

**Serbian Wildlife Photography Tour: 12<sup>th</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Cost: £1400 per person. Deposit: £150**

**Maximum Number: 4**



## **Itinerary**

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 site we are taken on a private boat trip through the reed- beds allowing us images of egrets and herons from the water.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day**

We will be driven to Belgrade to catch our flight, leaving Subotica at approximately 12.30pm. Flight 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 bringing a camouflage hood and light gloves.

### **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. We will be up early in the mornings (around 4.30am) and finish our days around 9.00pm. 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.

### **Potential Hazards**

Potential heat requires a reasonable level of fitness and endurance. Some hides can be well over 30 degrees with high humidity - you will also need to climb a ladder to enter the tower hide. Any low level hides can be uncomfortable and not suitable for those with mobility issues. Transport to some hides can be on bumpy roads in a 4x4 vehicle.

### **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 as in the **Terms & Conditions**. 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](mailto:paul@naturephotographycourses.co.uk) or by phone 07759485791

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

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