

Norfolk's Speciality Birds Long Weekend – Trip Itinerary 2023

Operated by Wildlife Tours & Education

Tour Dates

9th to 12th March 2023

£645

This is a trip focusing on the special birds that Norfolk holds.

We will meet at our hotel in Norfolk at 10am on 9th March and leave mid evening on 12th March.

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| Day 1 | Arrive Norfolk and explore the Norfolk coast |
| Day 2 | Visit several inland sites in North Norfolk |
| Day 3 | Explore the Norfolk Broads |
| Day 4 | Depart after a day in the Brecks |
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Bittern by Carl Chapman

Although we will endeavour to follow our planned programme due to bad weather and other considerations this is not always possible. You can rest assured that any alterations to our planned itinerary will be made to make maximum use of our time and weather conditions.

Overview

This is a concentrated tour of the three main habitats within Norfolk. We will explore the beautiful North Norfolk coast and its reserves, the Norfolk Broads and the Breckland area of south Norfolk

We shall look for Crossbills, Bittern, Marsh and Hen Harrier, Hawfinch, Lesser spotted Woodpecker, Woodlark, Snow Bunting, Shorelarks and Cranes as well as a host of other birds and wildlife.

Day 1 - Thursday

We will meet at our comfortable hotel in Norfolk where you may park your vehicle for the duration of the tour. Transportation to the hotel for anyone arriving by public transport can be arranged. We will aim to meet and be on the road by 10am. The North Norfolk coast is a wonderfully rich area visited each winter by a variety of birds including many many thousands of Geese, of up to six species, which we will aim to see by visiting reserves and other areas. We will finish our day by visiting a coastal raptor roost and return to our hotel for a well-deserved meal.

Day 2 – Friday

Today we will visit several heaths and woodland areas within North Norfolk to seek such birds as Dartford Warbler and Firecrest.

Day 3 – Saturday

We will have an early morning walk followed after breakfast by a trip to the Norfolk Broads. Here we will look for Bittern and Cranes as well as wintering Short Eared Owls and Mediterranean Gulls that will soon be venturing off to their breeding grounds in mainland Europe. We will finish the day at a raptor roost that may give us many tens of Marsh Harrier as well as the odd Merlin and Hen Harrier.

We will return to our hotel for our evening meal.

Day 4 – Sunday

The name Breckland is derived from 'broken land'. The soil is poor and stone ridden. Heathland here is ideal for Woodlark. We will also look for one of the most difficult to see resident species in the British Isles; the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Other species we hope to encounter are the very nomadic Crossbills and the hard to find Hawfinch.

What is included?

All meals and lunches from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 4 are included within the price.

Transport during the weekend.

Any entrance fees to reserve areas we may visit.

Accommodation for two nights in en suite rooms. Lunches will be packed to give us more time in the field.

A single room supplement of £90 is payable although sharing can be arranged on most occasions.

What is not included?

All drinks with meals and items of a personal nature.

Further notes.

This is a trip which will give us the maximum amount of time in the field therefore early mornings and late evenings to make use of available light is usual. Most walking will be on level or gently undulating ground. We will be taking our time to explore the areas thoroughly.

RSPB and NWT members are asked to bring along their membership cards.

Group Size.

4+

How to Book

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