

## Romania - October Birds

**All inclusive 6 day tour**

**Period : 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Group size: 6-12**

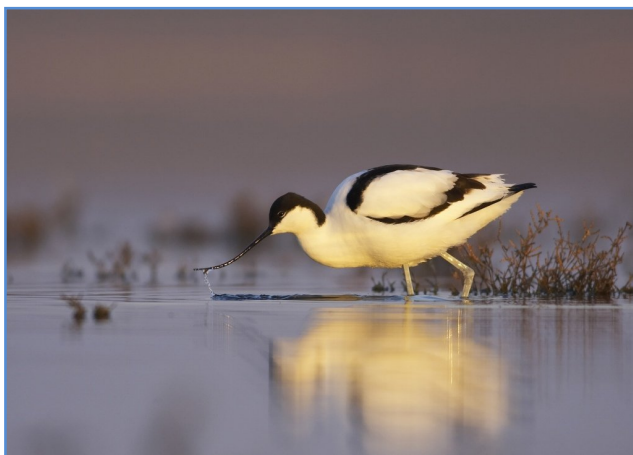
**Cost: from £ 635**

The October Birds tour matches the excitement of watching the grand finale of the thrilling autumn migration of tens of thousands of **storks & White Pelicans** to Africa, along the Romanian Black Sea Coast. **Rollers** crowding on the roadside wires, the movement of the **song birds, waders & terns** and of the **birds of prey** above the crop fields and forests are completing the



beauty of the sights in our eyes. Countryside is beautiful, villages are rustic and the old agricultural techniques favour birds. The unique boat excursion into the Danube Delta offers a fascinating insight into this Europe's paradise, capturing the very essence of its magnificent scenery in mid fall.

We start our tour at the seaside, exploring both the coast and the vast Black Sea lagoons with



their marginal pools for **Pallas's, Caspian, Mediterranean & Little Gulls, Avocet, Ferruginous Duck, Red-crested Pochard, Black-tailed Godwit** together with a good number and variety of wild fowl. The woodlands, meadows, arable fields, bushy hills, river valleys and lakes inland Dobrogea are crossed by a rich avifauna, including **Red-backed & Lesser Grey Shrikes, Red-breasted & Collared Flycatchers** and the late few

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Enjoy the best of Romania's birding & wildlife!

**Rollers**. In the forests of Babadag, **Sombre Tit**, **Black**, **Grey-headed & Middle Spotted Woodpeckers**, **Long-legged Buzzard** and **Goshawk** are some of the most likely species to be encountered. The exploration goes on with a terrific boat excursion into the Danube Delta at the time when the pelicans are flying with their juveniles being ready for the long African trip. From the deck of our boat we'll enjoy spectacular flights of **White Pelicans**, to which we add memorable views of the globally threaten **Dalmatian Pelican** and of the majestic **White-tailed Eagle**. The wild willowed channels and the vastness of the reed-beds in the touch of autumn offer wonderful grounds for the special views of **Pigmy Cormorant**, **Ferruginous Duck**, **Great White Egret** and **Penduline Tit**. We end this magnificent tour with a delightful festive dinner, where we'll enjoy delicious local dishes along with a few bottles of fine traditional Romanian wine. Why not join us to 'see & taste' for yourself!



#### **Outline itinerary**

**Day 1** Arrive Bucharest. Transfer to Constanța

**Day 2-3** Black Sea Coast & Lagoons

**Day 4** Babadag Forest & Murighiol saltish lake

**Day 5** Danube Delta excursion

**Day 6** Transfer to Bucharest. Departure

#### **Highlights**

The autumn bird migration along the Black Sea Coast.

The boat excursion into the Danube Delta.

#### **Ground Transportation**

Very comfortable air-conditioning small coach/minibus with large windows. Professional driver.

(Driving average : 150 km/day, easy walks, several stops per day)

#### **Water Transportation**

Catamaran/Medium-sized motor boat. Professional crew.

#### **Accommodation**

Very comfortable 4 star hotels (or their equivalent). Rooms with private facilities.

Constanta (2n)

Tulcea (3n)

#### **Food**

All meals included, mostly picnic lunches and 3-course dinners.

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Snack on arriving/departing day and between meals.

**Focus**

Birds (around 150 species) & other wildlife.

**Guide:** professional ornithologist with an exceptional local history background.

**Deposit: £ 100.**

**Single room supplement: £ 125**

**Tour cost is ground cost only and includes:** ground transportation, 3 and 4 star accommodation, all meals, boat excursion into the delta, entry permit into the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, services of professional English-speaking guides, tour materials (tour route map, Danube Delta map, bird & other wildlife checklist) and taxes.

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