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**Birding Aragón Series**

# SLOW BIRDING & PHOTOGRAPHIC HIDE BESPOKE TRIPS

North Spain

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## ARAGON

If we had to choose one word to summarise our region, it would be "**diversity**". The fact that Aragon occupies the central part of the Ebro Valley, ranging from the French border to the Iberian system, means plenty of environments can be enjoyed within just a 100 km range.

The landscape changes drastically in short lengths, ranging from 3,000 meters high peaks in the **Pyrenees** to the arid to semi-desert lowlands of the **Ebro River Basin** or more Mediterranean-like ecosystems as we move towards the **Iberian Chain** down south.



The Birding Aragon itineraries consist of a series of organised trips **designed by and for birdwatching enthusiasts**. All the accommodations and guides involved during the trip belong to Birding Aragon Association and share the passion and respect for nature that all experienced birdwatchers require during an observation trip.



Explore in detail the bird life of our most characteristic habitats. The availability of **professionally managed photographic hides**, in combination with the possibility of **fully customise your experience**, makes this a unique opportunity to discover some hidden gems of our territory.



## SLOW BIRDING

Slow birding refers to a **relaxed and leisurely approach to birdwatching**, where the emphasis is on taking time to observe and appreciate the avian species in their natural habitats.

It promotes a mindful and contemplative approach to birdwatching, encouraging individuals to spend **more time in a particular area**, focusing on the **quality of observations rather than the number** of species spotted. It involves patiently observing birds' movements, behaviours, and interactions, as well as listening to their calls and studying their habitats.

## SELECTED LOCATIONS

Three are the selected locations, each of them with a particular and unique birdlife representative of the most characteristic habitats of our region.

- **Cliff-nesting birds of the Central Pyrenees**
- **Crane migration in Gallocanta Lagoon**
- **Mediterranean birds & landscapes of Teruel**





## Cliff-nesting birds of the Central Pyrenees

From the summits of 3,000 meters of altitude to the mountain ranges that connect with the plain, we can find **birds of great interest**. In the next three days, we explore one of the **most representative protected areas** of the Pyrenees, the Natural Park of Posets-Maladeta.



Posets-Maladeta Natural Park is home to diverse birdlife. Notable species include the **Bearded Vulture, Golden Eagle, Griffon Vulture, Alpine Accentor, Citril Finch, Wallcreeper, and Rock Ptarmigan**. These birds thrive in the park's varied habitats, such as alpine meadows and rocky slopes. Birdwatchers can enjoy observing these majestic species in the picturesque mountain environment.

**Habitats:** Mixed and Coniferous forests, Mountain pastures, limestone cliffs and peaks.

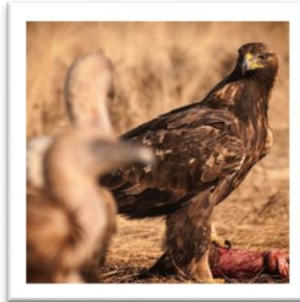


**Special Interest Bird Species:** Rock Ptarmigan, Western Capercaillie, Grey Partridge, Bearded Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, Short-Toed Snake Eagle, Golden Eagle, Booted Eagle, Eurasian Woodcock, Alpine Swift, Alpine Accentor, Common Rock Thrush, Ring Ouzel, Wallcreeper, Eurasian Treecreeper, Red-Backed Shrike, Alpine Chough, White-Winged Snowfinch, Citril Finch.





## Photographic hide



## Accommodation

### Bonansa Activa

Choose between a selection of superb accommodations in a picturesque location in the Pyrenees, specifically in the Ribagorza region. Its beautiful views of the valley create a tranquil atmosphere, perfect for relaxation and appreciating the surrounding natural beauty.

Among its options, we can find excellent amenities, including restaurants and a spa, allowing guests to indulge in the local cuisine and enjoy their stay fully. The owners actively manage the establishment and ensure their guests have an outstanding experience.





## Crane migration in Gallocanta Lagoon

Gallocanta Lagoon in Zaragoza, Spain, hosts the impressive crane migration. **Thousands of Common Cranes** gather at the lagoon during their journey between breeding and wintering grounds. The spectacle begins in **late October**, with cranes descending upon the lagoon in large flocks. They rest, feed, and socialise, replenishing their energy reserves. The lagoon's shallow waters provide **an ideal habitat, attracting various bird species.**



Visitors can witness this remarkable phenomenon **from designated viewpoints and enjoy guided tours.** The migration not only offers a breathtaking sight but also contributes to conservation efforts. Gallocanta Lagoon is protected as a nature reserve.

**Habitats:** Cereal plains, steppes with natural vegetation, gallery forests, Mediterranean shrubland, lagoons and reservoirs, limestone cliffs.



**Special Interest Species:** Black Stork, Black-Winged Kite, Egyptian Vulture, Short-Toed Snake Eagle, Northern Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Golden Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Little Bustard, Great Bustard, Eurasian Stone-Curlew, Black-Bellied Sandgrouse, Dupont's Lark.



## Photographic hide



## Accommodation

### Allucant Guesthouse

Just a stone's throw away from the shores of the Gallocanta lagoon, Allucant is a welcoming rural guesthouse perfect for those birdwatchers planning to explore Gallocanta's whereabouts. Among the different types of rooms available, their six double rooms with bathrooms are placed apart from the shared rooms part of the facility, guaranteeing a superb quality of rest during busy periods.

This charming accommodation offers its guests the best of the region's home cooking, a small bar, a library hall specialised in nature with free WiFi and a spacious garden with private parking space.







## Mediterranean birds & landscapes of Teruel

The area is a complex of mountain chains from mid-mountains to Mediterranean zones with a **very low human population density**. Summits and high moors at an altitude of over 1000 metres, endorheic lakes, coniferous and oak forests and many river cliffs.



Birdwatching enthusiasts can spot various raptors, such as the **Golden eagle**, **Bonelli's eagle**, and **Egyptian Vulture** soaring through the skies. Other notable bird species found in the region include the **Citril Finch**, **Black-eared Wheatear**, **Common Rock Thrush**, and **various species of owls**. The rich and varied landscapes of Gudar-Javalambre provide an ideal habitat for these birds, making it a haven for bird lovers and nature enthusiasts.

**Habitats:** Very varied, from high mountain pastures, some of the best-preserved juniper trees in Europe, extensive coniferous forests, molars and rocky walls, riparian forests and cereal plains.



**Special Interest Species:** Golden Eagle, Griffon Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, Red-Billed Cough, Goshawk, Serrano Greenfinch, Crossbill, Simple And Striped Wrens, Blue Climber, Capuchin, Water Blackbird, Kingfisher, Tawny Owl, Woodpecker, Thrush, Grey Shrike And Sote Bunting





## Photographic hide



## Accommodation

### Masia La Roya

La Roya is a secluded accommodation on a vast 50-hectare property, offering peace and tranquillity away from noise. It features a fully equipped kitchen, WiFi, and TV for guests' convenience. The farmhouse provides spacious double bedrooms and a bright living room with stunning mountain views.

As part of the Starlight Reserve, La Roya offers pristine skies, allowing guests to observe the night sky like nowhere else. Surrounded by nature, visitors can relax and admire the wildlife from their rooms. It's a perfect retreat for those seeking serenity amidst breathtaking natural beauty.



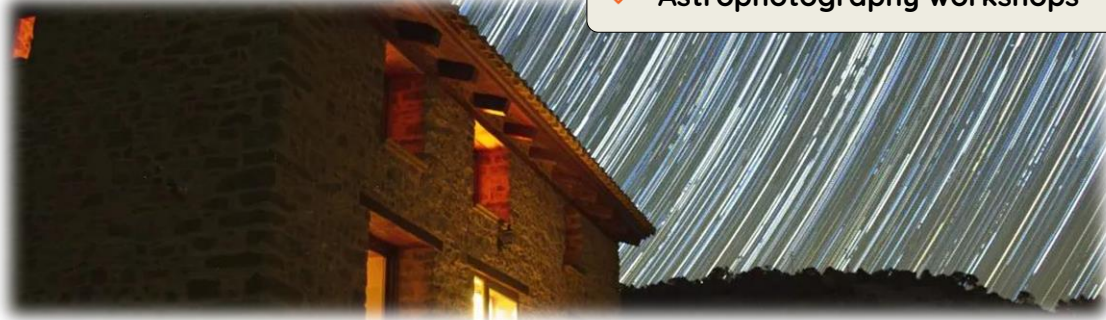


## Optional Activities

✓ Interpreted geological, botanical, and cultural trekkings



✓ Astrophotography workshops



✓ 4x4 wildlife observation excursions



✓ Mountain crossing with support vehicles







## How to book

### 1. Request your custom-made trip

Reach out to us and let us know what your desired type of holiday is. Please choose one of the following ways to do it:

- Click "[continue to booking form](#)" and complete your details online.
- Email us or use our contact form to let us know your details.
- On the phone: Call us on +44 784 336 68 46 if you call from the UK or +34 669 962 970 when calling from the EU

### 2. Secure your reservation

Once you are happy with our proposition and take a few minutes to understand and agree to our booking conditions, we will ask you to pay the correspondent deposit of 10% of the total amount of the booking to secure your reservation.

### 3. Full travelling information

Before we are all set up, a complete booking form will be sent to gather essential details about you and the people you travel with, so we can do our best to make everything run smoothly during your trip. (Such as dietary requirements, any medical conditions or your actual travel insurance cover).

### 4. Booking confirmation

No later than two working days, we will send the final confirmation of your holiday and provide you with all the relevant information about your trip as appropriate, as well as the outstanding amount to be paid before the correspondent cut-off date.

### 5. Balance payment

From this moment on, we require full payment six weeks before departure. If you make your booking within six weeks of the starting date, the total amount will be needed to proceed with the reservation.

## ENQUIRE

Should you need to extend your stay before or after the trip, please let us know.



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