



Photo: Lesser Kestrel, by Pedro Marques

## Short-break Bird Photography Programme in Portugal

Lisbon Estuaries and Alentejo

Birds & Nature Tours Portugal

### **Overview**

Birds & Nature has, in partnership with various land owners, built a number of specialised bird photography hides in Portugal.

At your disposal there are hides for many species, including Lesser Kestrel, European Roller, European Bee-eater, Little Owl, Great and Little Bustards, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Griffon and Eurasian Black Vultures, Purple Swamphen, Greater Flamingo, Glossy Ibis, and Purple and Squacco Herons. Other possible species include Iberian Imperial Eagle, Black-winged Kite, Montagu's Harrier, Common Crane, Stone Curlew, Red-necked Nightjar, Rufous Bush Robin and Azure-winged Magpie.

To give the best photographic experience, we have built several different types of hides, namely mobile hides, tower hides, feeding station hides, drinking hides and waterside hides. These are all easily accessible, located within one and a half hour's driving distance from Lisbon.

The guides are bird photographers themselves, so they can and do make sure that photographers have everything they need to get the best from our tours.

## **Itinerary**

Day 1 – Transfer from Lisbon Airport. Photography in hides in the Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve and in the Sado Estuary Nature Reserve, with the following target species: Purple Swamphen, Greater Flamingo, Glossy Ibis, and Purple and Squacco Herons. Other possible species include: Black-winged Kite, Azure-winged Magpie and waders. Travel to the Hotel Ecorkhotel (Évora), in the Alentejo region. Overnight stay at the Hotel Ecorkhotel.

Day 2 – Photography in hides in the Évora area, with the following target species: Lesser Kestrel, European Bee-eater, Little Owl, Griffon and Eurasian Black Vultures, Eurasian Spoonbill and herons. Other possible species include: Black-winged Kite, Black Kite, Common Crane, Stone Curlew and Azure-winged Magpie. Travel to the Hotel Museu (Mértola) or Casa de Campo da Herdade da Apariça (Castro Verde), in the Alentejo region. Overnight stay at the Hotel Museu or Casa de Campo da Herdade da Apariça.

Day 3 and 4 – Photography in hides in the Castro Verde area and in the Guadiana Valley Nature Park, with the following target species: European Roller, European Bee-eater, Little Owl, Great and Little Bustards, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, and Griffon and Eurasian Black Vultures. Other possible species include: Iberian Imperial Eagle, Montagu's Harrier, Common Crane, Stone Curlew, Red-necked Nightjar, Rufous Bush Robin and Azure-winged Magpie. Overnight stay at the Hotel Museu or Casa de Campo da Herdade da Apariça.

Day 5 – Photography in hides in the Castro Verde area and in the Guadiana Valley Nature Park, with the following target species: European Roller, European Bee-eater, Little Owl, Great and Little Bustards, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, and Griffon and Eurasian Black Vultures. Other possible species include: Iberian Imperial Eagle, Montagu's Harrier, Common Crane, Stone Curlew, Red-necked Nightjar, Rufous Bush Robin and Azure-winged Magpie. Return to Lisbon and transfer to Lisbon Airport for return flight.

Note: the above itinerary can be adapted to your target species, so that it is possible to spend more time in one area (reducing the number of days in another area) or skip one of the areas, etc... We are at your disposal so that you can get the results that you want.

## **Prices**

1.280 euros per person (2 people). Our prices include guide fees, transfer from/to the airport, ground transport (in vehicles with air-conditioning), accommodation (including breakfast), free use of hides, bean bags, optical equipment (quality binoculars and telescopes) and field guides, entrance fees to private or protected areas, participant's accident insurance and VAT. Single supplement: 110 euros. Not included are flights, meals and items of a personal nature. Meals in selected restaurants can be included if you wish.

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