



Tico Tours

United Kingdom: Ultimate Winter Birding- Yorkshire and East Anglia

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 Yorkshire, Norfolk and Suffolk and has two main bases; York in North Yorkshire, and Norwich in Norfolk, East Anglia. 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 world famous York Minster. Famous birding locations we will visit include Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve, 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, Flamborough Head, 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 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*, *Northern Goshawk*, *Black-necked Grebe*, *Great Northern Diver*, *Red Grouse*, *Black Grouse*, *Golden Pheasant*, *Pied Avocet*, *Jack Snipe*, *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*, *Eurasian Spoonbill*, *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*, *White-throated Dipper*, *Firecrest*, *Dartford Warbler*, *Bearded Reedling*, *Great Grey Shrike*, *Hawfinch*, *Eurasian Tree Sparrow*, *Twite*, *Common Crossbill*, *Corn Bunting* and *Lapland 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*, *Woodcock*, *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*, *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.