



Tico Tours Cyprus: Summary

Cyprus (also known as Aphrodite's Island) is approximately 225 km long and 100 km wide and is the third largest island in the Mediterranean, where it is located at its extreme eastern end, close to Turkey. Cyprus has been home to a varied assortment of people for centuries and many fascinating and highly interesting archaeological sites remain well preserved and as a bonus, many of these archaeological sites double up as great birding locations and will be visited during these tours. Modern Cyprus is made up of two enclaves: The Greek Republic of Cyprus and The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Our tour will take place in the Greek portion of the country, an area with stunning landscapes, covered in an array of habitats. Cyprus has had years of British influence and English is a widely used second language making communications with locals easy.

Cyprus is one of the major migration flyways across the Mediterranean and is an important staging post for many species in both spring and autumn with a number of winter visitors too. In addition, the country has an impressive range of endemic species/sub-species with a wide range of breeding birds. The above means that Cyprus is an excellent birding location during most of the year, with our tours focussing on the winter, spring and autumn periods.

Endemic species include Cyprus Wheatear and Cyprus Warbler with endemic sub-species of Wren, Coal Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, Eurasian Jay and Common Crossbill being present in good numbers. Other notable resident species include Griffon Vulture and Black Francolin with migrants such as Eleonora's Falcon, European Bee-eater, European Roller, Red-rumped Swallow, Black-headed Wagtail, Masked Shrike, Cretzschmar's Bunting and Black-headed Bunting and winter visitors including Wallcreeper, Greater Flamingo and Finsch's Wheatear.

The following are a selection of scheduled tours to Cyprus. Customized tours can also be arranged throughout Cyprus for any duration, in any season, for any target species. In addition, tour extensions can be easily organised to extend your birding tour or to take in some of the many impressive beaches the country has to offer if you so wish. Please enquire for details.

Tours:

1. Early Spring Birding;
2. Late Spring Birding;
3. Autumn (Fall) Passage Birding;
4. Winter Birding;