



## Raptor Migration Spectacular – Tarifa, Spain 2024

**Dates; 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**

Join us on a very special seven-day tour with expert guides. The spectacular bird of prey migration through the Straits of Gibraltar is legendary! Our tour includes flights, full board, all transport, amazing birding on land, and a pelagic boat trip in search of seabirds, whales and dolphins.



Short-toed Eagle © Richard Baines - Yorkshire Coast Nature Tarifa trip August 2022

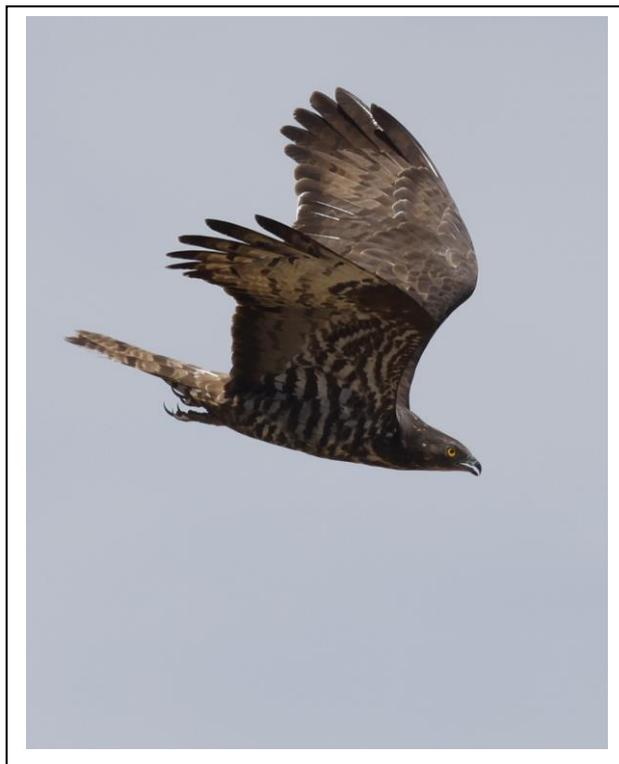
**Tour leaders:** [Mark Pearson YCN](#) and local birding and wildlife expert guides from Simon Tonkin and Niki Williamson (aka Inglorious Bustards).

## Itinerary:

### Day One 16<sup>th</sup> August

Fly to Gibraltar airport (time to be arranged) for the flight to Gibraltar. On arrival in Gibraltar, we will transfer to the hotel. After lunch and settling in, we'll head straight out to catch up with the superb migration featuring tens of thousands of Black Kites, White Storks, and Honey Buzzards as well as Montagu's Harriers and Short-toed and Booted Eagles.

### Day Two 17<sup>th</sup> August



European Honey Buzzard migration © Richard Baines - Yorkshire Coast Nature Tarifa trip August 2022

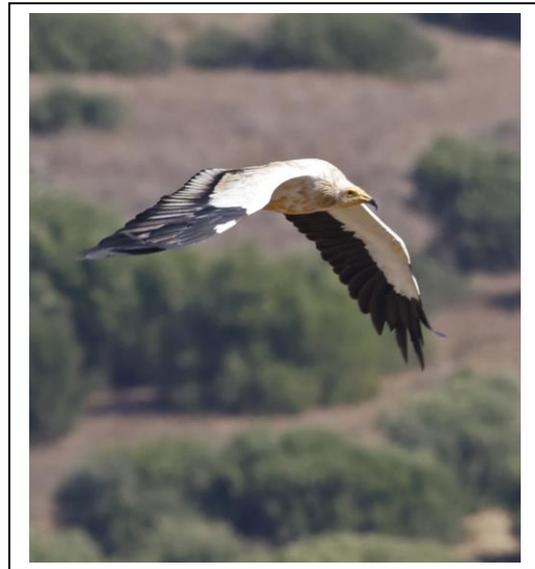
Breakfast followed by a 3-hour boat trip on a small private vessel out into The Straits, amidst Cory's, Scopoli's and Balearic Shearwaters and resident and migratory cetaceans. Please note the boat trip may change date depending on sea conditions. Picnic lunch in the field and a visit to the nearby coastal and intertidal habitat. Here we'll look for the fantastic Northern Bald Ibis, successfully reintroduced in 2004, all the while surrounded by the phenomenal visible migration of soaring birds.



Fin Whale © Richard Baines - Yorkshire Coast Nature Tarifa trip August 2022

### Day Three 18<sup>th</sup> August

Morning visit to permit-only Tarifa Island overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar. At this narrowest point between Europe and Africa, photographic opportunities of our three Shearwater species are at their best. Picnic in the field followed by a visit to a local Griffon Vulture colony, where Egyptian and Rüppell's Vulture are also frequently seen.



Griffon and Egyptian Vultures © Richard Baines - Yorkshire Coast Nature Tarifa trip August 2022

### Day Four 19<sup>th</sup> August

Birding Bay of Cádiz area, including migratory waders on local artisanal salt pans. We'll be looking for the Little Swift colony, Red-knobbed Coot, White-headed Duck and Marbled Duck on the lagoons and try for Rufous-tailed Bushchat amongst sustainably-grown vineyards.

### Day Five 20<sup>th</sup> August

More stunning raptor migration at one of the watchpoints. Picnic lunch in the field and birding at local low-intensity pasture habitat – Black-eared Wheatear and Thekla’s Lark should feature.

### Day Six 21<sup>st</sup> August

Thorough exploration of the expansive arable farmland, formerly Spain’s biggest wetland. We will be searching for Bonelli’s and Spanish Imperial Eagle. Black-winged Kite and Red-necked Nightjar are also possible.

### Day Seven 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Part Day Birding

Pre-breakfast woodland birding around hotel grounds, transfer to Gibraltar airport.



White Stork migrating in their thousands! © Richard Baines - Yorkshire Coast Nature Tarifa trip August 2022



Bee-eater squadrons make their beautiful calls as they migrate to Africa in their hundreds  
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**Accommodation:** Cortijo el Indiviso, Manzanete. Half-board at hotel, breakfast and 3-course evening meal), and a delicious picnic lunch in the field. Built in 1895 and recently renovated, the property is a mix of traditional features and modern comforts. To the point where you can log on to the super-fast WiFi while sitting in the shade of a 700-year-old olive tree! Set around a traditional Andalusian courtyard, all rooms (each with its own unique features) have either courtyard or garden views, air conditioning, and a private bathroom



Cortijo el Indiviso, Manzanete



Raptor watching © Richard Baines - Yorkshire Coast Nature Tarifa August 2022

**Numbers;** strictly limited to 10 clients. A high guide to guest ratio.

**Suitability;** For everyone from beginners to experinced birders and wildlife enthusiasts

**The Cost;** £2360.00. Single supplement £195.00

**Cost Includes:**

- British Airways flights to and from Heathrow in economy class including all taxes.
- Please note. Flights can also be arranged from airports in the north of the UK (a small additional payment supplement may apply for these)
- The services of three expert guides
- Accommodation at Huerta Grande Eco Lodge and all meals: Full board basis
- All transfers.
- Full ATOL & ABTA Bonding.
- Airline failure Insurance.
- We will make a 300-euro donation to a local conservation project on behalf of the group

**Cost does not include:**

- Visa Fee if required
- Any expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone calls and beverages.
- Tips and gratuities.

**Travel Insurance.**

It is essential to have adequate insurance in place before your departure. This should be appropriate for your age, health and destination you are visiting.

- Make sure it includes comprehensive medical and repatriation cover.
- Make sure it provides cover for your whole trip (whether one day or over a year).
- Make sure it covers you for all activities.
- Disclose pre-existing medical conditions.
- Take your policy number and the 24-hour emergency contact numbers with you.

If you have any doubts about your cover, check with your insurer. For a competitive travel insurance quotation please [Click Here](#)

**[How to Book the Tour](#)**

**If you have found this tour on the Yorkshire Coast Nature web site, please book using the tour booking page on the web site [CLICK HERE](#). Complete the basic booking form and we will email you further details.** A deposit payment of £500.00 per person is required to secure your place on the tour. On receipt of the booking form and deposit payment we will confirm your place on the tour and send you our ATOL certificate which guarantees 100% protection of your payment. Balance payment will be due 10 weeks before departure.

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