

Serbian Wildlife Photography Tour: 30th May – 6th June 2017

Cost: £1350 per person (£100 single supp.) Deposit: £150

Maximum Number: 3



Itinerary

Tuesday 30th May – First Day

Meet at Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport at 12.00am (Flights leave Luton approx. 20:15). Transfer to nearby hotel for first night.

Wednesday 31st May

Travel to Subotica (approx. 2 hour journey). We will be picked up by car. Check in to Hotel Galleria in the afternoon. After a couple of hours we will have an evening photo shoot.

Thursday 1st – Monday 5th June

We will have morning and evening sessions in the following hides. The full plan will be agreed during the tour with some flexibility. **The middle of the day will be kept free to rest.**

- **Tower hide:** Red Footed Falcon, European Roller, Common Kestrel
- **Low level water hide:** Grey Heron, Little/Great Egret, Night Heron. A new hide is being built for similar species and other waterfowl, so if in place we will be among the first to use it.
- **Drinking/reflection Pools:** 2 hides available for woodland birds at water level with reflections
- **Bee-eaters:** pop-up hides will be used at one or two breeding colonies

There will also be half a day at the protected nature reserve with a guide where we will use a vehicle as a mobile hide. This takes us around the water's edge and close to reed-beds. Birds here include Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Marsh Harrier, Great Reed Warbler, Bearded Tit.

Another site close to our hotel may also be used for Marsh Harrier and Herons/Egrets.

Tuesday 6th June – Last Day

We will be driven to Belgrade to catch our flight, leaving Subotica at approximately 12.30pm. It may be possible to fit in an early morning shoot before.

Equipment Required

Lenses from 300mm – 600mm. Extenders may be of use, particularly with smaller lenses, e.g. 300mm. A tripod is required. Beanbags are useful and can be packed empty then fill up in Serbia. Smaller lenses are useful for wider shots and landscapes. Bag hides should not be necessary, however it is worth bringing a camouflage hood.

Climate

In early June the temperature can easily get above 30 degrees. The tower hide in particular can get very hot at perhaps 40 degrees. We will work mostly in the early morning and evening to avoid the heat - this of course coincides with the best light.

Intensity

There is very little walking involved, however the potential heat means a reasonable level of fitness. You will also need to climb a ladder to enter the tower hide. We will also be up early in the mornings (around 4.00am) and returning to the hotel around 10pm. There will be plenty of time to rest in the middle of the day and also a short break in the middle of the tour to relax and explore the town of Subotica.

Accommodation

We stay at **Hotel Galleria**. Rooms are luxuriously equipped and feature air-conditioning, a minibar, cable TV and a private bathroom with shower and hairdryer. The hotel comprises a business centre, conference facilities and a wellness area, as well as several luxury restaurants. Free WiFi is provided in all rooms. Rooms are on a shared basis; single supplement is an extra £100.

Food

Serbian food is some of the best food in Europe. We will aim to return for breakfast in our hotel. Evening meals will be at a local restaurant (one drink is included in the cost). Lunches are included – either at a café, restaurant or as a packed lunch.



What's Included in the Cost

All accommodation; all transport in Serbia; meals, use of hides and guides; airport transfers.

Additional costs: external flight; food on the last day (breakfast is included) and alcoholic drinks. Plus any personal extras.

Payment

A deposit can be paid via Paypal or Cheque. Please contact me to pay the **balance** either by **cheque** or **bank transfer**.

Insurance

You must have adequate travel insurance. Please also ensure your camera equipment is insured.

Bad Weather

In bad weather we can still use the hides. If hide time is reduced due to bad weather we will spend more time reviewing images.

Exchange Rates (as of July 2016)

£1 GBP = 146 Serbian Dinar

\$1 USD = 112 Serbian Dinar

Please Note: Whilst locations have been researched for specific photo opportunities, Paul Miguel cannot be held liable for lack of any species. This trip however is largely hide based at breeding sites and therefore very reliable.

Further questions:

If you have any further questions on any aspect of the tour please don't hesitate to get in touch by email: paul@naturephotographycourses.co.uk or by phone 07759485791

Thank you for your interest in this Tour

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