2023

JANUARY 15TH – 26TH, 2023

KOREA'S [Birding Tourl SOUTH WINTER **SPECIALTIES** 'Oh. it's cold out there...' Red-crowned, White-naped, and Hooded cranes, Oriental Stork, Scaly-sided Merganser, Baikal Teal, Swan Goose, Relict and Saunder's gulls, Steller's Sea Eagle, Hazel Grouse, Solitary Snipe, Daurian Jackdaw, Siberian Accentor, Chinese

Grosbeak, and Pallas's Rosefinch. Far-Away Birding Tour [Style - C]

MARCH 20TH – APRIL 2ND, 2023



Highlands, Isthmus of Tehuantepec, & Sierra Los Tuxtlas, Vera Cruz' More than fifty of Mexico's endemics** occur in Oaxaca's 'Southern This route encompasses one the major stand-alone Highlands.' regions that every birder interested in seeing the key species of Mexico must visit. At least 15 of Mexico's endemic birds are found only here...

Open-Birding Tour [Style - C] Price: \$3,995/pp

APRIL 3RD – 16TH, 2023



[Birding Tour] 'Finest Birding Route in North America' - CENTRAL MEXICO - 450 SPECIES FOR THE ROUTE - 60 MEXICAN ENDEMICS**

Route includes: [1] West Mexican Pacific slope, [2] Sierra Madre del Sur de Guerrero, [3] Balsas River drainage, and [4] Transvolcanic Belt in less than 300-miles of travel. Every day of this trip has specific targets that are rare and local... this is a 'BIRDERS ROUTE'.

Open-Birding Tour [Style - C] Price: \$3,995/pp

APRIL 26TH - MAY 10TH, 2023

[Birding Tour] GEORGIA & ARMENIA



Classic Spring Birding to look for Caucasian Snowcock, Caucasian Black Grouse, Bearded Vulture, Wallcreeper, Guldenstadt's Redstart, Mountain Chiffchaff, Raddes' Accentor, Menetries', Upcher's, and Green warblers, Fire-fronted Serin, White-winged Snowfinch, Great Rosefinch, and Pied and Finsch's wheatears.

Far-Away Birding Tour [Style - B]

Price: \$4,695/pp

JUNE 3rd – 18TH, 2023 [Cancelled – security issues in Mexico]

[Birding Tour] NORTHERN MEXICO'S SUMMER ENDEMICS



Breeding endemics** of Northern Mexico's Sierra Madre Occidental (Chihuahua/Sonora), Saltillo Grasslands (Coahuila), Tamaulipan coastal plain, and Sierra Madre Oriental (Nuevo Leon/San Luis Potosi), for Thicket Tinamou, Thick-billed and Maroon-fronted parrots, Yellow-headed and Red-crowned amazons, Eared Quetzal, Tamaulipas and Mountain pygmy-owls, Tawny-collared Nightjar, Colima Warbler, Altamira Yellowthroat, Crimson-collared Grosbeak, and Worthen's Sparrow. Route includes a morning in the Sea of Cortez for Craveri's Murrelet - 'BIRDERS ROUTE'.

Open-Birding Tour [Style - C]



SEPTEMBER 10TH – 24TH, 2023 SEPTEMBER 28TH – OCTOBER 11TH, 2023

[Heritage-Style Tour] PORTUGAL – Mainland & Isles

Easygoing travel between Lisbon, Coimbra, Porto, and the Douro Valley for both the birds and the rich flavors of mainland Portugal sandwiched between visits to the unique islands of the Azores (Azores Bullfinch) and Madeira (Trocaz Pigeon and others).

Heritage-Style Birding Tour [Style – A]

2024

JANUARY 11TH – 23RD, 2024 [Cancelled – security issues in Mexico]

[Birding Tour]; BAJA SUR & NW MEXICO



Price: \$4,495/pp

Price: \$6,995/pp

'Mexico's most magical and enchanting region' - More than 30 endemic** birds occur in NW Mexico. This 'stand-alone' destination is essential for birders who target the full basket of Mexican endemics. The route visits both Southern Baja California Sur and the Mexican States of Jalisco, Nayarit, and Sinaloa. Open-Birding Tour [Style – B]

 $FEBRUARY 10^{TH} - 20^{TH}, 2024$

LESSER ANTILLES



FEBRUARY 20TH – 27TH, 2024



[Birding Tour]; PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico possesses 17 endemics; while an additional 19 Caribbean endemics occur on five neighboring Lesser Antillean islands. This trip

involves some island-hopping but the birding is exciting with Imperial, Puerto Rican, and Red-necked amazons, an endemic lizard-cuckoo, tody, nightjar, and screech-owl on Puerto Rico, and Guadeloupe Woodpecker, Barbuda Warbler, and Montserrat and Martinique orioles on the nearby islands.

Lesser Antilles - Price: \$6,995/pp Far-Away Birding Tour [Style - C] Puerto Rico - Price: \$3,195/pp Far-Away Birding Tour [Style - B]

MAR 27th - APR 11th, 2024 [Cancelled – security issues in Mexico]

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CORSICA FINCH – Endemic to Corsica & Sardinia

APRIL 18TH – 30TH, 2024 MAY 4TH – 16TH, 2024

CORSICA & SARDINIA



[Heritage-Style Tour] Unique Mediterranean Island Destinations

Using Paris as a linchpin we look for endemic birds in mountainous Corsica (France) and Sardinia (Italy) while basking in the history, culture, and wildlife of both of these unique Mediterranean Isles.

Heritage-Style Birding Tour [Style – A]

Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure

JUNE 6th – 27th, 2024 [Cancelled – security issues in Mexico]

[Birding Tour] NORTHERN MEXICO'S SUMMER ENDEMICS



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MID TO LATE SEPTEMBER 2024

[Heritage-Style Tour] SCOTLAND & SOUTHWEST ENGLAND



[EXTENSION TOUR TO IRELAND]

Three proud peoples with shared roots... birthplace of whiskey and golf - rhythmic lands of storied ballads and enthralling dance; often cold, sometimes wet, and always the greenest of greens! It is a lovely people and their stories that invite us to look for birds on their home turf.

Heritage-Style Birding Tour [Style - A]

Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure

NOVEMBER 9th - 23rd, 2024

[Birding Tour] CHIAPAS, MEXICO - Lowland Rainforest



[Early October 2024]

World-class birding within vast tracks of intact rainforest for tough species often missed further south in Central America; Slaty-breasted Tinamou, Great Curassow, Spotted Wood-Quail, Agami Heron, Ruddy Crake, Central American Pygmy-Owl, Mexican Antthrush, Scalvthroated Leaftosser, Ruddy Woodcreeper, Rufous-breasted Spinetail. Northern Schiffornis, Speckled Mourner, Lovely Cotinga, Blackthroated Shrike-Tanager, and Northern Nightingale-Wren.

Open-Birding Tour [Style – B]

Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure.



Who doesn't loves the Yucatan Peninsula – birders and vacationers alike...

DECEMBER 4th - 14th, 2024*

[Heritage-Style Birding Tour] YUCATAN, MEXICO



This is an excellent tour in which to INVITE A FRIEND...

Quality birding, sunny days, regional cuisine, Mayan archeological sites, and Cozumel Island for key birds that include Ocellated Turkey, Black-throated Bobwhite, Rufous-necked and Russet-naped woodrails, Yucatan Poorwill, Yucatan Nightjar, Mexican Sheartail, Cozumel Emerald, Gray-collared Becard, Cozumel and Yucatan vireos, Graythroated Chat, Rose-throated Tanager, and Orange Oriole.

Heritage-Style Birding Tour [Style - A]

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Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure.

2025

JANUARY 5th -15th, 2025

[Heritage-Style Birding Tour] MONARCHS OF MEXICO
M&M's TOUR targets the wintering Monarchs of Morelos, Mexico

Almost playful... Guadalajara, and the 'Tequila Train' to the birthplace of one of Mexico's 'Vitamin T's' (Tequila, Tacos, Tamales, Tostados, & Tortillas). Guanajuato, Morelia, and of Monarch Butterflies by the tens of thousands in their pristine wintering forests.

Heritage-Style Birding Tour [Style - A]

Price/Itinerary available 12-months before departure



MARCH 13th - 27th, 2025 *

[Birding Tour] OAXACA — Mexico's Southern Highlands 'The Endemic Birds of Mexico's Southern Highlands, Isthmus of Tehuantepec, & the Sierra Los Tuxtlas, Vera Cruz'

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Style and Structure of Tour Planning: 2023 - 2025

- [1] **BIRDING TOURS [B & C]** Participation is *open* on a first-come-first-serve basis. Tours in this style repeat a daily pattern of searching-out target species, and are best characterized as a *'birding as the primary-focus'* experience. The difference between **[B]** and **[C]** is that B-type programs are less intense, and offered by Legacy Tours in countries where the pace can be managed more easily, while C-type programs are primarily in Mexico, and focus on how many species can be seen in the time period we have allowable -- focused birding for key species!
- [2] **FAR-AWAY BIRDING TOURS [A & B]** are conducted in countries with a 'manageable' bird-list Georgia/Armenia, various islands of the Caribbean, Spain, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. <u>Birding is the primary focus of these tours</u>, though some daily programs, without the loss of key targets or limited range species, may include either historical or cultural interactions.
- [3] **HERITAGE-STYLE BIRDING TOURS [A]** are conducted in those countries where there are just enough birds of interest (island endemics, limited range species, etc.) while the nation itself has a unique and inviting personality. We consider Portugal (and its two Atlantic Islands), the Mediterranean islands of Corsica & Sardinia (two endemics), Scotland & Ireland, and the wintering crush of Monarch Butteries in Mexico as examples of Heritage-Style destinations. *Though a valuable aspect of these tours, birding shares the spotlight within daily programs that also incorporate activities of a cultural and/or historical nature.*



Female LESSER NIGHTHAWK on a barren ground nest in the Sonora Desert