

**PHOTOGRAPHIC TRIP FROM MAY 24 TO 2 JUNE 2023 TO NORWAY AND FINLAND.
VARANGER PENINSULA AND KAAMANEN**



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Small group minimum 5 participants maximum 8

PRICE: € 2,450 / person in a double room, full board.

SEO / BirdLife partners € 2,400 / person.

Single room supplement € 360 depending on availability and by order of request.

Departure and return: Adolfo Suárez Airport, Madrid.

WHAT INCLUDES:

Accommodation in a double room on a full board basis.

Private transportation in van for 9 passengers.

Round trip boat ticket to Hornøya Island.

Terrestrial telescope.

List of the birds of Varanger.

WHAT DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Flights from Madrid to Ivalo and return.

Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks.

Expenses of a personal nature.

Travel insurance and cancellation.

Food and drinks on the days of roundtrip at the airports.

Travel Features:

Theme: photographic and ornithological trip.

Duration: 10 Days 9 nights.

Group: from 5 to 8 participants.

Number of species possible per sight: 320.

Species not seen in Spain: 50.

Physical conditions: Low.

Lodging: Three-star hotels.

ITINERARY:

Friday 24: Madrid - Ivalo - Båtsfjord

Saturday 25: Båtsfjord - Berlevåg - Kjølnes

Sunday 26: Austertana - Masjokdalen - Vestre Jakobselv

Monday 27: Komagvaer - Kiberg - Barvikmyra -

Hamningberg - Sandfjorden

Tuesday 28: Vardø - Hornøya

Wednesday 29: Vadsø - Kibymyra - Ekkerøy

Thursday 30: Varangerbotn - Nyborg - Karlebotn - Nesseby

Friday 31: Vestre Jakobselv - Ivalo

Saturday 1: Kaamanen - Ivalo

Sunday 2: Ivalo - Madrid

PLANNED ITINERARY:

Friday 24 Madrid - Ivalo - Båtsfjord

One-day trip to the Varanger Peninsula. On our way to Båtsfjord, it is not uncommon to watch in road ditches and lakes near the road Common Capercaillie, Common Goldeneye, Smew and perhaps the first Ruffs lek.

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Arrival and dinner at the Båtsfjord Bridge hotel in the town of Båtsfjord where we will stay for two nights.

Saturday 25: Båtsfjord - Berlevåg - Kjølnes

In the morning we will visit the village of Båtsfjord where you can see King and Steller's Eiders .

The Kjølnes lighthouse is the best place in Finland to see sea birds. Four species of Skuas and Diving Birds, Kittiwake, Yellow-billed Diver, etc.

On the coast between these two places we can find Common Scoter, Common Eiders, Long-tailed Duck, White-tailed Eagle, Rough-legged Buzzard and, with luck, the Gyrfalcon. It is not surprising to see Sea Otters and Common and Gray Seals.

At the breakwater of Berlevåg, King Eiders and in the river before entering the town, several species of Seagulls desalinate.

In the Skånsvika airport you can see Lapland Bunting, Twites, Rock Pipit and Red-throated Pipit. In the small lagoons that exist between the road and the sea Red-necked Phalarope.

Sunday 26 Austertana - Masjokdalen - Vestre Jakobselv

In the bay of Austertana you can see Goosander and Common Seals. In its hills you can see peregrine falcon and gyrfalcon and on the slopes of the Tana River valley Ring Ouzel, Brambling and White-tailed Eagle.

The road that goes from Tana to Masjok has 11 km of Birch forest and Boxwood where we can enjoy Goosander, Common Goldeneye, Rough-legged Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Spotted Redshank, Bar-tailed Godwit, Woodcock, Fuff, European Golden Plover , Willow Ptarmigan, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker, Bluethroat, Common Cuckoo, Willow Tit, Common Redpoll, Arctic Redpoll, Sparrowhawk, Short-eared Owl, Snow Bunting and Arctic Warbler.

In the afternoon we will drive to Vestre Jakobselv. Road 890 is one of the best places to see the Northern Hawk Owl. Arrival and dinner at the Varangertunet hotel where we will stay for five nights.

Monday 27: Komagvaer - Kiberg - Barvikmyra - Hamningberg - Sandfjorden

In Komagvaer a succession of peat bogs and natural pastures harbor a good population of nesting Waders, such as Bar-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel, Common Redshank, Turnstone, Great Ringed Plover, European Golden Plover. It is also common the presence of Willow Ptarmigan, Whooper Swan, White-tailed Eagle. If time permits, we can always spend





a few minutes on the coast looking for the rare Steller's and King Eiders.

In Kiberg and Domen we will first look for Glaucous Gull on the banks. We will go through a track that goes to the mountain of Vardø, Domen, in search of Willow and Rock Ptarmigan, Snow and Lapland Buntings, Arctic Skua, Long-tailed Skua, Horned Lark, Ring Ouzel and Whooper Swan.

Svartnes and Barvikmyra are one of the best birding sites in Varanger. The species that we can enjoy in these sites are: Red-throated Diver, Black Guillemot, Whooper Swan, Bean Goose, Long-tailed Duck, Greater Scaup, White-tailed Eagle, Gyrfalcon, Rough-legged Buzzard, Merlin, Spotted Redshank, Ruff, Glaucous Gull, Red-throated Pipit, Bluethroat, Snow and Lapland Bunting.



In Hamningberg and Sandfjorden you can see birds such as: Yellow-billed Diver, Red-throated Diver, Black-throated Diver, Pomarine Skua, Arctic Skua, Long-tailed Skua, Alcids, Fumars, Northern Gannets, Greater Scaup, European Golden Plover, Red-necked Phalarope, Spotted Redshank, Glaucous Gull, Iceland gull, Willow and Rock Ptarmigan, Redwing, Common Redpoll, Snow and Lapland Buntings.

You can also see mammals from the ground such as the Beluga Whale, Killer Whales, Dolphins and

Tuesday 28 Vardø - Hornøya

Vardø is a mandatory place to visit for its quantity and variety of Birds.

On this Island, which is accessed by a tunnel, we can observe and photograph: Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Brünnich's Guillemot, Common, Steller's and King Eiders, Long-tailed Duck, Curlew Sandpiper, Red Knot, Ruff, Red-necked phalarope, Arctic Tern, Sedge Warbler, Arctic Redpoll and Twite.

In the morning we will take the boat to the nearby island of Hornøya. In it there are more than 150,000 birds including colonies of Black-legged Kittiwake, Common Guillemot, Brünnich's and Black Guillemots, Razorbill, Atlantic Puffin, European Shag, European Herring Gull, Glaucous Gull. They also breed on the Island Common Eider, Rock Pipit and Red-throated Pipit. From the lighthouse there are very good opportunities to photograph Fumars and Northern Gannets. One of the best places to closely photograph all the species, even with celular phones.

We will choose this excursion to Hornøya Island depending on the weather forecasts, so the day of its visit may vary.

Wednesday 29: Vadsø - Kibymyra - Ekkerøy



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In the first two locations we can see Steller's and Common Eider, Goosander, Red-breasted Merganser, Great Cormorant, European Shag, Purple Sandpiper, Red Knot, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Jack

Snipe and Common Snipe, Red-necked Phalarope, European Herring Gull, Great black-backed Gull, Arctic Tern, Whimbrel, European Golden Plover, Red-throated Pipit, Redwing, common warbler, Laplan Bunting, Sedge Warbler, Common Redpoll and Brambling.

The Ekkerøy peninsula is a bird reserve with a walk where you reach the top of a cliff that is a breeding colony of Black-legged Kittiwake and in lesser number the Black Guillemot. In the ponds you can see Red-necked Phalarope and Ruffs.

At it you can see 4 species of Divers, Great Northern Diver, Black-throated Diver, Red-throated Diver and Yellow-billed Diver. Also Common Scoter, Steller's and Common Eider, Long-tailed Duck, Goosander, Red-breasted Merganser, Red Knot, Purple Sandpiper and the passerines the stars are the Red-throated Pipit, Horned Lark and Rock Pipits. Predators such as White-tailed Eagle, Gyrfalcons and Peregrine Falcons are easy to see attracted by the large number of Black-legged Kittiwake that breed in the colony.

Thursday 30: Varangerbotn - Nyborg - Karlebotn - Nesseby

In Varangerbotn we will park in the Varanger Sami Museum and go down to the observatories. On the way you could locate Bluethroat, Pied Flycatcher, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker. From the observatories we can see Common Teal, European Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Common Shelduck, Spotted Redshank, Temminck's Stint, etc.

In Nyborg it is easy to observe the Black-throated Diver, Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser and Goosander.

In Karlebotn we will try to locate Little Gull, Red-necked Phalarope, White-tailed Eagle, Willow Ptarmigan, Lapland Bunting, Arctic Redpoll, Twite, and Red-throated Pipit.

Nesseby Nature Reserve is one of the best places to observe several species of Gulls, Fulmars, and Northern Gannets. Among them include the Sabine's Gull and Little Gull, Wilson's Storm-petrel, and among Ducks the Steller's Eider.

Friday 31: Vestre Jakobselv – Ivalo

We will dedicate this day to go to Finland but making stops on the way to Ivalo.

we will spend the morning to visit some of the places that we have visited in the previous days and that we have liked the





most and at mid-morning we will head towards Ivalo.

On our way out we will make a stop near the border between both countries on the Tana River to observe Little Gulls in breeding plumage.

The area near Tørrvann forms a good platform for the two Ptarmigan species.

Among the passerines you can see Lapland Lunting, Reed Bunting, Snow Bunting, Brambling, Redwing, White-throated Dipper, etc.

In the afternoon we will travel to the town of Ivalo to spend the next 2 nights and diners at the Hotelli Ivalo.

On the way to the hotel, we will stop by the lakes near the road in search of the Smew, Northern Diver and Capercaillie that usually go out to eat on the sidelines of the roads to eat.



Saturday 1: Saariselkä - Kaamanen

This day we will go to the town of Kaamanen making stops along the way to contemplate species that we have not seen in Norway such as the Pine Bullfinch, Siberian Jay, Smwe, Capercaillie, Hazel Grouse, Siberian Tit, etc.

For this, in addition to the stops, we will spend the morning at a Hotel which has feeding areas where these species come to feed.

In the afternoon we will travel to Mielikköjärvi lintutorni, which is a good place to spot species of woodpeckers, such as Black Woodpecker, Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker and waterfowl.

Accommodation and dinner at Hotelli Ivalo.

Sunday 2: Saariselkä – Ivalo – Madrid

Early breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Ivalo airport to catch the flight back to Madrid.

End of the trip.



Photo gallery















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The programming of the visits to the selected places will be based on the weather forecasts.

Important: vaccination and mosquito repellent

No vaccination is necessary for this trip.

It is essential to take insect repellent because they can be very annoying although it is not a time when there tend to be many.

Conditions of the reservation:

Payments

Prior to the formalization of the reservation 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 the confirmation of the place has been received, a payment of € 600.00 per registered person will have to be made by bank transfer or deposit in the current account of BT&N in the Banco Sabadell Atlántico with the following IBAN: : ES96 0081 0649 7100 01025312

Any reservation 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 sixty days before the departure of the trip.

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

Both the payment of the reservation and the second payment must be communicated to the organization via email.

Personal data

In order to obtain the plane ticket, the participant of the excursion must send his / her personal information by email to the organization. Among them, your full name, address, passport number and expiration date. All these data must be identical to those in the passport.

Visa

It is not necessary to obtain any type of visa if you come from a country of the European Union.

Travel and accident insurance

The travel price does not include a travel and accident and cancellation insurance

Flights

This trip does not include international flights.

When we make this brochure, due to coronavirus restrictions, it is impossible to even know which flights we must take to make the trip.

We will update this section when the available flights can already be known.

Flights from Madrid to Ivalo are not included in the price of the trip.

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In any case, we offer you the possibility of taking these flights for you.

In the event that you are the ones who hire the plane to and from Madrid, Ivalo, Madrid, the flights will be the following:

One way trip Madrid to Ivalo: May 24, departure from Adolfo Suarez airport, Madrid, Terminal 4 with Finnair company at 10:20 am and arrival in Ivalo at 5:55 pm. One scale.

Return journey Ivalo Madrid: May 2, departure from Ivalo at 08:05 and arrival at Adolfo Suarez airport, Madrid, Terminal 4 with Finnair company at 20:15. Two scales.

Cancellations

On the part of the traveler:

If the cancellation is made prior to 60 calendar days before the departure of the trip, one hundred percent of the reservation payment will be retained, that is, € 600.00 provided that the payment to reservations of hotels and the rental cars necessary for the trip had already been made.

If on this date the total cost of the trip has already been paid, the difference between the total cost of the reservation and the total cost of the trip will be refunded.

If the cancellation is made between 60 and 30 calendar days before the departure of the trip will be retained, as a penalty, 50% of the total payment of the trip unless BT&N can sell your place to another person interested in this travel.

If the cancellation is made between 29-0 calendar days before the departure of the trip it will be retained, as compensation, 100% of the price thereof. As in the previous case, if the traveler can be substituted 100% of the price paid will be refunded.

In both cases the returns will be made by bank transfer with expenses on account of the person canceling the reservation / trip.

It is highly recommended to take out travel cancellation insurance.

On the part of the organization:

If the travel agency suspends the trip 30 days before the departure of it, it will fully refund the amounts paid within a period no longer than 7 days from its notification.

In addition, it will compensate the traveler with 5% of the total cost of the trip if the cancellation is made between 30 and 15 days before departure; 10% if it takes place between 14 and 3 days before departure and 25% if it occurs 48 hours before.

The indemnities described above will not be applicable in the case of force majeure, understood as such, unpredictable reasons, of an extraordinary nature, external and beyond the control of BT & N and which, even if they have acted with due diligence, could not be solved. .

Likewise, the organization will not be obliged to return any compensation if the cancellation of the trip is due to the fact that the minimum number of participants indicated in this brochure has not been reached (5 participants). The maximum period for this cancellation is 14 days before the start of the trip.

Prices:

The prices of the trip are calculated (currency exchange and payment of suppliers) based on the date of the realization of this brochure so there may be some variation in the same at the time of contracting if a change in currency exchange is relevant.

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