

Great Spring Birding 2013 (8 days/7 nights)

On this new, exciting and original tour we are based in two great areas: the Fruska Gora National Park and the Maljen Mountains. During the week we will look for many Balkan specialities such as raptors, owls, woodpeckers and passerines.

Day 1. Belgrade - Fruska gora (D) (approx. 90 km)

Arrive Belgrade Airport, meet with guides and head northwest by private bus to the Fruska Gora National Park. Overnight stay in mountain lodge on Fruska Gora.

Days 2 & 3. Fruska gora (2 x BD) (approx. 25 km)

We have two full days in and around Fruska Gora. In particular we will visit areas for raptors, woodpeckers and passerines. We will work the area on short drives and easy walks and take picnics in scenic spots. There will also be the option to visit an old wine-cellar. Overnight stay in mountain lodge on Fruska Gora.



Day 4. Fruska gora mountain – Zasavica – Divčibare (BD) (approx. 150 km)

Today we head southwards for our second base in the Maljen Mountains. On the way we will stop at Zasavica Nature Reserve and then continue to our second base for the week in the tranquil Maljen Mountains. Overnight stay in 3* mountain lodge on Divcibare.



Days 5-7. Divčibare surrounding (3 x BD) (approx. 25 km)

We have three full days to explore the upland meadows, pastures, traditional worked farmland and oak, beech and pine woodlands of these seldom birded mountains. We will almost certainly be the only birdwatchers here. We will certainly visit the scenic limestone cliffs of the Tresnjica Gorge: home to a colony of often photogenic Griffon Vultures. Other birds hereabouts include Golden and Short-toed Eagles, Peregrine, Rock Partridge, Eagle and Scops Owls, Nightjar, Woodlark, Red-rumped Swallow, Grey

Wagtail and Rock Thrush. Other birds are Hazel Grouse, Grey-headed, Middle Spotted and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, Sombre, Crested and Willow Tits, Nutcracker and Common Crossbill amongst others. There are also genuine Rock Doves and a chance of Wallcreeper in the limestone gorges we visit. Overnight stay in 3* mountain lodge on Divčibare.

Day 8. Divčibare – Belgrade (B) (approx. 120 km)

This morning we return to Belgrade and the airport (which is around 130 km and 2 hours way) to take our flights home.

Price per person in EUR in double room

Number of persons	10 pax	15 pax	20 pax
Price in EUR for HB	545/appr. 427 GBP	442/appr. 346 GBP	427/appr. 335 GBP
Price in EUR for BB	460/appr. 361 GBP	362/appr. 284 GBP	349/appr. 274 GBP

Supplement for single room: 50 eur per person/appr. 39 GBP

Price includes:

- Transfer with mini van during the program
- Accommodation in mountaing lodge on Fruska gora and Divčibare (6 HB, 1 bed and breakfast)
- 1 dinner in local restaurant
- Local guide during the tour

Price does not include:

- Flight to/from Belgrade
- Beverage at meals
- Other costs not included in the program

Return flight price – from 60 GBP + airport taxes