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Birds Of Belarus
The Ultimate Eastern Specialities

Sporovo stronghold of Aquatic Warbler



*Great Spipe
shows its unforgettable display*

BELOVEZHSKAYA PUSHCHA

Famous NP adjoining its smaller counterpart, the World famous Bialowieza NP in Poland. This immense forest range lies on the watershed of the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea. It has evergreens, broad-leaved trees and is also home to some remarkable animal life, including rare mammals such as wolf, lynx, otter, as well as some 300 European Bison, a species which has been reinstated into the park.

SPOROVO RESERVE

is a large expanse of wet Carex grassland and one of the few breeding grounds of the Aquatic Warbler, protecting a healthy part of the World population.

PRIPYATSKY NP

a paradise for sought-after waders offering a unique variety of primarily Eastern species. It is situated in the very centre of the Belarusian Polesie, consisting of a vast plain, river Pripyat, its terraces and around 30 riverside lakes.



Belarus has recently become one of the prime birding destinations in Europe. This country neighbouring to Poland in the west is second to none. The variety of birds includes several highlight species very rarely seen in other parts of Europe. But not only that. Imagine roads taking you through ancient forests, hundreds of meandering rivers, the biggest marshes and fens of the continent, while you hardly meet any traffic or even people. Truly an unbeatable paradise remaining intact and wild, no wonder Belarus conserves huge population of Bison, Lynx and Wolf. We have searched good quality hotels situated close to the best birding sites. Tasty local cuisine and witnessing true rural life in small ancient villages are part of our trip. You can experience the taste of an era that is already left behind in most of Europe and in the same time see the birds that are very scarce to the west of Belarus like Azure Tit, Great Snipe, Terek Sandpiper or Aquatic Warbler.



Beaver common inhabitant of wetlands



*Terek Sandpiper
in its westernmost outpost*



Wisent the world's largest herds roam around Belovezhskaya pushcha



Little Terns
highly gregarious acrobats



FACT FILE

Belarus

9 days | 3 hotels

dates: late April to early June

ground price: see the web site or ask
single supplement: see the web site or ask

guide: Csaba Lendvai, Gábor Orbán or Anna Sándor

airport: Minsk, Belarus

group size: 6-14

number of species: 140 - 170

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

D1 Arrival at Minsk, Belarus

D2-4 Pripyatsky NP

D5 Sporovo Reserve

D6 Transfer to Belovezhskaya Pushcha

D7-8 Belovezhskaya Pushcha NP

D9 Departure from Minsk

Note: the itinerary can be run reversed

Left: Great Grey Owl | Right: Azure Tit



Marsh Sandpiper
wader of the European East



White-winged Tern
common breeder in marshes



Thrush Nightingale
a superstar singer

Black-tailed Godwit
common breeding wader



HIGHLIGHTS

- scenic rural countryside, painted wooden houses
- Hazel Grouse and Capercaillie
- Red-necked Grebe and Ferruginous Duck
- Great Bittern
- Glossy Ibis and Black Stork
- Greater Spotted and Lesser Spotted Eagle
- Common Crane
- Corn and Spotted Crake, Great Snipe
- Terek and Marsh Sandpiper
- Great Grey, Ural, Tegmalm's and Pygmy Owl
- All Europe's woodpeckers
- Citrine Wagtail
- Nutcracker
- Thrush Nightingale
- Common Rosefinch
- Aquatic Warbler
- Red-breasted and Collared Flycatcher
- Azure and Crested Tit

GUIDES AND HOTELS

Csaba Lendvai
has been a keen birdwatcher since the age of fifteen. He works for BirdLife Hungary as a coordinator for waterbird monitoring and White Stork conservation, travelled widely and lead groups to Belarus before.

Anna Sándor
graduated in Wildlife Management. She spent seven months in Georgia working for a conservation NGO, also worked in Canada, Norway, Greece and USA. Anna is fluent in English and Russian.

Gábor Orbán
Eastern European & Latin American specialist

Hotel 1 at the river-bank on the edge of PripyatskyNP

Hotel 2 in a town close to Sporovo Reserve.

Hotel 3 very good hotel inside Belovezhskaya Pushcha NP, with excellent birds and mammals all around.



Three-toed Woodpecker
all ten woodpeckers can be seen on this tour

display flight of the Great Snipe



*Easy walking throughout
Belarus is largely flat*



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Right: Elk (Moose) and other large mammals are regularly observed on our Belarus tours

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*Belarus has large tracts of
Primeval forests*

