

**BIRDWATCH READER OFFER**  
**AUTUMN MIGRATION TOUR**

**13 – 23 September 2010**

(Tour Code: HAM) **Leader: Petar Iankov.**

**Price: £1,045** (Based on a group of ten or more, a smaller group will incur a supplement).

This Autumn tour is intended for the dedicated birder who is happy to spend a full day watching the thrilling migration along the Black Sea coast. In the south there will be visits to Burgas Lakes and the hills behind Sunny Beach. This area should produce the most visible migration with passage of storks, pelicans, buzzards and eagles, together with a good selection of waders. In the north there will be visits to important migrant hotspots like Kaliakra, Durankulak and Shabla Lakes, where we hope for a wide range of smaller birds such as Red-breasted Flycatchers, warblers, wheatears and wagtails.

Our tour leader, Petar, is well known to British birders for his knowledge, brilliant powers of observation and enthusiasm.

Bulgaria's beautiful scenery, friendly people and excellent wine and food are additional highlights. The BBFS offers you the benefits of over thirty years' experience of organising tours to Bulgaria. For your financial protection our tour operators, Balkania Travel Ltd. are ATOL bonded in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority's requirements.

The hotels are comfortable (and well situated for birdwatching!) but not luxurious. The holiday is on a Half-Board basis.

Final details and bird lists will be sent to participants with their tickets. Our tour price includes a donation to the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds.

**Projected Itinerary** (Please note that this programme may be changed at the leader's discretion according to local information about bird migration).

**Monday 13 September** Departure from London-Luton to Burgas, flight time approximately three and a half hours. 5 night stay at Pomorie.

**Tuesday 14 September** Visit Pomorie Lake Reserve. Good numbers of waders (possible Red-necked Phalarope), Collared Pratincole, migrating White Pelicans and birds of prey (including Montagu's Harrier), also Roller, Golden Oriole, Tawny Pipit, Bee-eater.

**Wednesday 15 September** Visit to Atanasovo Lake. Large variety of waders (including Broad-billed Sandpiper), Gull-billed and other species of terns, Slender-billed Gull, birds of prey (Levant Sparrowhawk) and passerines.

**Thursday 16 September** Visit the Burgas and Mandra Lakes and BSPB Poda Reserve. Dalmatian and White Pelicans, Ferruginous Duck and other waterfowl, migrating Lesser Spotted Eagles, falcons and other raptors, Spoonbill, Glossy Ibis, herons and egrets, Pygmy Cormorant, Whiskered and Black Terns.

**Friday 17 September** Visit to Cape Emine calling at the hilly area north of Sveti Vlas. Red-footed Falcon, Pallid Harrier, Long-legged Buzzard, other birds of prey, Rock Bunting, Woodlark and other forest birds.

**Saturday 18 September** Drive north for a 4 night stay at Kavarna, with birdwatching stops on the way. Lesser Spotted Eagles and other raptors, waterfowl at BSPB Yatata Reserve, possible Eagle Owl.

**Sunday 19 September** Visit Cape Kaliakra and Bolata Valley. Stone Curlew, Calandra Lark and other steppe birds, Sandwich Tern, Shag, possible Quail and Corncrake, migrating falcons, other birds of prey and passerines. Possible Spotted Crake and Moustached Warbler.

**Monday 20 September** Visit to the Durankulak and Shabla Lakes and Shabla Tuzla. Osprey, Red-footed Falcon and other

raptors, waterfowl, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Mediterranean and other gulls and terns, large variety of waders (including Marsh Sandpiper), passerines.

**Tuesday 21 September** Visit the migration watch point near Balchik. Large variety of birds of prey, including Lesser Spotted Eagle, also Nightjar, Woodlark and other passerines.

**Wednesday 22 September** Drive south for a final overnight stay at Pomorie with stops at Goritsa Forest for some woodpeckers, also birds of prey and passerines.

**Thursday 23 September** Return flight to London-Luton.

#### **OUR PRICES INCLUDE:**

- Return flights to London-Luton from Burgas.
- Airport departure taxes.
- Half Board.
- Accommodation in small (often family-run) hotels with en suite facilities on a twin bedded shared occupancy basis.
- Coach for transfers and excursions.
- Specialist Bulgarian leader.
- Donation to Bulgarian Society for Protection of Birds.
- All reserve entrance fees.

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Lunches (about £4 or less).
- Travel Insurance (Compulsory). Balkania Travel can advise.
- Drinks and other personal expenses such as gratuities.
- Single room supplement (£89)

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