



## Tico Tours

### Cyprus: Early Spring Birding

**Duration- 10 Days**

Expect around 130+ species

Dates to be confirmed through mid-March-early April

For 6-8 participants (+Tour Leader/Guide/Driver)

**Introduction:** This 10-day tour has one central base allowing a full and thorough exploration of the countries habitats and associated avifauna. We will spend time birding at the various early spring migrant hotspots which will include headlands, marshes, reedbeds, lakes, riverbeds and beaches, connecting with a wide range of early spring migrants. We will also spend time birding in the mountains, where, in stunning scenery we will seek out the many endemic sub-species.

Key species we will target include late wintering species such as *Armenian Gull*, *Pied Kingfisher*, *Wallcreeper*, *Greater Flamingo*, *Greater Sandplover*, *Eurasian Robin*, *Stonechat*, *Black Redstart*, *Finsch's Wheatear* and *Moustached Warbler* endemic *Cyprus Wheatear* and *Cyprus Warbler* that will be freshly arrived from their wintering grounds and a range of great resident species such as *Griffon Vulture*, *Black Francolin*, *Shag*, *Ferruginous Duck*, *Long-legged Buzzard*, *Bonelli's Eagle*, *Common Kestrel*, *Peregrine Falcon*, *Chukar*, *Common Quail*, *Stone Curlew*, *Kentish Plover*, *Spur-winged Plover*, *Yellow-legged Gull*, *Rock Dove*, *Common Wood Pigeon*, *Barn Owl*, *Little Owl*, *Scops-Owl*, *Calandra Lark*, *Crested Lark*, *Woodlark*, *Crag Martin*, *Blue Rock Thrush*, *Common Blackbird*, *Cetti's Warbler*, *Fan-tailed Warbler*, *Spectacled Warbler*, *Sardinian Warbler*, *Wren*, *Great Tit*, *Coal Tit*, *Short-toed Treecreeper*, *Magpie*, *Eurasian Jay*, *Jackdaw*, *Hooded Crow*, *House Sparrow*, *Spanish Sparrow*, *Common Chaffinch*, *European Serin*, *European Greenfinch*, *Eurasian Goldfinch*, *Common Linnet*, *Common Crossbill* and *Corn Bunting*.

Amongst the above we will search for the following migrant passerines that may be present at this time of year: *Greater Short-toed Lark*, *Lesser Short-toed Lark*, *Skylark*, *Sand Martin*, *Barn Swallow*, *Red-rumped Swallow*, *House Martin*,

*Richard's Pipit, Tawny Pipit, Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Red-throated Pipit, Water Pipit, Blue-headed Wagtail, Grey-headed Wagtail, Black-headed Wagtail, Citrine Wagtail, Rufous Bush Robin, Thrush Nightingale, Nightingale, Bluethroat, Common Redstart, Whinchat, Isabelline Wheatear, Northern Wheatear, Black-eared Wheatear, Rock Thrush, Song Thrush, Savi's Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Ruppell's Warbler, Orphean Warbler, Barred Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Blackcap, Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, Wood Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Semi-collared Flycatcher, Collared Flycatcher, Pied Flycatcher, Golden Oriole, Lesser Grey Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Masked Shrike, Ortolan Bunting and Cretzschmar's Bunting and a wide range of non-passerines such as Great Spotted Cuckoo, Common Cuckoo, Common Swift, Pallid Swift, Alpine Swift, Common Kingfisher, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Roller, Hoopoe, Wryneck and a wide range of raptors, waders, wildfowl, gulls and tern, highlights including Pygmy Cormorant, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron, White Stork, Glossy Ibis, Eurasian Spoonbill, Garganey, Western Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Booted Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, Spotted Crake, Little Crake, Baillon's Crake, Common Crane, Demoiselle Crane, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Little Ringed Plover, Eurasian Dotterel, Northern Lapwing, Great Snipe, Marsh Sandpiper, Audouin's Gull, Whiskered Tern and Black Tern amongst others.*

Further highlights of the trip are likely to include the ancient archaeological sites that are dotted around the country such as Paphos Headland, Kourion, Baths of Aphrodite's etc, the beautiful scenic views and landscapes along the varied coastline and the stunning mountain valleys, furthermore the hospitality of the Greek Cypriots and their food will further delight.

**Price:** £2,700.00/\$4,210.00 (based on 6 people) or £2,350.00/\$3,660.00 (based 8 people)

**Single Supplement:** £600.00/\$935.00

**Price includes:** All accommodation, breakfast and boxed lunch, all guiding, all transport (and fuel) when in Cyprus, all reserve entrance fees.

**Price does not include:** International flights to/from Paphos (Cyprus), evening meals (allow Euro 40 - 60.00 per night), items of personal nature, travel insurance, optional extra drinks, gratuities.