

DAY TRIPS

All **day trips** are **96 €** per party of up to 3 persons

PARQUE NATURAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, RIO GUADALHORCE ESTUARY, MÁLAGA

Depart 0930 – 0945

Driving time 1¼ – 1½ hours each way

Timing All year round but Spring is the best

Bird calendar Extensive all year

Resident: Too numerous to list - all the common species, plus Pipit, Purple Gallinule (Swamphen), white-headed Duck, Great Egret etc.
Raptors: Numerous including, Booted Eagles (dark and light phase), Marsh Harrier, Bonelli's Eagle, Kestrel, Osprey, Hen Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Hobby, Honey Buzzard, Short-toed (snake) Eagle.

This site is now a real "jewel in the crown" of birding sites. Extensive improvements to the site are now complete with good access, pathways, hides, embankments and a sea view site. The down side is that no vehicles are allowed in the Parque. However, the paths and hides overlooking the lagoons are easy to walk and wheelchair friendly. A plan of the area will be provided on arrival

A list of birds seen on a visit on the 19th February 2014 is attached. If you would like to see a video showing this site, link to 'You Tube' - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkocFbJ1cJY>

ZAFARRAYA and SIERRA TEJEDA

Depart 0930 – 0945

Driving time 1½ hours each way

Timing: Interesting species all year, but spring months are most productive.

Species Typical Sierra species including Crag Martins, Thekla Larks, Black Redstarts, Rock Buntings. The area is also good for raptors.
Resident: Golden and Bonelli's Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Kestrels, Eagle Owl, etc. in total 22+ species.

Summer/Breeding: Black Kite, Short-toed (snake) Eagle, Booted Eagle, Rednecked Nightjar, 3 x Sylvia Warblers, etc. in total 14+ species
Winter: Alpine Accentor, Ring Ouzel and Wallcreeper.

*This trip is **highly recommended**. We have taken clients at different times of the year, and they have all been delighted with the variety of birds they have seen - even in the hot summer months. The drive in itself is very interesting, as there are many different aspects to the scenery, including a cork oak forest and stunning views.*

VENTA DE ZAFARRAYA, near ALHAMA DE GRANADA

Depart 0930 – 0945

Driving time 2 hours each way

Timing Interesting species all year, but Spring months are the best.

Species Below is a list of species seen on 08 January 2014:
Peregrine, Chough, Black Redstart, Black Wheatear, Meadow Pipit, Rock Bunting, Tree Pipit, Stonechat, Red-legged Partridge, Great Tit, Blackbird, Thekla Lark, Robin, Mistle Thrush, Brambling, Chaffinch, Azure-winged Magpie, Corn Bunting, Rock Pipit, Blue Rock Thrush, Kestrel, Goldfinch, Serin, Chiff Chaff, Linnet, Pochard, Cormorant, Shoveler, Coot, Moorhen, Mallard, Spanish Sparrow, Blue Tit, Coal Tit, Calandra Lark, Little Grebe, Wood Pigeon, Collared Dove, Sardinian Warbler, Southern Grey Shrike, White Wagtail, Crag Martin.
The area is also good for raptors, including Golden, Bonelli's, Booted and Shorttoed

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(snake) Eagles.

This is another highly recommended trip as it includes mountain passes, a disused railway line, olive groves, agricultural land plus a reservoir. There is also a reasonably priced "Menu del día" at a local restaurant near the reservoir.

For a "taster" of this trip, see "You Tube"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntrPdOU-XPc>

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