



## Tico Tours

### United Kingdom: Yorkshire-Spring Migrants and Speciality Breeders

**Duration- 7 Days**

Expect around 150+ species

Dates to be confirmed through May-June

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

**INTRODUCTION:** This 7-day tour focuses on the extremely bird-rich county of Yorkshire. The tour has one base, on the outskirts of the City of York in North Yorkshire, one of the UKs most beautiful and impressive historical cities, with York Minster, Clifford's Tower and 'The Shambles' being particularly famous historical man-made features. Not only is York a great city, it is the ideal base for a birding tour with a wide range of different habitats available within limited distance from the city, therefore maximising the time spent in the field.

We will spend the week visiting a wide range of habitats, from lowland meadows, moorland, stunning coastal cliffs, marshland, reedbeds and ancient woodland. By mixing up the habitats we visit we will connect with an excellent number of highly sought after resident breeding species and sub-Saharan migrant breeders that flood into the UK at this time of year.

We will focus our attention on the Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve (where we will be based) awash with incredible birds and we will be in easy striking distance of a number of really great birding locations such as Skipwith Common, Askham Bog, Fairburn Ings RSPB Reserve, Blacktoft Sands RSPB Reserve, The Yorkshire Dales, The Yorkshire Moors, Potteric Carr Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Hornsea Mere, Tophill Low Nature Reserve, Bempton Cliffs RSPB Reserve, Wykham Forest, Spurn Point Nature Reserve and Flamborough Head amongst others.

During the tour we shall seek out a range of stunning resident breeders such as *Great Bittern, Red Kite, Hen Harrier, Western Marsh Harrier, Northern Goshawk, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Black-necked Grebe, Red Grouse, Black Grouse, Pied Avocet, Common Crane, Egyptian Goose, Mandarin, Water Rail, Mediterranean Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Long-eared Owl, Common Kingfisher, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, White-throated Dipper, Firecrest, Bearded Reedling, Hawfinch, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Twite, Common Crossbill* and *Corn Bunting*.

Furthermore, we will endeavour to track down the following rare and scarce migrant species that pass through the region, several of which stay to breed such as *Eurasian Spoonbill, Corncrake, Spotted Crake, Common Quail, European Nightjar, Osprey, Montagu's Harrier, Honey Buzzard, Common Cuckoo, European Turtle Dove, Eurasian Hobby, Black-tailed Godwit, Black Tern, Garganey, Red-crested Pochard, Whimbrel, Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint, Woodlark, Cetti's Warbler, Little Gull* and *Little Tern* set amongst a background of common – but no less impressive migrants such as *Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Little Ringed Plover, Ringed Plover, Common Swift, Barn Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, Tree Pipit, Yellow Wagtail, Northern Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Ring Ouzel, Common Redstart, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Wood Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Pied Flycatcher* and *Spotted Flycatcher*. We will also target the UK's breeding seabirds that abound on the Yorkshire coast such as *Shag, Great Cormorant, Great Skua, Fulmar, Kittiwake, Atlantic Puffin, Common Guillemot, Razorbill, Arctic Tern, Roseate Tern, Common Tern, Sandwich Tern, European Storm-Petrel* and *Northern Gannet*.

The above species will be set amongst the common resident species such as *Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Greylag Goose, Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Common Shelduck, Tufted Duck, Common Goldeneye, Common Pochard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Eurasian Wigeon, Common Teal, Gadwall, Goosander, Grey Heron, Little Egret, Grey Partridge, Common Pheasant, Red-legged Partridge, Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Northern Lapwing, European Golden Plover, Common Redshank, Eurasian Curlew, Ruff, Woodcock, Common Snipe, Black-headed Gull, Common Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Tawny Owl, Little Owl, Common Wood Pigeon, Stock Dove, Eurasian Collared Dove, Skylark, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Rock Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Eurasian Robin, Dunnock, Long-tailed Tit, Willow Tit, Marsh Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Goldcrest, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Common Blackbird, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Nuthatch, Eurasian Treecreeper, Common Magpie, Eurasian Jay, Western Jackdaw, Carrion Crow, Rook, Raven, Eurasian*

*Bullfinch, European Greenfinch, Eurasian Goldfinch, Common Linnet, Eurasian Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Common Reed Bunting, and Yellowhammer* amongst others.

Yorkshire has an amazing track record of national rarities during the spring and autumn. Some of the tour will be spent along the coast, at these times we will keep an eye out for something extra special such as *White-winged Tern, Whiskered Tern, Collared Pratincole, Alpine Swift, Pallid Swift, Wryneck, Bluethroat, Black Redstart, Citrine Wagtail, Red-rumped Swallow, Red-backed Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Marsh Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Icterine Warbler, Golden Oriole, Hoopoe, Eurasian Bee-eater, Common Rosefinch* and *Ortolan Bunting* given right weather conditions.

**Price:** £1,350.00/\$2,100.00 (based on 6 people) or £1,175.00/\$1830.00 (based 8 people)

**Single Supplement:** £300.00/\$470.00

**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.