.

Hotel accommodation and meals are paid by the participants.

Accommodation is at the Hostal San Miguel at Trujillo, which price is 26,50 euros per person in a double room or 38 euros in a single room, per night.

Hotel Site: <http://www.hostalsanmiguel.es/hostal.html>

The Hotel is situated close to the Plaza Mayor in the centre of Trujillo.

Note

On excursions 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 tour needs a minimum of 10 participants and will be limited to a maximum of 24 participants.

Contact us now for reservations or further details.