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## TOUR INFO

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### **BULGARIA**

#### **AUTUMN MIGRATION TOUR**

**DATES: 26 September-3 October 2020**

**Suitable period: September – October**



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During this tour you can observe thousands of migrating birds –**White and Black Storks, White and Dalmatian Pelicans, Lesser Spotted, Spotted and Booted Eagles, Long-legged and Honey Buzzards, Cranes**, etc. On this tour there can also be observed many other birds like **Red-necked and Black-necked Grebes, Ruddy Shelduck, Squacco Heron, Whiskered and White-winged Terns, Pygmy Cormorant, Little Bittern, Collared Pratincole, Paddyfield Warbler, Pied Wheatear, Penduline Tit, Bearded Reedling** and many others.

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### Day by day itinerary

#### Day 1

Arrival at the Burgas Airport. Transfer to our hotel near (the town of) Burgas. We will spend four overnights in this hotel. Depending on your arrival flight we will stop for birdwatching on the lakes around (the town of) Burgas.

#### Day 2-3

We will visit the lakes around Burgas – Mandra and Atanassovo. On these lakes we can observe many birds and especially *White and Dalmatian Pelicans*, *Black and White Storks*, *Lesser spotted and Spotted Eagles*, *Honey Buzzard*, *Short-toed and Booted Eagles*, *Goshawk*, *Marsh, Montagu's and Pallid Harriers*, *Pygmy Cormorant*, *Squacco*, *Night, Purple and Grey Herons*, *Little and Great Egrets*, *Spoonbill*, *Glossy Ibis*, and many migrating passerines.

#### Day 4

On this day we will visit the region of Strandja Mountain-the largest natural park in Bulgaria. In this very interesting area we can observe *Lesser Spotted Eagle*, *Levant Sparrowhawk*, *Honey Buzzard*, *White and Black Storks*, *Black-headed Bunting*, *Bee-eater*, *Roller*, *Golden Oriole*, and many other passerines. In the afternoon we will visit the Ropotamo River Reserve. In this reserve we can observe many water birds, *Woodpeckers*, *Short-toed Treecreeper*, etc. Late in the afternoon we will return to our hotel.

#### Day 5

Early in the morning we will continue our tour with a transfer to the north part of the Black Sea coast. We will stop on the Pomorie Lake. At this place we can observe *Avocet*, *Shelduck*, *Sandwich and Little Terns* and many other birds. After lunch we will stop for birdwatching in Goritza forest. At this place we can observe *Semi-collared Flycatcher*, *Woodpeckers*, *Short-toed Treecreeper*, etc. Late in the afternoon we will arrive at our hotel on the Black Sea coast. We will spend there three nights.

#### Day 6-7

During these days we will visit the lakes Durankulak and Shabla – the wintering places for the world population of Red-breasted Goose. We can observe many birds and especially *Red-footed falcon*, *Red-necked Grebe*, *Little Bittern*, *Whiskered and White-winged Terns*, *Collared Pratincole*, *Paddyfield Warbler*, *Pied Wheatear*, etc. After lunch in a local fish restaurant on the shore of the lake we will go birdwatching on the steppe. We will visit a breeding place of the *Eagle Owl*. If we are lucky we can observe the *Pallid Harrier* a very rare breeding bird on the steppe. We will observe a *Peregrine Falcon*, *Red-footed Falcon*, *Mediterranean Shearwater*, *Mediterranean race of European Shag*, *Rose-coloured Starling*, *Calandra* and *Short-toed Larks* and many other birds.

#### Day 8

Early in the morning we will continue our trip to the town of Burgas (about 150 km). Depending on your departure flight we will stop for birdwatching around.

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<b>Group size:</b> 4-14 persons	750 EUR
<b>Individual:</b> 2-3 persons	890 EUR
<b>Deposit:</b>	200 EUR
<b>Single room supplement:</b>	140 EUR

**Price includes:** Transport with comfortable bus and coach, accommodation in good hotels with private facilities, full board, professional guide and all entrance taxes.

**The price does not include:** Airfares, travel insurance, alcohol drinks and cigarettes, room service, telephone calls.