

## FEBRUARY 24 TO 25 MIGRATION OF THE COMMON CRANES AT GALLOCANTA AND HOCES DEL RÍO DULCE



**PRICE: € 240 / person in a double room.**

SEO / BirdLife partners € 235 / person.

Individual supplement 25 €

Minimum 4 participants maximum 7.

**WHAT INCLUDES:**

Transport in van for 8 passengers, 7 clients plus guide.

Accommodation at Hostal Las Grullas on a half board basis.

Ornithological guide.

VAT.

**PLACE OF DEPARTURE:** Plaza de Castilla (Madrid) 08:00 h. The return will be around 22:00 h.

Corner Plaza de Castilla with C / de Mateo Inurria.

**For other dates please contact us.**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE VISIT:**

The first day, on the way to Gallocanta, we will stop at the Río Dulce Canyon. Our first point of observation will be the viewpoint of Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente where we will wait till Griffon Vultures get out in search of carrion to eat.

Afterwards we will enter the canyon and make the path of the Sickle of Pelegrina in search of Bird species that inhabit these canyons.

After lunch we will arrive at the Gallocanta Lagoon to see the great Common Cranes migration that at this time are heading north to their breeding places.

This lagoon is located between the provinces of Zaragoza and Teruel. It is an endorheic basin that supplies the rain, so its water levels are very variable. In the rainy years it can reach an area of 1,400 ha. and a length of 7 km.

Last year around these same dates the census of cranes in the lagoon was more than 128,000. The previous year, February 2022, around those same dates, the lagoon welcomed more than 41,000.

In rainy years, in addition to being a privileged place for the observation of Common Cranes, its importance it is due also because it houses a large number of wintering species such as different species of Ducks, Common Coots and Waders.

The cereal environment surrounding the lagoon is conducive to observe Steppe Birds such Great Bustards, Little Bustards and Black-bellied Sandgrouse.

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Once we arrive at the Lagoon, we will go through the different observatories that exist and at dusk we will wait for the massive entry of Cranes to the lagoon to drink and spend the night. It is awesome to see this event, full of beautiful sunset lights and a sound that is hardly forgotten.

The next morning, before sunrise, we will return to the lagoon to contemplate the awakening and departure of these beautiful Birds to the surrounding fields to feed and continue their migration. Then we will return to the hotel for breakfast, collect luggage and return to the cereal fields to see how they feed these and other birds such as European Golden Plovers, Pied Avocets, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, etc.

A post of a trip to these places : [Gallocanta](#)

#### TARGET SPECIES:

Black-necked Grebe, Common Shelduck, Greylag Goose, Gadwall, and other Ducks, Griffon Vulture, Golden Eagle, Red Kite, Eurasian Marsh and Hen Harriers, Merlin, Great and Little Bustards, Common Crane, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Stone-curlew, Northern Lapwing, Kentish Plover, Dunlin, Little Stint, Eurasian Curlew, Common Snipe, Black-headed Gull, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Short-eared Owl, Crested, Thekla and Calandra Larks, Blue Rock Thrush, among other species.

### PHOTO GALLERY



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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 € 75 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:

**30/21 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE TRIP:** The reservation of place made on the date of contracting the trip.

**20/7 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE TRIP:** 50% of the total price of the trip will be reimbursed through WireTransfer.

**6/0 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE EXCURSION:** 0% of the total price of the trip.

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. In this second case, the cancellation period is 6 days.

### **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.