



Tico Tours

United Kingdom: Eastern Promise- **Yorkshire and East Anglia**

Duration- 14 Days

Expect around 120+ species

Dates to be confirmed through September-November

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

This 14-day tour focuses on the autumn (fall) passage period in the UK where we will connect with a number of resident species, a wide range of common migrants but the main focus will be on pinning down some scarce or rare Eastern migrants that pass through the country each year. The exact itinerary will remain fairly fluid due to the nature of our quarry; however we will base ourselves in Yorkshire and Norfolk two areas renowned for their ability to attract migrants and rarities. We will visit a number of different locations, many coastal from the likes of Whitburn Bird Observatory in County Durham, Filey Country Park, Flamborough Head and Spurn Point in Yorkshire, Donna Nook and Gibraltar Point in Lincolnshire, Titchwell RSPB Reserve, Wells Wood and Holme Bird Observatory, Norfolk and Minsmere RSPB Reserve and Landguard Point Bird Observatory, Suffolk. If the weather is on our side we will also have the opportunity to see Bird Observatory life in action as we visit a special ringing/banding session put on especially for Tico Tours at Whitburn Bird Observatory - a site that has had 5 *Red-flanked Bluetails* in the last 3 years!

The mix of species is likely to be very varied with some summer migrants still being present as they (swelled by continental birds) head south. There is a strong likelihood of the first wave of winter migrants in addition to these, along with the year-round ever-present resident species. We will also hope for a good selection of drift migrants, scarcities and rarities.

The tour takes in a large variety of habitats and those especially renowned for attracting sought after resident birds as well as northern and eastern migrants. During autumn (fall), given the correct weather conditions we would hope to seek out the likes of *Eurasian Woodcock*, *Long-eared Owl*, *Short-eared Owl*, *Common Swift*, *Sand Martin*, *Barn Swallow*, *House Martin*, *Yellow Wagtail*, *Grey Wagtail*, *Pied Wagtail*, *White Wagtail*, *Meadow Pipit*, *Rock Pipit*, *Skylark*, *Woodlark*, *Common Redstart*, *Northern Wheatear*, *Stonechat*, *Whinchat*, *Eurasian Robin*, *Blackbird*, *Song Thrush*, *Ring Ouzel*, *Redwing*, *Fieldfare*, *Blackcap*, *Garden Warbler*, *Common Whitethroat*, *Lesser Whitethroat*, *Willow Warbler*, *Wood Warbler*, *Chiffchaff*, *Pied Flycatcher*, *Spotted Flycatcher*, *Goldcrest*, *Common Crossbill*, *Common Linnet*, *Eurasian Goldfinch*, *Eurasian Siskin*, *Lesser Redpoll*, *European Greenfinch*, *Twite*, *Eurasian Tree Sparrow*, *Snow Bunting* and *Lapland Bunting*.

Some scarce and rare species that have the potential to turn up on the east coast of the UK at this time include *Sooty Shearwater*, *Manx Shearwater*, *Pomarine Skua*, *Long-tailed Skua*, *Sabine's Gull*, *Little Auk*, *Osprey*, *Honey Buzzard*, *Montagu's Harrier*, *Hen Harrier*, *Western Marsh Harrier*, *Eurasian Hobby*, *Pallid Swift*, *Alpine Swift*, *Wryneck*, *Richard's Pipit*, *Olive-backed Pipit*, *Red-throated Pipit*, *Citrine Wagtail*, *Red-rumped Swallow*, *Shorelark*, *Greater Short-toed Lark*, *Bluethroat*, *Red-flanked Bluetail*, *Black Redstart*, *Desert Wheatear*, *Pied Wheatear*, *Icterine Warbler*, *Barred Warbler*, *Blyth's Reed Warbler*, *Melodious Warbler*, *Eastern Olivaceous Warbler*, *Greenish Warbler*, *Western Bonelli's Warbler*, *Yellow-browed Warbler*, *Pallas's Warbler*, *Radde's Warbler*, *Dusky Warbler*, *Firecrest*, *Red-breasted Flycatcher*, *Bohemian Waxwing*, *Isabelline Shrike*, *Red-backed Shrike*, *Great Grey Shrike*, *Hawfinch*, *Common Rosefinch*, *Arctic Redpoll*, *Common (Mealy) Redpoll* and *Ortolan Bunting*. The UK bird list has some amazingly rare species amongst the 600 or so species listed. There is always the chance of connecting with an ultra rarity too such as *Siberian Blue Robin*, *Rufous-tailed Robin*, *White's Thrush*, *Siberian Thrush*, *Asian Brown Flycatcher*, *Taiga Flycatcher*, *Brown Shrike*, *Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler* or *Lanceolated Warbler*.

Amongst all of the above we shall also seek out the likes of *Great Bittern*, *Red Kite*, *Great Northern Diver*, *Red Grouse*, *Golden Pheasant*, *Pied Avocet*, *Jack Snipe*, *Common Crane*, *Pink-footed Goose*, *Egyptian Goose*, *Whooper Swan*, *Bewick's Swan*, *Water Rail*, *Eurasian Spoonbill*, *Mediterranean Gull*, *Yellow-legged Gull*, *Caspian Gull*, *Iceland Gull*, *Glaucous Gull*, *Barn Owl*, *Common Kingfisher*, *Dartford Warbler*, *Bearded Reedling*, *Common Crossbill* and *Corn Bunting* and common species such as *Mute Swan*, *Greylag Goose*, *Great Crested Grebe*, *Red-throated Diver*, *Fulmar*, *Tufted Duck*, *Common Goldeneye*, *Northern Shoveler*, *Gadwall*, *Grey Heron*, *Grey Partridge*, *Common Pheasant*, *Red-legged Partridge*, *Sparrowhawk*, *Common Buzzard*, *Common Kestrel*, *Little Egret*,

Common Snipe, Purple Sandpiper, Common Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Eurasian Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Black-headed Gull, Tawny Owl, Little Owl, Common Wood Pigeon, Long-tailed Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Bullfinch, Common Reed Bunting and Yellowhammer amongst many others.

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 the UK, all reserve entrance fees.

Price does not include: International flights to/from UK, evening meals (allow £10.00 - £30.00 per night), items of personal nature, travel insurance, optional extra drinks, gratuities