

# WILDLIFE TRAVEL



more than just a wildlife holiday: discover a new world

## Welcome to 2016

Another year has gone by, and once again we are delighted to present our forthcoming holiday programme. 2016 promises some exciting new itineraries for Wildlife Travel, including our first visits to the icebergs and glaciers of Spitsbergen and the rainforests of Uganda, where we will have our 'Attenborough moment' and spend time with the mountain gorillas. We will also be venturing into the Pontic Alps in northern Turkey, where flower-covered hillsides await. In the spring we will return to Mallorca, after several years away, and we close the year with another long-awaited return, to the southern tip of Chile.

When comparing costs with other holiday companies, please consider what is included in the price and the standard of service offered (ours compare well!) and remember that **our profits are donated to support nature conservation.**

If you have any questions about our trips or would like to book a place, please get in touch, or check our website for the most up to date information. As always, we look forward to your company on our holidays and, wherever your journeys take you over the next year, we wish you safe and successful travels!

### TASMANIA: wilderness wildlife and marsupials

**9th to 24th January 2016. Leaders: Mark Hanger and Philip Precey**

Iconic Australian wildlife amidst the spectacular scenery of this wilderness island. We will look for platypus, Tasmanian devil and other marsupials, alpine plants and endemic birds.

**£4295 per person, full board, single room supplement £500 (plus flights)**

### COSTA RICA: tropical natural history and easy birding

**2nd to 17th February 2016. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni and Adolfo Downs Valle**

From the Pacific to the Caribbean, this holiday is a perfect introduction to tropical natural history, exploring Costa Rica's exciting landscapes and wildlife, especially its rich birdlife.

**£4195 per person, full board, single room supplement £265**

### MOROCCO: wild flowers and natural history

**5th to 12th March 2016. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni and Philip Precey**

A relaxing introduction to the spring flowers and wildlife of southern Morocco, from the lower slopes of the High Atlas mountains, to the Atlantic coast, based in a wonderful rural hotel outside Agadir. As well as the wildlife of the area, we will visit the souks of Tarroudant.

**£1425 per person, full board, single room supplement £145**

### BOTSWANA: Victoria Falls, Chobe and the Okavango Delta

**11th to 22nd March 2016. Leaders: Mike Russell with local guides**

A luxurious safari exploration of the pristine wilderness habitats of northern Botswana, to enjoy some of the most spectacular wildlife to be found anywhere in Africa, or beyond. From Victoria Falls and white rhinos in Zambia to the wild dogs of the Okavango Delta.

**£5965 per person, full board, single room supplement £450**

### CYPRUS: orchids and ancient sites

**14th to 22nd March 2016. Leaders: Yiannis Christofides and Charlie Moores**

A perennial favourite, this will be our 32nd visit to the lovely Cypriot countryside. Gentle walks, some direct from our hotel overlooking the coast, focussing on the abundant orchids and other spring flowers of this friendly island, as well as a taste of the island's long history.

**£1445 per person, full board, single room supplement £105**

### GALAPAGOS: cruising in Darwin's footsteps

**6th to 19th April 2016. Leaders: Philip Precey and Fausto Rodriguez**

Includes a week-long cruise on a 16-berth motor yacht, taking in Genovesa with its tree-nesting red-footed boobies and Espanola, home to the beautiful waved albatross, as well as Santiago and Floreana, plus two hotel nights on Santa Cruz and time on the Ecuadorean mainland to explore the dry forest and wetlands.

**£5795 per person, full board, single room supplement £100 (single rooms only available in hotels)**



Blandfordia panicea, Tasmania



Scarlet Macaw, Costa Rica



Tarroudant, Morocco



Leopard, Botswana



Ophrys kotschyi, Cyprus



Waved Albatross, Galapagos





## WESTERN CRETE: spring flowers and natural history

14th to 21st April 2016. Leaders: Yiannis Christofides & second leader tbc

Over the past 27 years we have visited Crete an amazing 33 times and this year we are very happy to be returning for a relaxing week of orchids, spring flowers and gentle wanderings to visit a range of botanical and historical sites, based in Plakias.

**£1395 per person, full board, single room supplement £75**



Cretan Festoon, Crete

## MALLORCA: natural history and spring flowers

20th to 27th April 2016. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni & Pere Tomas

From our base in a peaceful bay on the north coast, we will explore the spectacular limestone mountains of the Serra de Tramuntana, visit internationally important wetlands and take a boat trip to the island of Cabrera, finding a range of birds and other wildlife, from black vulture and Balearic warbler to butterflies, dragonflies and endemic plants.

**£1445 per person, full board, single room supplement £105**



Formentor Peninsula, Mallorca

## LESVOS: spring on an Aegean island

23rd to 30th April 2016. Leaders: Yiannis Christofides & Laurie Jackson

From the charming fishing harbour of Molyvos, we will explore the olive groves, woodlands and wetlands of this unspoilt island, the perfect introduction to the flowers, butterflies, birds and other wildlife of the eastern Mediterranean as well as the island's specialities.

**£1445 per person, half board, single room supplement £95**



Anemone pavonina, Lesvos

## TURKEY: spring natural history on the Lycian Coast

23rd to 30th April 2016. Leaders: Philip Precey with local guides

A relaxing week in the south west of Turkey, enjoying the migrating bird life, spring flowers and interesting local history of this beautiful coast, famous for its rich historical culture.

**£1475 per person, half board, single room supplement £90**



Kaş, Turkey

## ESTONIA: easy birding and mammals of the Baltic spring

8th to 15th May 2016. Leaders: Mike Symes with local guides

A spring visit to the forests, bogs and islands of Estonia, whilst spring is in full swing. As well as migrating ducks, lekking grouse and drumming woodpeckers we will also look for elk, beaver and ringed seals and pay a nocturnal visit to the display grounds of great snipe.

**£1515 per person, full board, single room supplement £95**



Black Grouse, Estonia

## ISLES OF SCILLY: spring flowers and natural history

11th to 16th May 2016. Leaders: Rosemary Parslow & Charlie Moores

A return to Scilly, in the company of local expert Rosemary Parslow to enjoy the best of the spring flowers and natural history highlights. Visiting several of the islands, with the option of extending your stay, there can be no better introduction to the wildlife of the islands.

**£895 per person (£999 1 week), B&B, no single room supplement**

## THE DANUBE DELTA: cruise in Europe's wetland wilderness

15th to 23rd May 2016. Leader: Philip Precey with local guides

A magical journey along the waterways of this unique area, travelling in our houseboat with wonderful views of the spectacular birdlife, visiting remote fishing villages, quiet backwaters and lily-covered lakes. Excellent local food, en suite cabins.

**£1895 per person, full board, single room supplement £285**



Meleager's Blue, Slovakia

## THE BURREN: wild flowers and ancient sites

26th to 31st May 2016. Leader: Charlie Rugeroni

We return to the dramatic scenery and fascinating history of this corner of western Ireland, with plenty of wonderful wild flowers, ancient monuments, superb coast and friendly local hospitality, with the option of extending your stay to explore the nearby Aran Islands.

**£785 per person, half board, single room supplement £60 (£999 1 week, SRS £85)**

## SLOVAKIA: summer flowers, butterflies and natural history

27th May to 3rd June 2016. Leaders: Martin Hrouzek & Philip Precey

A week spent in this little-visited corner of central Europe, focusing on the great diversity of butterflies, botany and birds found from the puzta plains to the Tartar mountains.

**£1545 per person, full board, single room supplement £95**



Tulipa sylvestris, Vercors

## VERCORS: wild flowers of the pre-Alps (by Eurostar/TGV)

10th to 17th June 2016. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni & Laurie Jackson

With its combination of landscape, marvellous diversity of wild flowers and remarkably unspoilt character, the southern Vercors is a wonderful setting for our week in France.

**£1575 per person, full board, single room supplement £85. by Eurostar and TGV**



## **MULL: eagles, otters and natural history**

**14th to 20th June 2016. Leaders: Charlie Moores and David Greenhalgh**

The spectacular coastal scenery and superb wildlife of the west coast of Scotland. As well as the wildlife and history of Mull itself, we will also explore Iona, Ulva, Staffa and Lunga.

**£1195 per person, half board, single room supplement £90**

## **UGANDA: mountain gorillas, chimpanzees and shoebill**

**16th to 29th June 2016. Leaders: Philip Precey with local guides**

Gorillas and chimpanzees in misty rainforests, prehistoric shoebills feeding along quiet swamp waterways, roaring waterfalls and tree-climbing lions. This is a very different Africa to the plains of the Serengeti or the veldt of South Africa.

**£5695 per person, full board, single room supplement £650**

## **BULGARIA: mountain wildlife, butterflies and wild flowers**

**20th to 27th June 2016. Leaders: Laurie Jackson with local guides**

Exploring the mountains of the western Rhodopes, Rila and Pirin in south-western Bulgaria, home to endemic plants, abundant butterflies and peaceful monasteries.

**£1415 per person, full board, single room supplement £80**

## **THE PONTIC ALPS, TURKEY: summer flowers and wildlife**

**4th to 12th July 2016. Leaders: Yiannis Christofides & Philip Precey with local guide**

Exploring the mountains inland of Trabzon, on the Black Sea coast, we will be guided by an expert local botanist to some of the gems of this wild flower-rich region.

**£1895 per person, full board, single room supplement £85**

## **SPITSBERGEN: polar bears and wildlife of the high arctic**

**16th to 27th July 2016. Leaders: Philip Precey with cruise guides**

An awe-inspiring ten day arctic cruise aboard the MV Ortelius. We will explore the Spitsbergen archipelago (also known as Svalbard), home to millions of nesting seabirds, delicate saxifrages, whales and walrus, and of course the king of the Arctic, polar bear.

**£4995 per person, full board, single room supplement £30 (hotels only)**

## **ISLES OF SCILLY: autumn natural history and migration**

**5th to 10th September 2016. Leaders: Rosemary Parslow and second leader tbc**

September in Scilly is a colourful time: purple heather, bright yellow golden rod and gorse. Autumn specialities include autumn ladies tresses and least adders-tongue at its only UK location. Migration will be in full swing, and who knows what waifs and strays may turn up.

**£895 per person (£999 1 week), B&B, no single room supplement**

## **ROMANIA: autumn wildlife of the Danube Delta**

**10th to 18th September 2016. Leaders: Charlie Rugeroni with local guides**

A change from our usual Romanian trip, this autumn we will spend a week based at a remote lodge in the north of the Delta, taking excursions out into the waterways, woodlands and steppe areas of Europe's last great wilderness wetland.

**Price to be confirmed**

## **THE ALGARVE: easy birding and autumn migration**

**22nd to 29th September 2016. Leaders: Mike Symes with local guides**

A week of easy birding in southern Portugal, a perfect introduction for beginners. We spend time at the coastal wetlands and salt pans of the Algarve, visit the Alentejo Plains to look for great bustards, and end our trip at the Cabo Sao Vicente, the south-western-most point of mainland Europe, where migrating birds gather before heading south.

**Price to be confirmed**

## **CYPRUS: autumn bulbs and natural history**

**November 2016. Leader: Yiannis Christofides**

Exploring the quiet Cypriot countryside in search of autumn bulbs and other endemic plants, whilst enjoying the warm autumn sunshine, based in our friendly hotel by the sea.

**£1250 per person, full board, no single room supplement**

## **CHILE: pumas and penguins in Patagonia**

**29th Nov to 12th Dec 2016. Leaders: Claudio Vidal and Philip Precey**

We will explore the amazing landscapes of Torres del Paine in search of pumas, travel to Tierra del Fuego to visit a king penguin colony and cruise the Straits of Magellan with an optional whale-watching extension to Carlos Island.

**£5550 per person, full board, single room supplement £450**



Mountain Gorilla, Uganda



Aquilegia aurea, Bulgaria



Pontic Alps, Turkey



Penninis Head, Isles of Scilly



Puma, Chile





# Booking

**TABLE KEY:** ● mainly wild flowers  
● mixed natural history  
● easy birding/wildlife  
\* possible flight-free

Please ask us for the full details for any trip. These include the complete itinerary, together with details of flights (or ferries and trains), accommodation, transport and leaders, as well as confirming what is included in the price. Payment and cancellation details are also given. Wildlife Travel holidays are operated by Sunvil Holidays (CAA-ATOL Licence 808, ABTA V6218, AITO), protecting your booking.

## 2016 calendar

9-24 January	●	<b>Tasmania</b> - wilderness wildlife and marsupials
2-17 February	●	<b>Costa Rica</b> - easy birding and natural history
5-12 March	●	<b>Morocco</b> - natural history, mountains and coast
11-22 March	●	<b>Botswana</b> - Victoria Falls, Chobe and Okavango Delta
14-22 March	●	<b>Cyprus</b> - orchids, natural history and ancient sites
6-19 April	●	<b>Galapagos</b> - cruising in Darwin's footsteps
14-21 April	●	<b>Western Crete</b> - spring flowers and natural history
20-27 April	●	<b>Mallorca</b> - natural history and spring flowers
23-30 April	●	<b>Lesvos</b> - spring on an Aegean island
23-30 April	●	<b>Turkey</b> - spring natural history on the Lycian coast
8-15 May	●	<b>Estonia</b> - easy birding and mammals of the Baltic spring
11-16 May *	●	<b>The Isles of Scilly</b> - spring flowers and natural history
15-23 May	●	<b>Romania</b> - Danube Delta cruise
26-31 May *	●	<b>The Burren, Ireland</b> - wild flowers and ancient sites
27 May-3 June	●	<b>Slovakia</b> - summer flowers, butterflies & natural history
10-17 June *	●	<b>The Vercors</b> - wild flowers of the pre-Alps by train
14-20 June *	●	<b>Mull</b> - eagles, otters and natural history
16-29 June	●	<b>Uganda</b> - mountain gorillas, chimpanzees and shoebill
20-27 June	●	<b>Bulgaria</b> - mountain wildlife, butterflies and wild flowers
4-12 July	●	<b>The Pontic Alps, Turkey</b> - summer flowers and wildlife
16-27 July	●	<b>Spitsbergen</b> - polar bears and wildlife of the high Arctic
5-10 Sept *	●	<b>The Isles of Scilly</b> - autumn flowers and natural history
10-18 Sept	●	<b>Romania</b> - autumn wildlife of the Danube Delta
22-29 Sept	●	<b>The Algarve</b> - autumn migration and easy birding
November	●	<b>Cyprus</b> - autumn bulbs and natural history
29 Nov-12 Dec	●	<b>Chile</b> - pumas and penguins in Patagonia

### FURTHER AHEAD

January 2017	●	<b>Ecuador</b> - wildlife from the Andes to the Amazon
June 2017	●	<b>Tanzania</b> - Serengeti 'Great Migration' safari
August 2017	●	<b>The Cape, South Africa</b> - wild flowers and natural history
Sept 2017	●	<b>Western Australia</b> - wild flowers and endemic wildlife
January 2018	●	<b>New Zealand</b> - natural history from north to south



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