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### **Trip to Holland, with Birds & Nature**

Dates: 23rd – 27th February 2012

This trip to Holland to watch and photograph birds is organized by **Birds & Nature** in partnership with the travel agency Top Atlântico. The programme, lasting five days, includes visits to some of the most interesting areas in Holland for birding and it is scheduled for a particularly interesting time of the year: avoiding the peak of the winter, we shall be able still to observe the vast majority of wintering species in Holland that do not occur or are very rare in Portugal. The trip will be co-guided by one of the most experienced Dutch birders.

The itinerary includes visits to the zones of Eempolders het Gooi, Flevoland, Texel and Noord-Holland, presenting a great opportunity for anyone interested in observing species that do not occur or are very rare in southern Europe. This species list includes: Mute Swan, Whooper Swan, (Tundra) Bewick's Swan, White-fronted Goose, Lesser White-fronted Goose, Taiga Bean Goose, Tundra Bean Goose, Barnacle Goose, Dark-bellied Brent Goose, White-bellied Brent Goose, Greater Scaup, Eider, Velvet Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Goldeneye, Smew, Goosander, Grey Partridge, Red-throated Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Great Bittern, Great White Egret, White-tailed Eagle, Rough-legged Buzzard, Purple Sandpiper, Great Black-backed Gull, Caspian Gull, Common Gull, Black Woodpecker, Horned (Shore) Lark, Waxwing, Fieldfare, Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Bearded Reedling, Treecreeper, (Northern) Great Grey Shrike, Rook, Hooded Crow, Twite, Redpoll, Bullfinch, Hawfinch and Snow Bunting.

Some possible rarities include: Red-breasted Goose, Ross's Goose, Black Brant, Great Northern Diver, Black-throated Diver, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Two-barred Crossbill and Lapland Bunting.

Regarding mammals, we should have no difficulties in observing species like Grey Seal, Harbour Seal, Red Deer and Roe Deer.

### **Programme**

23rd February – Flight from Lisbon to Amsterdam (TAP, 07,50h). Arrival at 11,50h. Travel to Eempolders het Gooi. Birding in Eempolders het Gooi. Overnight at the Hotel Finn, in Almere.

24th February – Travel to Flevoland. Birding in Flevoland. Overnight at the Hotel Tatenhove, in Texel.

25th February – Birding in Texel. Overnight at the Hotel Tatenhove, in Texel.

26th February – Birding in Texel. Overnight at the Hotel Tatenhove, in Texel.

27th February – Travel to Noord-Holland. Birding in Noord-Holland. Travel to Amsterdam, for flight to Lisbon (TAP, 18,50h). Arrival at 20,45h.

### **Price**

980 euros per person (140 euros single room supplement).

Payment: 30% down payment, another 40% payable up to two months before departure and the remaining 30% up to two weeks before departure.

Price includes your **Birds & Nature** guide plus a specialized local guide, flights, transport at all times, accommodation throughout the trip and VAT.

Not included are airport taxes (value which should be around 130 euros), meals and any personal expenditure.

### **Hotels**

Hotel Finn – Hotel Site: <http://www.finnalmere.nl/>

Hotel Tatenhove – Hotel Site: <http://www.hoteltatenhove.nl/>

### **Note**

On trips organized by **Birds & Nature**, we try to provide you with excellent birding experiences along with unique opportunities to take that once-in-a-life time photograph.

Please note that the trip needs a minimum of 6 participants and will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants.

Contact us now for reservations or further details.



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