

Romania

*Birding the Danube Delta
and Southern Carpathians*



Dalmatian and White Pelican



Saker Romania holds dozens of pairs

DANUBE DELTA AND BLACK SEA COAST

The Danube Delta comprises of an intricate network of waterways and lakes divided between the three main estuary channels of the Danube. The area of floating reed islands, forests, pastures and sand dunes covers 3,000 square miles and is home to a vast array of wildlife. The Danube Delta falls within east European steppe ecosystem, with Mediterranean influences. **Macin Mts.** are very old, low granite hills (500m) some 80 km west of the Danube Delta. A great passage and raptor site. Large lagoons and grazed salty steppes south in the proper Delta are extremely bird rich (like Razim-Sinoe lagoon with over 1.015 km²).

SOUTHERN CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

A notoriously known enigmatic region of the high Carpathians with splendid scenery and vast tracts of forests. Mountain birds are still often easy to find due to no disturbance. We might make a small detour to see the Dracula's Castle Bran.



Romania should be high on the list of destinations for every birdwatcher. The Danube Delta is for those who enjoy spectacular birdwatching: huge flocks of pelicans, waders, cormorants, reedbeds full of warblers, marshes full of ducks, herons and ibises. On the Black Sea coast of Dobrogea sought after raptors fly overhead and in the forests, hills and plains nearby you find Levant Sparrowhawk, Booted Eagle, Pied Wheatear, Rock Thrush and Sombre Tit. The extensive wetlands along the sea provide habitat for rare resident species and thousands of migrating birds as well, including pelicans, Ruddy Shelduck and Paddyfield Warbler. The Carpathian mountains provide a contrast and a good opportunity to discover exciting mountain species including Ural and Tengmalm's Owl, Wallcreeper, Alpine Swift, Ring Ouzel, and Nutcracker. There is also a chance to see Chamois and Brown Bear.



*Danube Delta
vast areas of reedbed islands and marshes*



*Floating boat
in the Danube Delta*

Red-necked Grebe



Imperial Eagle an iconic bird of the eastern plains



FACT FILE

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10 days | 3 hotels

best season: late April to early June, Sept.

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

guide: Gábor Orbán or Ecotours guide

airport: Bucharest, Romania

group size: 5 - 14

number of species: 160 - 200

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

D1 Arrival at Bucharest

D2 Black Sea coast (Histria and Vadu)

D3 Babadag, Tulcea, Enisala

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D7-9 Southern Carpathians, Bran Castle

D10 Departure from Bucharest



Ural Owls
are often easy to



Nutcracker is commonly seen in





European Wildcat
sometimes encountered by our groups
in the Southern Carpathians



Bee-eaters
the atmosphere of the sunny



HIGHLIGHTS

Impressive Danube Delta; Brown Bears
White and Dalmatian Pelican, Red-necked Grebe
Ruddy Shelduck, Ferruginous Duck
Black Stork and Glossy Ibis
Bittern and Little Bittern
Tengmalm's, Eagle and Ural Owl
Saker and Levant Sparrowhawk
White-tailed, Booted, Short-toed and Lesser
Spotted Eagle
Hazel Grouse and all Europe's woodpeckers
Wallcreeper
Little Crake and marsh terns
Alpine Swift, Bee-eater, Roller, Hoopoe
Rock Thrush, Isabelline and Pied Wheatear
Lesser Grey Shrike, Nutcracker and Ring Ouzel
Barred, Icterine and River Warbler
Collared and Red-breasted Flycatcher
Firecrest and Crested Tit

GUIDES AND HOTELS

Gábor Orbán
Owner of ECOTOURS Hungary, a long established wildlife tour operator to Europe and Latin America where he has second home in winter. Gábor will accompany you on bird tours to Hungary, Romania, Belarus and several other destinations. He also runs with his friend Andrea a traditional lodge in Kiskunság area south of Budapest, an increasingly popular base of our tours. Gábor has travelled widely all around the world, mainly Latin America & Africa.

Hotel at Mamaia
a good base to discover Black sea coast & Macin Hills
Hotel in the Danube Delta
either a floating hotel or a base at the shore of a Danube branch
Hotel at Zarnesti
rural setting in the hills, walking distance to birding habitats



Carpathian
forests in blossom



almost all Europe's
Egrets and herons

Rock Thrush

is found at Turda gorge



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Gorges of Transylvania

*great places to look
for Wallcreeper*