

**Serbian Owl Photography Tour 2017**

**Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> December Maximum Number: 3**

**Cost: £795 Deposit: £100**



**Itinerary**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – First Day**

Flights arrive in Belgrade around 5.00pm. We take a comfortable mini-bus ride to our hotel in Kanjiza. Evening meal in Kanjiza.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

We visit various Long eared Owl roosts including the largest roost at Kikinda's town square. We will have access to high level floors in buildings in order to get on the same level as the birds. At other sites we are likely to be looking upwards, however some owls can be reasonably low. In good weather we will be starting before sunrise.

We visit one or two specific sites for twilight photography, capturing owls lit by artificial street lighting. Each location will depend on the weather conditions to make the most of our opportunities.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day**

Flights to the U.K. leave around 10am so it will be an early drive to Belgrade to catch the flight home.

### Equipment Required

A lens of 500mm or 600mm is ideal and if possible a shorter lens, e.g. 300mm. Extenders may be of use. A tripod is required. Beanbags are advised and can be packed empty then filled up in Serbia. Smaller lenses are useful for wider shots and possible landscapes. Please note: in some buildings it may be necessary to use beanbags with angle finders to get the best shots.

### Climate

The climate can range from chilly to extremely cold. Serbia sometimes experiences temperatures well below zero. You will need waterproof boots, layers, windproof coats, warm socks, hat and gloves.

### Intensity

There is not a lot of walking involved – we will mostly be within a short distance of our vehicle.

### Accommodation

We stay at the [Art Garni Hotel](#). Each room comes with a flat-screen cable TV, minibar, free Wi-Fi and a private bathroom. The hotel has a 24-hour front desk and a conference room. The Art Café often features live piano music.

### Food

Breakfast will be a continental style taken at our hotel. In the evening we will sample classic Serbian cuisine such as Beef Goulash and locally caught Fish Stew. Lunches will be taken in cafes/restaurants as required. The Serbians enjoy their food and also provide pretty huge portions! **Please note: Serbia does not have a ban on smoking in public places. It is likely that sometimes we will be visiting cafes with some smoke.** This can be an issue for some people, but we will try to minimize this as best we can.

### Transport

We will use a mini-bus, with plenty of room for everyone, luggage and camera gear. Alternatively we may need to use the option of two cars.

### What's Included in the Cost

Accommodation; all transport in Serbia; airport transfers; breakfast, lunch and evening meals. **Please note:** each meal will include one drink. **Additional costs:** external flight; further drinks; food on the last day (apart from breakfast) 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**, as in the terms and conditions. Please also ensure your camera equipment is insured.

### **Bad Weather**

In bad weather we will aim to continue photographing, seeking out more sheltered areas. We may also use the time to review and provide feedback on our images.

### **Exchange Rates (as of January 2017)**

**The currency in Serbia is the Serbian Dinar. This is widely accepted. Some places may take Euros.**

£1 GBP = 142 SD

1 Euro = 123 SD

\$1 USD = 116 SD

**Please Note:** Whilst locations have been carefully researched, Paul Miguel cannot be held liable for low numbers of owls – or poor weather.

### **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](mailto:paul@naturephotographycourses.co.uk) or by phone 07759485791

**Thank you for your interest in this Tour**

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