

**APRIL 14 TO 17 SORIA, BARDENAS REALES, PITILLAS, FOCES DE LUMBIER Y ARBAYÚN AND BELCHITE ESPECIAL  
DUPONT'S LARK, LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK AND BLACK WHEATEAR**



**PRICE: €/person 410 in shared room.**

Members of SEO/BirdLife €/person 400.

Single supplement €/person 75.

Minimum 4 participants maximum 7.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- Transport in van for 8 passengers, 7 guests plus guide.
- Accommodation half board At Hotel el Villa Castejón and Hotel Alfindén.
- Zeiss Terra 10x42 binoculars, with harness.
- Birding guide.
- VAT

**PLACE OF DEPARTURE:** Plaza de Castilla (Madrid) 08:00 h May first. Return will be about 22:00 h on the fifth.

Corner of Plaza de Castilla with C/ de Mateo Inurria.

**TARGET SPECIES:**

Great Bittern, Lammergeier, Egyptian and Griffon Vultures, Golden and Short-toed Eagles, European Honey-buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Lesser Kestrel, Stone-curlew, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Eagle Owl, Eurasian Wryneck, White-backed Woodpecker, Black Woodpecker, Crag Martin, Dupont's Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark, White-throated Dipper, Alpine Swift, Dunnock, Black Wheatear, Northern Wheatear, Black Redstart, Rock Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, Bearded Reedling, Crested Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, Red-backed Shrike, Red-billed Chough, Rock Bunting, Cirl Bunting, Reed Bunting, among other species.

**For other dates than the proposal please contact us.**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE VISIT:**

**Day 14 – Madrid – Soria – Castejón**

On this day we will take a stroll through several moorlands of the Southeast Soriano in search of the Dupont's Lark that finds its highest densities within the Iberian Peninsula. Nor is it surprising the presence of Golden Eagle, Griffon Vulture, Northern Wheatear, Sky Lark, Calandra Lark, etc. Depending on how the spring is ahead, we can already observe the first Black-eared Wheatear and the Spectacled Warbler. In the afternoon we will go to the Hotel Villa Castejón where we will spend the nights of the 14th and 15th.

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### Day 15 Bardenas Reales - Laguna de Pitillas

After breakfast we will go to the rice paddies located between Arguedas and Tudela to spot Waders in pre-nuptial migration, as well as, Purple Herons, Eurasian Marsh Harrier, Penduline Tit, etc.

Then we will move to the Bardenas Reales and visit the most representative places of the Bardenas in search of the Dupont's Lark, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Stone-curlew, Lesser Short-toed Lark, etc. We will also stop at the Zapata Pond to see waterfowl and then we will reach the Cabezos. Throughout the tour it is not strange to be able to contemplate the Black Wheatear.

In the afternoon we will go to the Pitillas Lagoon where we will pay special attention to the Bearded Reedling and the elusive Great Bittern that reproduces in this place. We will also see the abundant migratory birds that rest in this wetland in their pre-nuptial migration.

### Day 16 Foces de Lumbier and Arbayún - La Puebla de Alfindén

These two sickles are one of the best cliff Raptor shelters in Navarra. In them, they find a privileged place Griffon Vultures, Egyptian Vultures and Alpine Swifts to reproduce. Nor is it surprising that some Lammergeier can fly over the areas we will visit.

On the way to the Foz de Arbayún we will make a stop at the viewpoint of the hermitage to watch Raptors in flight. Then we will visit the viewpoint of El Iso, the repeater of the Alto de Arangoiti and, if we have time, to the viewpoints of the Foz de Bürgui. In addition to the species discussed above, you can see European Honey-buzzard, Black Woodpecker, Citril Finch and Common Crossbill.

Transfer to Hotel Alfindén at Puebla de Alfindén.

### Day 17 Puebla de Alfindén - Reserva Ornitológica de EL Planerón - Madrid

Early in the morning we will go to the Planerón Ornithological Reserve. In its paths we will pay special attention to Lesser Short-toed Larks. On the El Planerón Pond we will spotting to waterfowl and waders in pre-nuptial migration. Throughout the tour it is not difficult to see and/or ear the Dupont's Lark, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse and Black-bellied Sandgrouse.



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## **BOOKING TERMS**

### **1. – Payments.**

Prior to the formalization of the booking, it is necessary to have contacted by email with the organization to know if there are places available for this trip because they are very limited.

Once confirmation of the place has been received, a payment of € 100 per person must be made by bank transfer or deposit in the current account of BT& N in the Sabadell Atlántico bank with the following data:

Account holder booking: BIRDING TREKKING & NATURE

Swift: BSAB ESBB

IBAN: ES96 0081 0649 7100 0102 5312

Any booking that previously has not made such payment will not be considered made.

The rest of the price of the trip must be transferred / entered in the same account of the previous paragraph at least thirty days before the departure of the trip.

In both cases, trip selected and the person making the trip must be indicated in the transfer / income concept.

Both payments, of the reservation and the second payment, must be communicated to the organization through e-mail.

### **2. – BOOKING CANCELLATION.**

Cancellation of the tour by the participant Will suffer a penalti if done with just 30 days before the star to fitin the following terms:

**20/10 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE TRIP:** It Will be reimbursed by WireTransfer 75% of the tour.

**9/4 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE TRIP:** It will be reimbursed by Wire Transfer 50% of the tour.

**3 to 0 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE EXCURSION:** 0% of the booking.

In any case the transfer costs Will be incharge of the person who cancel the trip.

If the organization is forced to cancel the tour due to forcé majeure or because it is not reached the mínimum of 4 participants, it Will be refunded all bookings made within a period not exceeding 10working days after cancellation and always by bank transfer .

### **3. - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Punctuality is very important.

Punctuality is requested in the departure times of each excursion indicated in each case in detail. The maximum courtesy waiting period will be 15 minutes. Once this period has elapsed, the excursion will begin and participants who have not presented themselves will not be entitled to any refund.

Being very limited spaces, we recommend make reservations as soon as possible.

Transport will take place in vans with capacity of 8 passengers and meet all requirements for transport of passengers of the European Union.