

# WILDLIFE TRAVEL

more than just a wildlife holiday: discover a new world



Crimson Rose butterfly, Sri Lanka



Egyptian Nightjar, Morocco



Great Frigatebird, Galapagos



*Iris lutescens*, Gargano

Talamanca Hummingbird, Costa Rica

## Holidays 2019

KEY: ● mainly wild flowers ● mixed natural history ● easy birding/wildlife

### SRI LANKA: endemic wildlife, rainforests and coast

● 4th-19th February 2019. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & local guides

The perfect introduction to the wonderful wildlife of Sri Lanka, which boasts Sloth Bear, Leopard, Blue Whale and monkeys along with an enviable number of endemic birds.

**£3995 per person, full board, single room supplement £450**

### MOROCCO: natural history, mountains and coast

● 2nd-9th March 2019. Leaders: Philip Precey & Laurie Jackson

A relaxed week enjoying the wildlife and spring flowers of southern Morocco, from the High Atlas to the Atlantic coast, based in our wonderful 'kasbah' near Agadir.

**£1595 per person, full board, single room supplement £165**

### SOUTHERN MOROCCO: easy birding - coast, desert, mountains

● 9th-21st March 2019. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & Phil Saunders

An exploration of the varied habitats of southern Morocco, from the coast to the desert and up into the High Atlas in search of some of the area's special birds and other wildlife.

**£2265 per person, full board, single room supplement £250**

### GALAPAGOS: cruising in Darwin's footprints

● 13th-26th March 2019. Leaders: Philip Precey & local guides

A wonderful week-long wildlife cruise on a 16-berth catamaran, taking in the western islands of Fernandina and Isabela, followed by time on Santa Cruz and mainland Ecuador.

**£7195 per person, full board, single room supplement £150 (hotels only)**

### COSTA RICA: easy birding and natural history

● 19th March-3rd April 2019. Leaders: Mike Symes & local guides

From the Pacific to the Caribbean, this holiday is a perfect introduction to tropical natural history, exploring Costa Rica's exciting landscapes and wildlife, especially its rich bird life.

**£4475 per person, full board, single room supplement £320**

### MALLORCA: spring in the western Mediterranean

● 11th-18th April 2019. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni & local guide

From the limestone Serra de Tramuntana to internationally important wetlands, in search of spring flowers, birds and butterflies. Flights from Manchester, Leeds-Bradford and London.

**£1645 per person, full board, single room supplement £150**

### GARGANO: spring flowers and natural history in southern Italy

● 17th-24th April 2018. Leaders: Philip Precey & Kieron Huston

A relaxing week spent on the Gargano Peninsula, exploring the wild flower-rich limestone plateau with its endemic orchids, ancient forests and internationally important wetlands.

**£1625 per person, full board, single room supplement £75**

### ANDALUCIA: spring wildlife of Southern Spain

● 20th-27th April 2019. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & local guide

A spring visit to southern Spain, taking in the mountains and coast as we search for wild flowers, migrating birds, butterflies and more.

**£1785 per person, full board, single room supplement £235**

### LESVOS: spring on an Aegean island

● 4th-11th May 2019. Leaders: Philip Precey & Nicole Clough

We will explore the lovely, unspoilt island of Lesvos, one of the largest in the Aegean. The perfect introduction to the birds and spring flowers of the eastern Mediterranean.

**£1655 per person, full board, single room supplement £145**



## ISLES OF SCILLY: spring flowers and natural history

● 6th-13th May 2019. Leaders: Rosemary Parslow & Liz Askins

A return to these iconic islands, in the company of local expert Rosemary Parslow to enjoy the best of the spring: there can be no better introduction to the islands' natural history.

**£1165 per person, B&B, single room supplement £290 (ask us for options)**

## MADEIRA: spring on an Atlantic island

● 14th-21st May 2019. Leaders: Brian Eversham & local guide

Discovering the natural history of this volcanic Macaronesian island, we will explore less-visited natural areas from subtropical laurel forests to stunning coasts, at a relaxed pace.

**£1695 per person, full board, single room supplement £160**

## ROMANIA: the Danube Delta and Carpathians

● 18th-27th May 2019. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & local guides

Combining the highlights of our popular Danube Delta cruise with a visit to the Carpathian mountains, in search of butterflies, Brown Bear and spring flowers.

**£1985 per person, full board, single room supplement £350**

## LAKE KERKINI AND MACEDONIA: Balkan birds and spring wildlife

● 23rd-30th May 2019. Leaders: Mike Symes & local guides

An interesting week enjoying the breeding birds, butterflies, wild flowers and abundant wildlife in this fascinating, little-known and relatively unspoilt corner of the Balkans.

**£1675 per person, full board, single room supplement £110**

## ESTONIA: spring wildlife and orchids of the Baltic

● 24th-31st May 2019. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni & local guides

A spring visit to the meadows and bogs of Estonia where the variety of orchids will include spectacular displays of Lady's Slipper, while the forests resound with singing birds.

**£1725 per person, full board, single room supplement £140**

## TRANSYLVANIA: meadows, mountains and bears

● 3rd-10th June 2019. Leaders: Philip Precey & local guides

A week exploring traditional hay meadows, ancient wood-pastures, alpine meadows, and dense forest of Transylvania and the Carpathian mountains. Wild flowers, fortified Saxon churches, mountain birds and Brown Bears will all be in our sights.

**£1695 per person, full board, single room supplement £150**

## THE BURREN: wild flowers and ancient sites

● 6th-13th June 2019. Leader: Kieron Huston & Liz Askins

Dramatic scenery and fascinating history combine in this corner of western Ireland, with wonderful wild flowers, ancient monuments, superb coast and friendly local hospitality.

**£1235 per person, half board, single supplement £80**

## VERCORS: wild flowers of the pre-Alps (by Eurostar/TGV)

● 12th-19th June 2019. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni & second leader tbc

With its combination of landscape, marvellous diversity of wild flowers and remarkably unspoilt character, the southern Vercors is a wonderful setting for our week in France.

**£1795 per person, full board, single room supplement £110**

## MACEDONIA: Balkan butterflies and mountain wildlife

● 23rd-30th June 2019. Leaders: Philip Precey & Martin Hrouzek

Our second visit of the year to the unspoilt countryside of Macedonia in the company of popular guide and butterfly expert Martin Hrouzek, this time heading higher into the mountains in search of the diversity of butterflies and interesting plant life.

**£1685 per person, full board, single room supplement £110**

## BULGARIA: natural history of the mountainous southwest

● 24th June-1st July 2018. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & local guides

Exploring the mountains of the western Rhodopes, Rila and Pirin in southwest Bulgaria, home to endemic plants, abundant butterflies and peaceful monasteries.

**£1595 per person, full board, single room supplement £100**

## DEVON: rare mammals and summer wildlife

● 17th-21st July 2018. Leaders: Mike Symes & 2nd leader tbc

A short break in the beautiful Devon countryside, in the company of local experts from Devon Wildlife Trust, with the chance of seeing some special mammals, including beavers and otters, Hazel Dormouse and Greater Horseshoe Bat.

**£645 per person, B&B, single room supplement £100**



Squacco Heron, Danube Delta



Map, Carpathians



Adriatic Lizard Orchid, Macedonia



Marsh Fritillary, The Burren



Aquilegia aurea, Bulgaria



European Beaver, Devon



## ANDALUCIA: easy birding, Coto Doñana and Tarifa

● 10th-17th September 2019. Leaders: Mike Symes & local guide

With raptors and storks overhead, the wetlands and bushes alive with birds, autumn migration across the Straits of Gibraltar to Africa is a real 'must see' experiences.

£price to be confirmed, full board

## THE PANTANAL, BRAZIL: jaguars, macaws and wetland wildlife

● 14th-30th September 2019. Leaders: Mike Russell & Xavier Muñoz

We return to Brazil and the world's largest wetland, with our attention focussed on some spectacular mammals, notably Jaguar, Giant Otter, Giant Anteater and Lowland Tapir, as well as the abundant birdlife of the area, including Toco Toucan and Hyacinth Macaw.

£6595 per person, full board, single room supplement £395

## VERCORS: an introduction to invertebrates (by Eurostar/TGV)

● 19th-25th September 2019. Leaders: Brian Eversham & second leader

We return to the limestone mountains of the French pre-Alps to enjoy the diversity of invertebrate life to be found there in the early autumn.

£1795 per person, full board, single room supplement £110

## ISLES OF SCILLY: autumn natural history and migration

● 21st-28th September 2019. Leaders: Rosemary Parslow & Mike Symes

September in Scilly is a colourful time, with purple heather and yellow gorse, while migration should be in full swing: who knows what waifs and strays may turn up.

£price to be confirmed, b&b

## ESTONIA: mammals, birds and autumn migration

● 27th Sept-4th Oct 2019. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & local guide

Migration will be at its peak, with Common Cranes and geese gathering on the marshes in large numbers. We will also have the chance to see Brown Bear, Ringed Seal and Elk.

£1795 per person, full board, single room supplement £175

## CHILE: Central Chile and the Atacama Desert

● Sept/Oct 2019 (dates tbc). Leaders: Philip Precey & Claudio Vidal

Exploring the botany of the Atacama Desert and 'Mediterranean' zone, from the coast to Andean valleys, with fascinating plants, endemic birds and plenty of other wildlife. We will also visit the Paranal astronomical observatory and one of Chile's premier vineyards.

£price to be confirmed, full board

## HUNGARY: autumn wildlife and relaxed birding

● October 2019 (dates tbc). Leaders: Philip Precey & Martin Hrouzek

A week spent enjoying the south-bound bird migration and searching out resident birdlife, including Great Bustard, woodpeckers and owls, and enjoying the other local wildlife.

£price to be confirmed, full board

## COLOMBIA: endemic wildlife, mountains and Caribbean coast

● 14th-30th November 2019. Leaders: Laurie Jackson & local guide

With an opportunity to visit the Andes and Santa Marta Mountains, along with the beautiful Caribbean coast, this holiday provides a fantastic introduction to Colombia's diverse landscapes, abundant wildlife and extremely rich biodiversity.

£price to be confirmed, full board

## MADEIRA: Macaronesian natural history and gardens

● Nov/Dec 2019 (dates tbc). Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni & local guide

We return to explore this subtropical island, enjoying its lush gardens, wild landscapes, local culture and some pleasant winter weather.

£price to be confirmed, full board

## FURTHER AHEAD

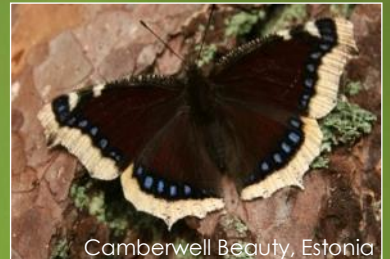
February 2020	●	Ethiopia	- endemic wildlife and natural history
May/June 2020	●	Armenia	- wild flowers and natural history
Summer 2020	●	Scottish Highlands	- natural history with James Lowen
June/July 2020	●	Russian Far East	- cruising Siberia's forgotten coast
August 2020	●	South Africa	- wild flowers of the Cape
September 2020	●	New Caledonia	- endemic wildlife of the S Pacific
November 2020	●	Guyana & Suriname	- rainforest, savannah & coast
December 2020	●	Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica	- cruise



Hyacinth Macaw, Pantanal



Bants Carn, Isles of Scilly



Camberwell Beauty, Estonia



White-tipped Quetzal, Colombia



Pan de Azucar, Chile





# Why Wildlife Travel?

We believe that a Wildlife Travel trip is different to any other. However, there are many travel companies out there. So why should you travel with us? What makes Wildlife Travel different?

## Travel with us and support nature conservation

Conservation is at the very core of our business. Wildlife Travel was set up with the express aim of supporting nature conservation. Our profits are donated to the Wildlife Trusts to support their work here in the UK: your booking will enable us to donate to your local Wildlife Trust. Wherever possible, we also work with local nature conservation organisations to support their important work. We balance carbon emissions from all flights included in your booking through the World Land Trust Carbon Balance programme which protects tropical areas with high biodiversity.

## Our leaders and holidays

Our leaders all have conservation backgrounds and a wealth of wildlife knowledge between them, from birds and butterflies to botany and geology. Of course, they don't just provide natural history expertise: our leaders also ensure that you have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding time. We pay special attention to planning so that each trip is well researched and well organised. We use good accommodation, enjoy great local food and take things at a relaxed pace: it is a holiday, after all!

## Wildlife Travellers

A Wildlife Travel holiday is ideal for anyone who wants like-minded company, wonderful wildlife, local culture, and the knowledge that they are supporting conservation. One of the most rewarding things over the years has been the friendships developed when sharing our travels, between leaders, Wildlife Travellers and local guides. We are very grateful to, and proud of, the many 'repeat travellers' who travel with us time after time and recommend us to their friends. Don't just take our word for it: here is how our travellers described last year's holidays...

*"a terrific all-round experience...  
the accommodation was wonderful."*

Morocco 2018

*"good company, good food...  
whale watching was superb"*

Sri Lanka 2018

*"excellent, both wildlife and socially...  
the hotel was ideal, peaceful"*

Mallorca 2018

*"a wonderful trip...  
we enjoyed it so much!  
the wildlife was*

*extraordinary... the trip  
greatly enhanced by our  
leader's enthusiasm'*

Romania 2018

*"exceeded all expectations, full of surprises...  
our leader was outstanding."*

Costa Rica 2018

## Booking your holiday

Please ask us for the full details for any trip: we will reserve you a provisional place and send you a booking pack. This includes the complete itinerary, together with details of travel, accommodation and leaders, as well as confirming what is included in the price. Payment and cancellation details are also given. Wildlife Travel holidays are operated by Sunvil Holidays (CAA-ATOL Licence 808, ABTA V6218, AITO), protecting your booking.

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Bulgaria



The Danube Delta



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