

**Berlin Urban Wildlife Tour: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Cost: £900 per person. Deposit: £100**

**Maximum Number: 3**



**Itinerary**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – First Day**

Scheduled flights are from London and Manchester, arriving at **Tegel airport** in the evening. We take a transfer to our hotel of around 30 minutes.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

We have 3 full days photography. We visit a range of locations to photograph wild Goshawk, Kestrel, Hooded crow and possibly Buzzard. Other subjects include Red Squirrel and woodland birds such as Nuthatch and Jay. We are also likely to see the Middle spotted Woodpecker with a possibility of Nightingale. We will re-visit locations that we agree, as a group, provide the best opportunities.

In the field Photography:

All of our photography is done in the field, mostly in urban locations. Therefore there may be other people around but this is very unlikely to affect our photography. Woodland sites offer shelter whilst other locations can be very open; please dress appropriately.

***Goshawks***

*Please note: whilst Goshawks can be seen and photographed from public locations, they are still protected by law and must be treated with respect. Please follow my guidelines to reduce disturbance to these majestic birds.*

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day**

An early start for the transfer and flight home from Tegel airport mid-morning.



## **Further Information**

### **Equipment Required**

Lenses from 400mm – 600mm. Extender are also advised. A tripod with gimbal head is useful if you have a big lens. We can do quite a lot of walking so it might be beneficial to have at least the option of a lighter lens for hand-holding or possibly with a monopod. This is largely a question of your fitness level. Please ask if you're unsure.

### **Accommodation**

We stay at [Motel One-Potsdamer Platz](#) This contemporary stylish, 4 star hotel is located at the Mall of Berlin, a 2-minute walk from Potsdamer Platz U-bahn station and 4 km from the iconic Berlin Wall. The sleek rooms come with complimentary Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and desks, as well as balconies. En-suite granite bathrooms feature rainfall showerheads. Rooms are on a single basis but if couples wish to share then a discount can be applied - please ask for prices.

### **Transport**

We largely use the S-Bahn and U-Bahn to get around Berlin. This provides the quickest and easiest form of transport.

### **Food**

All meals are included (with one drink). We eat breakfast at our hotel unless provided with a packed breakfast to take away. Evening meals are taken in a local restaurant when we return from our day's photography. Lunch will be in appropriate cafes/ restaurants; depending on our plans we may need to eat sandwiches on the go. Many dishes are similar to the UK but you might want to try the curried sausage... or not.

### **What's Included in the Cost**

Accommodation; all transport in Berlin; all meals (except on night of arrival); airport transfers; photographic guidance as required. **Additional costs:** external flight; Plus any personal extras.

### **Climate**

Mid-March temperatures are likely to be around 5 degrees. Early mornings can be colder. Weather can be changeable. Think similar to the UK.

### **Intensity**

There is some walking involved – this can be up to approx. 3 miles but the majority is on very flat ground.



### **Bad Weather**

In bad weather we will still aim to visit our locations. If photography time is reduced due to bad weather (as a last resort) we will spend more time reviewing our images and discussing photo technique.

### **Potential Hazards**

There is no extreme terrain or environment on this tour. However we do need to take care when crossing busy roads and using U-Bahn and S-Bahn stations and trains, including steep steps. It is part of the terms and conditions that you agree to accept any hazards involved in using transport.

### **The city of Berlin**

The evenings will be free so you have plenty of opportunity to explore Berlin if you wish. Maps are available. Perhaps consider staying an extra day to relax and enjoy the city.

### **Payment**

A deposit can be paid via Paypal, Cheque or bank transfer. 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.

### **Exchange Rates (as of June 2019)**

£1 GBP = 1.11 Euros

\$1 USD = 0.87 Euros

**Please Note: Whilst locations have been researched for specific photo opportunities, Paul Miguel cannot be held liable for lack of photo opportunities. However, the sites included have been visited on a number of occasions and researched carefully to provide the best chance of success.**

### **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 +44(0)7759485791

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

***Paul***