

**Tampa Audubon
Society**



Spring Migration Birding in

PORTUGAL

May 2-11, 2019

Join us for another European adventure, birding in northern Portugal and western Spain, with Birds & Nature Tours Portugal. This is Spring Migration, so we expect a **bird list of 180 species** or more!

Itinerary

May 2 - Arrive in Lisbon ★ (6 to 9 am, if not there earlier.) Drive to the Tagus estuary (about 20 min). Bird the Alcochete shores of the Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve. Stay in Alcochete (Hotel Quinta da Praia das Fontes). ★

May 3 - Bird the Ponta da Erva and Pancas areas of the Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve's open fields, rice fields, inter-tidal mudflats and salt marshes.

May 4 - Bird Pancas' oak cork forests, travel to Hotel Quinta do Salgueiro (Freixo-de-Espada-à-Cinta). ★

May 5 - Bird the bluffs and hills of the International Douro Nature Park. Night visit to the Foz Côa petroglyphs. Targets: Griffon Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, Golden Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, European Turtle Dove, Common Cuckoo, Eurasian Scops Owl, Alpine Swift, Common Nightingale, Black Wheatear, Mistle Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, Western Orphean Warbler, Spectacled, Western Subalpine, Dartford, Melodious, & Western Bonelli's Warblers, Red-billed Chough, Golden Oriole, Hawfinch and

Rock Bunting.

May 6 - Bird other areas of Douro International Nature Park. Hotel Parador Santa Catarina, in Miranda do Douro. ★

May 7 - Bird other interesting spots of the Douro International Nature Park. Boat trip birding on the Douro River.

May 8 - Travel to Trujillo, Spain, birding on the way in Salamanca and the Lagunas de Villafáfila Nature Park's steppes and lagoons, expecting Short-toed Eagle, Red Kite, Montagu's Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Great Bustard, Little Bustard, European Bee-eater, 6 species of larks, Tawny Pipit, Black-eared Wheatear, more. Hotel Rural Viña las Torres, Trujillo. ★

May 9 - Search the Monfrague National Park river escarpments for Eurasian Black Vulture, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Eurasian Hobby, Black Stork, Eagle Owl, Red-necked Nightjar, Common Kingfisher, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Long-tailed Tit, Crested Tit, Cirl Bunting and more.



Red-necked Nightjar



Eurasian Eagle Owl



Dartford Warbler

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May 10– Search the Llanos de Cáceres and Trujillo’s steppe for Black Kite, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Stone Curlew, Great Spotted Cuckoo, European Roller, Iberian Green Woodpecker, Spanish Sparrow and Corn Bunting...

May 11 – Morning birding in the Monfrague National Park. Return to Lisbon, visiting on the way the inter-tidal mudflats, salt marshes and rice fields of Comporta and Carrasqueira (Sado Estuary Nature Reserve). Sea watch at Comporta, for Cory’s Shearwater, Balearic Shearwater, Northern Gannet, Great Skua, Arctic Skua and a great selection of waders, gulls and terns. Hotel Zenit, Lisbon ★

May 12 - Departure (or free time in Lisbon). (Taxi to airport not included.)



Included are:

- PROFESSIONAL GUIDE:** all 10 days
- TRANSPORTATION:** pickup from airport, all daily trips in bus with driver, boat trip, night visit to petroglyphs. *Not included is final taxi to airport.*
- ROOMS:** excellent hotels in all locations.
- MEALS:** excellent quality, including wine, at local cafes or restaurants, breakfasts in hotels.
- OTHER:** Free use of optical equipment (quality binos and telescopes) and field guides, entrance fees to private or protected areas, participant’s accident insurance and VAT.

MAXIMUM 12 PEOPLE!



Optional Wine Tasting Event, one evening 30 €, will be EXTRA, paid on site if desired.



NOT INCLUDED IS AIRFARE TO LISBON,

final taxi to airport, nor items of a personal nature, phone calls, etc.

VALID PASSPORT IS MANDATORY!

Cost is \$100 donation to TAS, plus price and bank transfer fees (\$40) for direct bank transfer to tour company. How-to details provided when you register.

- 2.780 € per person (8 – 9 participants) \$3422 now
- 2.640 € per person (10 – 11 participants) \$3250 now
- 2.460 €** per person (12 – 14 participants) \$3028 now
- Single supplement: 400 €. \$492 now

Payment Schedule: Registration plus 750 € due by July 31, 2018. Remainder due by Feb 28, 2019.

Difficulty: Short, easy walking only.

NOTE: Anyone arriving or leaving on other than the scheduled days can arrange rooms at Hotel Zenit for a discounted rate through the tour company. Contact Mary for details, contact information or more.

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Full, detailed itinerary is on the Tampa Audubon website, www.tampaudubon.org, under Field Trips.

Registration: mail to Mary Keith, 2106 E Annie St, Tampa, FL 33612 with deposit donation of \$100. Check made out to Tampa Audubon Society. **Note: Portugal 2019**

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Single __ Double __ Rooming with: _____ Phone: _____

You will receive a receipt for the donation to TAS as confirmation, and instructions on how to pay trip costs directly to Birds and Nature Tours Portugal once your name is sent to them.