

**Thur. 2 May to Sun 5 May 2024 – Arrocampo and Gredos Mountains, Spain £795pp**

4-day birds, butterflies and orchids natural history tour in central Spain.

Price includes return flights, 3 nights full board, local transport, local guide and photography hides.

**Day 1: 6am flight from Gatwick to Madrid > 2-hour transfer to Arrocampo Nature Reserve.**

- Picnic lunch followed by a leisurely walk between the 6 hides looking for reedbed and waterbirds.
- **Targets:** Purple Swamphen, Purple Heron, Squacco Heron, Little Bittern, White Stork & Glossy Ibis.
- We will also visit a breeding colony of Lesser Kestrel and look for the fabulous Black-winged Kite.
- 6pm 90-minute transfer to our accommodation in San Martín del Pimpollar > Dinner and overnight.

**Day 2: Full day in the field with local guide Juan Francisco Redondo Sanchez.**

- Morning spent with exclusive use of a private Golden Eagle photography hide > Picnic lunch.
- Afternoon spent on a leisurely, guided walk in Navarredonda de Gredos Pine Forest.
- **Targets:** Golden Eagle, Black Kite, Crossbill, Citril Finch, Green Woodpecker, butterflies and orchids.
- Dinner and overnight at our accommodation in San Martín del Pimpollar.

**Day 3: Full day in the field with local guide Juan Francisco Redondo Sanchez.**

- Morning looking for Iberian Ibex plus Bluethroat, Rock Thrush and Ortolan Bunting > Picnic lunch.
- Afternoon spent on a leisurely, guided walk in Hoyocasero Pine Forest for butterflies and orchids.
- Dinner and overnight at our accommodation in San Martín del Pimpollar.

**Day 4: Full day in the field with local guide Juan Francisco Redondo Sanchez > Flight home.**

- Morning spent with exclusive use of a private Common Buzzard photography hide > Picnic lunch.
- Afternoon in a local oak forest looking for Golden Oriole, Cirl Bunting and Rock Sparrow.
- 4pm 2.5 hour transfer back to the airport . Depart Madrid at 8.40pm > Arrive Gatwick at 10.05pm.

