



Tico Tours

United Kingdom: Winter Birding at its Best- **East Anglia and the South Coast of England**

Duration- 14 Days

Expect around 120+ species

Dates to be confirmed through January-March

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

INTRODUCTION: This 14-day tour focuses on the extremely bird-rich counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Dorset and Devon and has two main bases; Norfolk in East Anglia, and Dorset on the south coast of Britain. Both of these locations, along with those additional areas we will travel through are all steeped in history and we will ensure that sites of potential interest are visited during the tour such as the highly impressive Stonehenge World Heritage Site. Famous birding locations we will visit include Minsmere RSPB Reserve, Titchwell RSPB Reserve, Cantley Marshes RSPB Reserve, Holkham Hall Estate, Strumpshaw Fen RSPB Reserve, Welney Wildfowl Refuge, Cley Norfolk Wildlife Trust Reserve, Thetford Forest, Radipole Lake RSPB Reserve, Portland Bill, Poole Harbour and Exminster Marshes RSPB Reserve amongst others.

The tour takes in a large variety of habitats and as such will connect with a large number of species that utilise them during the winter months and these specialist birds will form the focus of this tour. We shall seek out the likes of *Great Bittern*, *Red Kite*, *Hen Harrier*, *Western Marsh Harrier*, *Black-necked Grebe*, *Great Northern Diver*, *Golden Pheasant*, *Pied Avocet*, *Common Crane*, *Red-breasted Goose*, *Pink-footed Goose*, *Egyptian Goose*, *Whooper Swan*, *Bewick's Swan*, *Mandarin*, *Smew*, *Eider*, *Long-tailed Duck*, *Surf Scoter*, *Water Rail*, *Glossy Ibis*, *Eurasian Spoonbill*, *Jack Snipe*, *Mediterranean Gull*, *Yellow-legged Gull*, *Caspian Gull*, *Iceland Gull*, *Glaucous Gull*, *Barn Owl*, *Short-eared Owl*, *Long-eared Owl*, *Ring-necked Parakeet*, *Common Kingfisher*, *Shorelark*, *Lesser Spotted Woodpecker*, *Bohemian Waxwing*, *Firecrest*, *Dartford Warbler*, *Bearded*

Reedling, Great Grey Shrike, Hawfinch, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Twite, Common Crossbill, Corn Bunting, Lapland Bunting and Cirl Bunting.

The above species will be set amongst the common resident 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, 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, Skylark, Grey Wagtail, Stonechat, Eurasian Robin, Long-tailed Tit, Willow Tit, Marsh Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Goldcrest, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Common Blackbird, Redwing, Fieldfare, Song Thrush, Nuthatch, Bullfinch, European Greenfinch, Eurasian Goldfinch, Linnet, Lesser Redpoll, Common Reed Bunting, Yellowhammer and Snow Bunting* amongst many others.

Further highlights of the trip are likely to include the goose and raptor spectacle whilst in Norfolk, with between 8 and 12 species of goose possible, including many additional races/sub-species such as *Pink-footed Goose, 'Taiga' Bean Goose, 'Tundra' Bean Goose, 'Greenland' White-fronted Goose, 'Eurasian' White-fronted Goose, Black Brant, 'Pale-bellied' Brent Goose, 'Dark-bellied' Brent Goose, Greylag Goose, Greater Canada Goose, Barnacle Goose, Egyptian Goose* - with vagrant *Lesser White-fronted Goose, Red-breasted Goose, Ross' Goose* and *Snow Goose* also all possible. Also present in impressive numbers, the raptor roosts can contain many *Western Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Merlin, Peregrine, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl* and *Rough-legged Buzzard*.

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.