



Sardinian Warbler



Birders in Portugal (João, Portugal's premier guide in center)



Casto Verde Plains



Common Kingfisher

Fall Escape to Historic Southern Portugal



Great Bustard

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Cost: \$3,995

Deposit: \$500

Length of tour: 12 Days

Dates: Sep 13 - 24, 2017

Included in this tour:

- *Lodging in Double Occupancy
- *All meals (breakfast in hotels, lunch at local cafes dinner in local restaurants – includes wine/dinner)
- *Group Airport transfers in Portugal
- *Bilingual professional guides
- *All ground transportation during tour
- *Entrance fees to private or protected areas
- *Boat trip in Olhão & Pelagic off Sagres!
- *Snacks & Beverages during all outings
- *Sunscreen



Not included:

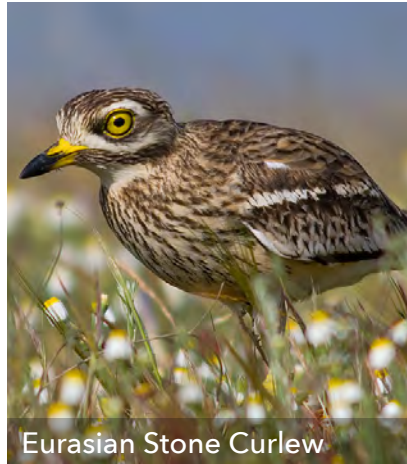
- *Single Supplement \$425 USD
- *Airfare to and from Lisbon, Portugal
- *Departure taxes
- *Alcoholic beverages
- *Items of personal nature
- *Domestic airport shuttles
- *Long distance phone/internet
- *Group smaller than 10 add+ \$350

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Cory's Shearwater



Eurasian Stone Curlew



Dartford Warbler

Join husband & wife team Angel & Mariel Abreu, and Portugal's premier birding guide, João Jara for an exciting and fun-filled tour of beautiful and historic Southern Portugal. Discover a country filled with history dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries, a vibrant culture, world class food & wine and picturesque vistas and coastlines.

This trip of Southern Portugal is designed to help you make the most of your travels at one of Europe's most enjoyable travel destinations. Portugal possesses an amazing diversity of habitats in a relatively small area. What this means for you, is less time traveling long distances and more time birding and exploring new habitats. During this tour you will visit species rich areas that offer both resident species as well as migrant species heading south to Africa! From land birds to seabirds, a highlight of the tour will undoubtedly be the Pelagic Trip out of Sagres where we explore nutrient rich waters off Portugal's coast in search of pelagic bird species. This well rounded tour offers you a great opportunity to see Portugal from a traveling birders point of view. You'll explore amazing birding locations, visit fascinating historic sites such as Mértola and savor classic Portuguese cuisine & wines, all while you soak in the culture and warmth of Portugal's people.

Birding begins on the heels of our arrival to the country. Within half an hour of our departure from the International Airport, we'll be birding Tagus and Sado Estuary Nature Reserves. Two remarkable protected wetland areas that have extensive bird lists, including *Greater Flamingo*, *Glossy Ibis*, *Squacco* and *Purple Herons*, *Black-winged Kite*, *Little Bustard*, *Collared Pratincole* and *Iberian Grey Shrike*, as well as an excellent selection of ducks, waders, gulls and terns. Just an hour further afield is the Alentejo region, where new habitats will offer you new species. You'll visit the rolling plains of Castro Verde, home of *Great Bustards*, *Montagu's Harrier*, *Lesser Kestrel*, *Black-bellied Sandgrouse*, *European Roller*, *Calandra Lark*, *Rufous Bush Robin* and

Black-eared Wheatear to name a few. The bluffs and hills of the Guadiana Valley Nature Park will give us a chance to see *Golden*, *Bonelli's* & *Iberian Imperial Eagles* soar with *Eurasian Black* and *Griffon Vultures*. Other notable species of the Guadiana Valley are *Black Stork*, *White-rumped Swift*, *Eurasian Crag Martin*, *Red-rumped Swallow*, *Blue Rock Thrush*, *Rock Bunting* and the majestic *Eurasian Eagle Owl*!

After exploring the Alentejo region, we head south to explore Algarve, a region rich in protected wetland areas situated on a major fly-way where migrants make their way south to Africa. You'll visit the Ria Formosa Nature Park and the Castro Marim Nature Reserve, two sites where rare and highly localized species such as *Audouin's* and *Slender-billed Gulls* and *Lesser Short-toed Lark* can be seen! We will also visit excellent spots for getting close views of scarce species like *Purple Swamphen* and *Little Bittern*. *Red-necked Nightjar*, *Eurasian Hoopoe*, *European Bee-eater*, *Spectacled Warbler* and *Azure-winged Magpie* are particularly abundant here.

The next portion of the tour includes some exciting experiences! We have a boat trip lined up on the Ria Formosa in Olhão. We'll visit habitats such as dunes, intertidal mudflats, salt marshes, salt pans, reed beds, lagoons and pinelands of the Ria Formosa Nature Park. We then pay a visit to the Sagres and Cape St. Vincent area where a Pelagic Trip off Sagres gives us a chance to see pelagic species up close! We return to Lisbon on the last day of the tour, visiting the mudflats, salt marshes and rice fields of Comporta and Carrasqueira of the Sado Estuary Nature Reserve along our way. This trip promises to bring you Portugal via its people, its birds & wildlife, its food and wine and its vibrant culture and fascinating history. Join us!



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