# Custom birdwatching tours in Croatia



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Nature is so diverse, so colorful, full of shapes and textures, teeming with life. And what better group of animals then birds to pull you in.

Abundant with natural areas and preserved wilderness, Croatia offers exceptional experience in the great outdoors.

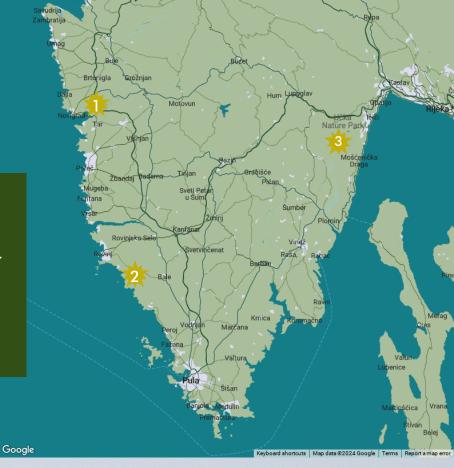
Let me show you some of the finest places to enjoy birds and nature.

#### how does it look like?

- choose location(s), date, tempo and duration: half- or full-day tour
- bring your friends and family groups are from 2 to 8 people
- if you don't have your own binoculars, don't worry, you'll get to use a pair
- what you need is your own transportation and a dose of curiosity
- prepare your senses for a game of nature's treasure hunt
- together we'll plan your adventure in detail

### Locations in Istria

Wheater you're a casual birdwatcher, enthusiastic birder or a twitcher, Istria has something for you.



#### 1 Mirna river mouth

Place where longest Istrian river merges into Adriatic sea offers variety of habitats including mudflats, marshland and mosaic fields. It's a home of European Roller, Zitting Cisticola, Red-rumped Swallow, and is a great resting spot for migrators like Red Kite, Dunlin and Glossy Ibis.

best time to visit: IX - V

#### 2 Palud ornithological reserve

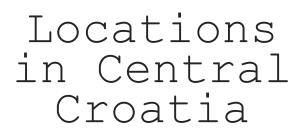
Small brackish swamp surrounded with dense forest is unique place in Istria with over 200 bird species recorded. It's a nesting place of Black-Winged Stilt, Water Rail and Golden Oriole. During migration it attracts many ducks, grebes and waders.

best time to visit: X - VI

#### 3 Učka mountain

Unique Mediterranean mountain characterized by diverse vegetation and different geographical features provides an interesting mix of continental and Mediterranean species of birds. On a variety of hiking trails you can encounter Golden Eagle, Gryffon Vulture, Rock Partridge, Ortolan Bunting, Black Woodpecker and Alpine Swift among others.

best time to visit: III - VI



Some of the most unique landscapes can be find near the capital, and the variety of birds will surprise you.

#### 1 Odra floodplain

Around Odra river lies floodplain landscape, composed of forests, grasslands and small water bodies, shaped by traditional agriculture. Forests are nesting site of White-tailed Eagle, Lesser Spotted Eagle and Black Stork, while on the grassland nest Corncrake, Montagu's Harrier and European Bee-eater. Waterbirds congregate here during flood seasons.

best time to visit: X - VI

#### 3 Lonjsko polje

This Nature park is one of the biggest and most preserved floodplains in Europe spanning over vast mosaic of antropogenic and natural habitats including forests, wet meadows and pastures, rivers and marshland. 250 bird species has been recorded in Lonjsko polje and it is known as a breeding site of Spoonbill and numerous heron species like Purple Heron, Squacco Heron and Cattle Egret.

best time to visit: IX - VI

#### 2 Žutica forest

Vast lowland forest is interspersed with backwaters, canals, oxbows and lakes but also oil wells, making it unique forest ecosystem.

Typical forest birds are Ural Owl, Collared Flycatcher and Common Kingfisher on the streams. On the adjacent pastures European Honey Buzzard and Yellow Wagtail can be spotted.

best time to visit: III - VI

## Pricing

number of persons	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
half-day price (per person)	250 €	200 €	175€	160 €	150€	140 €	130€
full-day price (per person)	380 €	330 €	290 €	260 €	230 €	210€	200€

#### Offer includes:

- an expert English-speaking birdwatching guide
- spotting scope (one per group)
- binoculars (if you don't have yours)
- walkietalkies for communication during rides
- entrance ticket for protected area (if applicable)
- good time in nature

#### Not included in price:

- meals or drinks
- transport
- guarantee of perfect weather
- guarantee of specific birds' presence

### Important to know

#### how to get ready:

- wear comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for long walks, layer up
- avoid brights colors and striking patterns in order not to scare of the birds
- bring plenty of water, snacks and other personal things needed for the set time
- bring sun protection like hat, sunscreen or other prefered method
- using insect repellent is advisable in warmer months

terms:

- book your tour at least 7 days in advance
- payment is due prior the tour, only bank tranfer is acceptable
- prices are listed above and you can choose between half-day or full-day price
- cancellation is possible until 2 days before the set date of the tour with refund of up to 80% of the price
- in case of cancellation from my side you will get a full refund
- in case of bad weather or other unpredictable circumstances it is possible to reschedule the tour
  - dogs are allowed only on leash and only if other participants agree

### Let's go!



#### be exemplary birdwatcher:

- be quite and observant of wildlife and other participants
- ask questions if something is unclear
- share the observations with others
- it's prohibited to lure birds with recordings or sound imitations
- don't chase after birds
- don't disturb birds in the nests or when feeding the offspring

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