



In this 7-day itinerary, we will visit two of the best and well-known European wildlife destinations: Extremadura and Coto de Doñana. In addition, we will spend one day making the most of the bird migration from Tarifa, the most important flyway between Africa and Western Europe.

A birding visit to Extremadura in early spring offers an excellent opportunity to explore this wonderful region for birds, orchids, and butterflies. In addition, temperatures are lovely in April.

During our 3-night stay in Extremadura, we will be located in the medieval town of Trujillo, where we will search for Great and Little Bustard in the nearby steppes.

In Coto de Doñana, we will be based in the quaint village of El Rocío. With its sandy streets, the town looks like a film set in a spaghetti western. This is a place like no other in Western Europe.

Flights

The arrival and departure will be from Málaga airport.

Food

All are included in the price from lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 7. In Extremadura, dinner will be in a restaurant in the medieval town of Trujillo, and it will consist of traditional Spanish meals (starter, main course, and dessert) with local wine. The rural hotel or the local guide will prepare our picnic lunch every day.

In Doñana, dinner will be in a local restaurant placed right in front of the marshes, so bring your bins! In Tarifa, dinner will be in the hotel.

Accommodations

We will stay in a beautifully restored, comfortable hotel in delightful surroundings. All rooms are provided with private facilities.



Cost

1550 € per person in a double room (180 € single supplement). Minimum four guests and maximum of seven guests.

Guiding, accommodation, transfer, and meals are included. Wine is included in the restaurants except for the first night in Tarifa.

Itinerary

Day 1. Tuesday, April 2. Arrival Málaga airport – Tarifa (1 h 50 min)

Welcome to Málaga airport, then transfer directly to our accommodation in Tarifa. We will spend the rest of the day looking for bird migrants at the watchpoints. Some of the species we might get today include both species of Storks, Booted and Short-toed Eagles, European Honey Buzzard, Goshawk, and maybe Montagu's harrier.

Day 2. Wednesday, April 3. Tarifa-El Rocio (Doñana)



We will make several stops around Tarifa, and on our way to Doñana National Park, looking for unique birds like the rare Bald Ibis, Slender-bill, and Audouin's Gull, among others. We will also spend some time looking for Little Swifts, White-headed Ducks, and a good number of raptors, including the Spanish Imperial Eagle. During the afternoon, we will walk the surroundings of the beautiful town of el Rocío. The marshes of El Rocío hold a nice variety of wildfowl as well as Greater Flamingos, Red-Knobbed Coots, and warblers which include Great-reed and Savi's warbler. In addition, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron, and Marbled teals might be seen in the marshes. Accommodation in el Rocío.



Day 3. Tuesday, April 4. North area of Doñana



Today will be birding in the heart of the park. We will have to drive around tracks to get to this isolated area, but all this effort will pay off with stunning birds. We should see a nice variety of Larks, including Short-toed and Calandra. We will also see Collared Pratincole, Black-winged Kites, Whiskered Terns, and Black Storks, among other birds.

Furthermore, we will visit a few nature reserves where usually White-headed Duck, Marbled Teals, Ferruginous Duck, and Red-crested Pochard are found. The accommodation in el Rocio.



Day 4. Friday, April 5. El Rocio-Trujillo



After early breakfast, we will load the minibus and set off towards Trujillo. The transfer will take a bit more than 3 hours, but we will make some stops on the way to add Alpine Swifts, Rock Buntings and some species of raptors. The rest of the day will be spent in the steppes looking for Great Bustards (the world's



heaviest flying bird) and different species of warblers (Sardinian, Subalpine, and Melodious), and the stunning and colorful Bee-eaters, and Rollers, etc. The Extremadura Steppes are some of the richest and least disturbed grassland habitats in Europe and hold a significant number of bird specialties. Accommodation and dinner in Trujillo.

Day 5. Saturday, April 6 Monfragüe National Park



Monfragüe is a beautiful area packed with raptors. We will take a walk to the top of the castle for an eye-to-eye view of soaring raptors. From this high vantage point, you usually can see a nice variety of raptor species as well as Black Storks as they take advantage of the thermals, a truly breathtaking sight! We will stop in some specific places to look for top raptor species such as Spanish Imperial Eagle, Black Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, and the scarce Bonelli's Eagle, among other species. Along the rivers and dams, we shall keep an eye out for otters, and in the forest, we will look for Iberian Magpies, Woodlarks, Firecrest, and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. We will also

keep an eye on Alpine and Pallid Swifts. Accommodation near Trujillo. Dinner in the Trujillo.

Day 6. Sunday, April 7. The steppes

Around these well-preserved steppes, we will look for Stone Curlews, and Thekla Larks. Spanish Sparrows are common, as well as Corn Buntings and Hoopoes. We might find other species in this habitat, such as Black-bellied and Pin-tailed Sandgrouses, Iberian Grey and Woodchat Shrikes, Little Owl, Spotless Starlings, and Red-rumped Swallow. We will also visit the Lesser kestrel and Pallid Swifts colonies. In addition, we might see some amphibians and reptiles in good weather conditions, such as Stripeless Tree Frog, Spanish Terrapin, and Large Psammmodromus. Accommodation and dinner in Trujillo.



Day 7. Sunday, March 8 Transfer to Málaga airport

Sadly, this will be the last day of the birding trip to two of the top wildlife destinations in Europe. Your guide will take you to Málaga airport.

25	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>							X	X
26	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>				X			X	
	Cuculiformes: Cuculidae									
27	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>								
28	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>								
	Caprimulgiformes: Caprimulgidae									
29	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>								
30	Eurasian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>								
	Caprimulgiformes: Apodidae									
31	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>				X	X			
32	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	X	X	X		X			
33	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>			X		X			
34	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		X						
	Gruiformes: Rallidae									
35	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>					X			
36	Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		X	X	X	X			
37	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		X	X	X	X	X		
38	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>								
39	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>			X		X			
	Charadriiformes: Burhinidae									
40	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>								
	Charadriiformes: Recurvirostridae									
41	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		X	X	X				
42	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		X	X					
	Charadriiformes: Charadriidae									
43	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	X	X						
44	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	X	X	X	X				
45	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		X	X	X				
	Charadriiformes: Scolopacidae									
46	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>								
47	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>								
48	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>								
49	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			X	X				

50	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>							
51	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>							
	Charadriiformes: Scolopacidae								
52	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			x				
53	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			x				
54	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			x	x			
55	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	x	x					
56	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	x	x	x	x			
57	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		x	x	x			
58	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>							
59	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			x	x	x		
60	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							
61	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>							
62	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			x				
63	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			x				
64	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	x						
	Charadriiformes: Glareolidae								
65	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		x	x	x			
	Charadriiformes: Laridae								
66	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>		x					
67	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	x						
68	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>							
69	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	x						
70	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	x	x					
71	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>							
72	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		x					
73	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>				x	x		
74	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>							
75	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			x				
76	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>							
77	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	x						
	Ciconiiformes: Ciconiidae								
78	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					x		

79	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
	Suliformes: Phalacrocoracidae								
80	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				x			
81	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>							
	Pelecaniformes: Ardeidae								
82	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>							
83	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			x	x	x	x	
84	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			x	x	x		
85	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			x	x			
86	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	x	x	x	x			
87	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
88	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>							
89	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			x				
	Pelecaniformes: Threskiornithidae								
90	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		x	x	x			
91	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>		x					
92	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		x	x	x			
	Accipitriformes: Pandionidae								
93	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>							
	Accipitriformes: Accipitridae								
94	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					x		
95	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				x			
96	European Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>							
97	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>				x	x	x	x
98	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		x		x	x	x	x
99	Short-toed Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
100	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			x			x	x
101	Spanish Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>					x		
102	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>							
103	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>					x		
104	Eurasian Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
105	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>							
106	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						x	

107	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		x					
108	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>							
109	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>						x	
110	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x
111	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			x	x	x	x	
	Strigiformes: Tytonidae								
112	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>							
	Strigiformes: Strigidae								
113	Eurasian Scops-Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>							
	Strigiformes: Strigidae								
114	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						x	
115	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>							
	Bucerotiformes: Upupidae								
116	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		x	x	x		x	
	Coraciiformes: Alcedinidae								
117	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>							
	Coraciiformes: Meropidae								
118	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
	Coraciiformes: Coraciidae								
119	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				x		x	
	Piciformes: Picidae								
120	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>							
121	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>							
122	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>							
123	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>							
	Falconiformes: Falconidae								
124	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>			x	x	x	x	
125	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
126	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>							
127	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		x					
	Psittaciformes: Psittaculidae								
128	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>							
129	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	x						

	Passeriformes: Oriolidae								
130	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							
	Passeriformes: Laniidae								
131	Iberian Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>				x		x	
132	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	x		x		x	x	
	Passeriformes: Corvidae								
133	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>							
134	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>				x	x	x	
135	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
136	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>							
137	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		x	x	x		x	
138	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>							
139	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				x		x	
	Passeriformes: Paridae								
140	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>							
141	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							
142	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>						x	
143	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>					x	x	
	Passeriformes: Remizidae								
144	Eurasian Penduline-Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>							
	Passeriformes: Alaudidae								
145	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		x		x			
146	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				x		x	x
147	Mediterranean Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>		x					
148	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							
149	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>							
150	Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>				x	x	x	
151	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	x	x		x	x		x
	Passeriformes: Cisticolidae								
152	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Passeriformes: Acrocephalidae								
153	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>							
154	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>							

179	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>							
	Passeriformes: Sittidae								
180	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>							
	Passeriformes: Certhiidae								
181	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							
	Passeriformes: Troglodytidae								
182	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					x		
	Passeriformes: Sturnidae								
183	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>							
184	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Passeriformes: Turdidae								
185	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>							
186	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>							
187	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>							
188	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	x		x	x	x	x	x
	Passeriformes: Muscicapidae								
189	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							
190	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							
191	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		h	h				
192	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>							
193	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>							
194	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					x		
195	Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				x	x		
196	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						x	
197	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
200	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		x	x	x			
201	Western Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							
202	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>							
	Passeriformes: Estrildidae								
203	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>							
204	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>							
	Passeriformes: Passeridae								
205	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

206	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>							x	
207	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>								
208	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>								
	Passeriformes: Motacillidae									
209	Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>								
210	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	x	x	x	x				
211	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		x					x	
212	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								
213	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>								
214	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>								
	Passeriformes: Fringillidae									
215	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>						x	x	
216	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>								
217	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	x	x						
218	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	x				x			
219	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	x	x	x	x				
220	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>					x	x	x	
221	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>							x	
	Passeriformes: Emberizidae		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
222	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>					x	x		
223	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>								
224	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>								
	Passeriformes: Emberizidae									
225	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>								