

**LEGACY'S DESTINATIONS:**  
**HERITAGE-STYLE\* &**  
**FAR-AWAY BIRDING\*\***

**2023**



**SOUTH KOREA**

***FAR-AWAY BIRDING***

***'A Festival of Cranes, Waterfowl, & Winter Specialties'***

**JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

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**GEORGIA/ARMENIA**

***FAR-AWAY BIRDING***

***'Classic Spring Birding' – Caucasus Region Specialties***

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

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**PORTUGAL**

***HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING***

**Mainland (Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto, Douro Valley, & Atlantic islands of Madeira, and the Azores**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

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**HERITAGE-STYLE\***  
**& FAR-AWAY BIRDING\*\***

**2024**



**PUERTO RICO** & the  
endemic of the **NORTHERN LESSER ANTILLES** (Dominica,  
Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Barbuda)

***FAR-AWAY BIRDING***

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**CORISCA**

***HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING***

The islands of Corsica (where most birding will take place),  
and Sardinia where a little-visited island, with a colorful  
history, affords multiple opportunities for exploration.

**LATE APRIL/EARLY MAY, 2024**

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**SCOTLAND & IRELAND**

***HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING***

Two proud peoples with shared roots... the home of whiskey  
and golf -- rhythmic lands of ballad and dance, often cold,  
sometimes wet, always green! It is the people and their  
stories that draw us to look for birds on their home turf.

**MID-TO-LATE SEPT, 2024**

**HERITAGE-STYLE\***  
**& FAR-AWAY BIRDING\*\***

**2024**



**MEXICO - Yucatan Peninsula**

***FAR-AWAY BIRDING***

***'Birding from Reef to Ruins' -- The most relaxed birding in all of Mexico...***

**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

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**2025**



**MEXICO'S MONARCH BUTTERFLIES**

**The Butterflies Sanctuaries of Morelos, Guadalajara, Tequila (birthplace of the drink), & Guanajuato – a relaxed encounter with some of Mexico's oldest colonial cities**

**MID-TO-LATE JANUARY, 2025**

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**\*WHY A HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING TOUR?** Legacy offers this style of tour in only a few select countries. Our criteria for picking destinations is based on elements we believe are necessary for success: (1) an interesting selection of birds (sometimes just one species), but not so many that the Heritage-Style becomes 'swamped'

by a sense of duty toward finding all of the possible 'lifers'; (2) though birding remains a central focus of a Heritage-Style tour, the daily program often incorporates a variety of appealing historical and cultural interactions; (3) there are fewer scheduled 'moves' from one location to another, with more interesting lodging along the route, contributing to the relaxed pace of the tour; (4) most meals are enjoyed 'at table', with very few picnic lunches or cold (birder's) breakfasts; and (5) this style of program nearly always has two guides (both Susan & Michael), with a typical group size limited to six participants. We look for countries that have an interesting story to tell the visitor, the infrastructure to welcome 'upscale' travelers, and just enough protected woodland and lovely birds to invite discovery. As result of our adherence to these elements, we have found that the friend, partner, or spouse of a birder (who can let go of 'seeing-them-all') identifies the HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING TOUR as a delight.

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**\*\*WHY A FAR-AWAY BIRDING TOUR?** Legacy offers this style in a few 'select' countries however *this program is primarily a birding tour*. Legacy almost always uses skilled local guides as in-country organizers, language specialists, and birding guides. The reason we offer only 'select' countries is that target bird lists larger than between 150 – 275 species cannot be managed in a manner that doesn't tilt the scale toward 'obsessive' and 'desperate'. Though those words can imply judgement, non is intended, rather if everyone is on the same page than the tour can be managed successfully, and be remembered by all tour participants as richly enjoyable. Everyone on a FAR-AWAY BIRDING TOUR will enjoy birding each day of the tour, travel at a pace designed by Legacy Tours and executed by the local guide to see a great number of birds with a focus on all of the 'better' species (endemics having highest priority), and return home without feeling a need to go back for the other 500+ species that could not also be targeted during the 15-days in country.

The clearest example of a FAR-AWAY TOUR verses Legacy's OPEN-BIRDING TOURS in Mexico is the '*Yucatan Tour*' that affords the infrastructure and cultural elements that support a successful Far-Away Birding Tour that sees nearly all of the 225+ species to be found on the peninsula. Open-Birding Tours in Mexico follow intense routes that run 18-hour days, and target as many as 500 species of birds. Oranges and apples are both fruits, yet are different types...