

## SPAIN: SPRING BIRDING EXTRAVAGANZA

# **TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**



The regionally endemic **Iberian Magpie** will be one of many exciting target birds during our spring birding tour in Spain.

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SPAIN CAN BE READ HERE**

#### **TOUR OUTLINE**

Our small-group birdwatching tour to Spain during the spring season offers a comprehensive look at the Iberian region and connects with some of the most highly sought-after of the country's species, such as **Dupont's Lark**, **Spanish Imperial Eagle**, **Cinereous Vulture**, **Bearded Vulture**, **Great Bustard**, **White-headed Duck**, **Marbled Duck**, **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**, **Wallcreeper**, **Iberian Green Woodpecker**, **Iberian Magpie**, **Iberian Grey Shrike**, **White-winged Snowfinch**, **Citril Finch**, and **Alpine Accentor** to mention but a few. Take a look at the <u>detailed itinerary</u> for more information on the species possible on this tour which starts in Seville and ends in Barcelona.

#### WEATHER/CLIMATE

The temperatures on this spring birding tour could be incredibly varied. During the first half of the tour, we should expect temperatures around 64 - 77 °F (18 - 25 °C) while our visit to the Pyrenees could see temperatures as low as single figures in Celsius (possibly in the region of  $41^{\circ}$ F or 5 °C). Nights are generally comfortable but can still be chilly with temperatures around  $46 - 57^{\circ}$ F ( $8 - 14^{\circ}$ C). The sun is strong this time of the year but as it is the European spring it is also necessary to be prepared for rain.

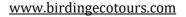
#### DAILY ACTIVITIES, PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS, AND TOUR PACE

This spring birding tour covers a large proportion of Spain and is at a faster pace than some of our other tours, with a long list of birds possible. Longer journeys are broken up with birding and bathroom stops. Most walking is an easy level of exertion and at a gentle pace and should be suitable for most people, for the most part this will all be on easy tracks, roads, and trails for the most part. Some longer walks will be required for some sites and the exact details of these longer walks will be presented to you ahead of time, most walks are optional and should you wish to sit out a walk we will endeavor to plan something else for you, or you are welcome to relax around the hotel grounds.

The tour will require some early starts and late finishes to our days in the field to maximize the return on the birding and meal times will remain flexible around our birding activities, the main focus of this tour is finding as many of the regionally special birds as possible. Most of the tour is spent at sea-level and low elevations, though we will spend time in higher elevations later in the tour, but these elevations are still not particularly high and are unlikely to provide any constraints to most people (e.g. we will be birding at around 6,500 feet / 2,000 meters), potentially a little higher.

#### **DOMESTIC FLIGHTS**

There are no domestic flights included in this tour. Note the tour starts in Seville at <u>Seville San</u> <u>Pablo Airport</u> and ends in Barcelona at <u>Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport</u>.





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### ACCOMMODATION

During our Spain spring tour we will be staying in a range of two-star to four-star hotels. All the hotels are of a traditional style and have been hand-picked to offer the best experience in their respective area. Hotels are located in areas that enable short drives to excellent birding areas.



Black Wheatear is a localized target bird on our <u>Spain: Spring Birding Extravaganza</u> tour.

