

## 360° EXTREMADURA TOUR

**With acclaimed writer and naturalist Mark Cocker and  
Martin Kelsey**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Extremadura is one of the last European landscapes that is both a working farmland environment and a magnificent place for wildlife.

Extremadura through 360 degrees is week-long exploration of this wonderful place with a group of 6-8 participants. The aim is to investigate all aspects of nature and to take our time. There will be no concern for tick lists. At the same time we will observe everything and are sure to encounter a substantial cross-section of all that Extremadura has to offer.

The pace will be relaxed. The aim is to enjoy the deepest emotional and imaginative engagement with the landscape. The approach has been developed over many years of careful thought and a major part of the week will be time for reflection, discussion and patient encounter. We will look at the commonplace and the rare. We will consider how Extremadura's diverse parts fit together as a whole. Above everything we will be steeped in the region's magnificent sense of natural abundance.

Our week comes after the region's torrid summer is passed but when autumn rain often brings a 'second spring': a fresh flush of green with new flower. At the same time, parts of the summer scene - butterflies, moths and dragonflies especially - will still be on the wing. Yet we will still be in time to catch a first glimpse of winter with the arrival of the first crane flocks.

### **Prices and arrangements**

£1375 (£175 discount for participants in shared room) includes all transfers to and from Madrid airport, all transportation, meals including packed lunches, and accommodation. Martin Kelsey and Mark Cocker will accompany all excursions. Additional costs only for drinks and snacks during the day and drinks with dinner. A £150 deposit is payable on booking.

Our programme is based on 9am – 5pm excursions. We provide a detailed breakdown of all daily plans closer to departure, along with reading lists and checklists of useful items and clothes. Our programme is flexible to take advantage of Martin's intimate understanding of his home area.

### **For further details**

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