

Itinerary:



Day 1

Arrival at Sofia / Bourgas / Varna Airport and transfer to the Eastern Rhodopes

Days 2, 3 & 4

The Eastern Rhodopes

Day 5

Transfer to Bourgas via the Sakar Hills

Days 6, 7 & 8

The Bourgas wetlands

Day 9

Departure

In April and September this tour can be extended to Varna lake, where we offer excellent opportunities to photograph Pygmy Cormorants and other water birds



Spoonbills

Hide Photography

April – September

This is an 8-day tour, focusing on the rich bird diversity and the beautiful scenery of the Eastern Rhodope Mountain, Sakar Hills and the Bourgas wetlands, which is intended for individual photographers and small groups (up to 6 persons).

We will start from the Eastern Rhodopes Mountains, located in southern Bulgaria near the state border with Greece. The region hosts exceptional biodiversity – a result of the impact of the Mediterranean and continental climates. The diversity of birds of prey is amazing – 36 species of the 38 recorded in Europe can be seen there.

The main photography targets here are the birds of prey coming to feed on the carcass at the feeding places, which we manage together with the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds. You stay in hides, in front of which you can get three vulture species – Griffon, Black and Egyptian Vulture, as well as some other birds of prey like Golden Eagle, Eastern Imperial Eagle, White-tailed Eagle and Black Kite. An occasional Wolf or Red Fox may turn up at the feeding table too.

We offer three fixed hides, all of them providing excellent opportunities to photograph the birds while feeding.

For the second part of the trip we drive to Bourgas on the southern Bulgarian Black Sea coast, with stops in the Sakar Hills. Here we may stop to test our hide established in front of a drinking pool, where we can photograph a variety of passerine birds. The roadsides dazzle with Rollers, Bee-eaters, Hoopoes, Black-headed Buntings, etc., which are usually easy to photograph too.

The main focus in the area of the Bourgas wetlands are the White Pelicans resident in the area, plus the Dalmatian Pelicans, herons, egrets and waders. From our hides you have excellent opportunities to "shoot" White and Dalmatian Pelicans, Squacco, Night and Purple Herons, Eurasian Spoonbill, Kingfisher, Great Reed and Cetti's warblers and, by a lucky chance, Golden Jackal and Otter too. In the surroundings we can guide you to good places for taking pictures of a variety of shorebirds like the Marsh, Curlew and Broad-billed Sandpipers, Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover, different species of terns, as well as the Penduline Tit.

