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## **Tour D1 - Birding in Kiskunsag (March-April)**

### **Itinerary**

*During this trip we will be birding in Kiskunsag a Pusta (steppe, grassland). Kiskunság is some 70 km South-East of Budapest and is the biggest habitat of Great Bustard which together with Saker is the main target birds for most birders. We will also visit fishponds where different gulls, shanks and waders can be seen or visit fields where geese and ducks can be observed*

Our tour will start at 07.30 at the hotel where we will pick you up (we will need hotel name and address). From airport we will drive to Kiskunság to visit the National Park. Kiskunság like Hortobágy is a big “Pusta” (steppe) with grasslands, saline lakes and in certain areas quicksand. The main attraction is to see the Great Bustard, which is also a symbolic bird of Hungary.

The Great Bustard is a resident bird in Hungary and one of its highest populations can be found in Kiskunság. Usually it can be seen in larger flocks (30-40 species) and it is an unforgettable experience when you see them in flying. If we are fortunate on the steppe we will also see different birds of prey like Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine or another symbolic bird of Hungary the Saker.

In the afternoon we will also go to a fishpond. Depending on water conditions at the fishponds we have chance to see Grey Heron, Great White Egret, Teal, Mallard, Pintail, Garganey, Shoveler, Red-crested Pochard, Pochard, Ruff, Redshank, Black-tailed Godwit, Curlew, Black-winged Stilt, Spotted Redshank, Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper. On the fishponds we can also see gulls, like Caspian Gull, Little Gull, Black-headed Gull. We will have a chance to see raptors like Marsh Harrier or if we are fortunate even White-tailed Eagle or Imperial Eagle.

In Kiskunság we can also see some birds, which are very typical for this area, like Pheasant, White Wagtail, White Stork, Corn Bunting, Reed Bunting, Stonechat, Sky Lark, Crested Lark, Tree Sparrow, Meadow Pipit, and Marsh Harrier. On certain fields, Greylag Geese can be seen as well.

We finish our birding at Kiskunság at around 4 pm, and take you back to the hotel by 5pm.



*Kiskunság*



*Great Bustard*



*Great White Egret*



*Stonechat*



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### **Disclaimer**

We cannot guarantee good birding weather and cannot guarantee that all the birds or any of the specific birds listed in our itinerary can be observed. We take no responsibility for any damages, lost or injuries during the trip, so please arrange proper insurance. Some programs may change due to unfavorable weather conditions or unforeseen reasons.

### **Weather**

The weather in April is quite unpredictable. Some times it's quite dry, sunny and warm (15-20 C or 59-68F). In other years it is rainy and cold (2-5C or 36-41F), so be prepared for rain as well. We recommend taking raincoats and waterproof shoes with you.