

Serbian Wildlife Photography Tour: 12th May – 19th June 2017

Cost: £1400 per person. Deposit: £150

Maximum Number: 4



Itinerary

Saturday 12th May – First Day

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

Sunday 13th 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.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th May

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

- **Tower hide:** Red Footed Falcon, European Roller, Common Kestrel
- **Low level water hide:** Grey Heron, Little/Great Egret, Night Heron.
- **Drinking/reflection Pools:** woodland birds at water level with reflections
- **Bee-eaters:** pop-up hides will be used at breeding colonies
- **Hoopoe:** pop-up hides at nest site

There will be a visit to a **protected nature reserve** for photography - birds here include Pygmy Cormorant, Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Great Egret, Marsh Harrier, Great Reed Warbler, Bearded Tit, Penduline Tit.

Boat Trip: At a separate sit we are taken on a private boat trip through the reed- beds allowing us images of egrets and herons from the water.

Saturday 19th May – Last Day

We will be driven to Belgrade to catch our flight, leaving Subotica at approximately 12.30pm. Flight at approx. 17:00.

Equipment Required

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

Climate

In mid May the temperatures are likely to be in the high twenties. It can sometimes be hotter. The tower hide in particular can get very hot at above 30 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 4.30am) 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. All rooms are on a single basis unless couples are sharing.

Food

You will be provided with a packed breakfast for use in the hides. Lunch will be in a restaurant/café. Evening meals will be at a local restaurant and are at extra cost. Serbian food is some of the best food in Europe.!



What's Included in the Cost

All accommodation; all transport in Serbia; breakfast and lunch, use of hides and guides; airport transfers. **Additional costs:** external flight; evening meal; 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 August 2017)

£1 GBP = 128 Serbian Dinar

\$1 USD = 99 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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