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Wintering Geese and Cranes

Day 1 - On arrival at Albuquerque airport we will transfer to Socorro (approx two hours) for overnight accommodation, dinner and planning the next few days' photography.

Days 2 to 6 - The pattern for these five days will be broadly similar to ensure we maximise the potential of this justifiably famous location. We will be at Bosque del Apache reserve for dawn to photograph the Snow Geese taking off in their thousands - very spectacular and colourful with scope for a variety of photographic interpretations. A short trip to the overnight roost of the Sandhill Cranes provides a similar take-off opportunity. After a well-earned American breakfast, the day will consist of excursions around the reserve in search of Roadrunners, Coyote, Kestrel, Deer and individual geese and Cranes (and also a chance for a rest too) before returning to the prime geese and crane locations for dusk shots as the birds return. The evenings give the opportunity for some photo critiquing, slideshows and general rest and recuperation!

Days 7 With hopefully one last dawn photo session we'll return to Albuquerque for an overnight flight back to the UK arriving early on the following morning.

Recommended Kit: You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - a 300mm lens (with converters) should meet your needs (especially on a cropped sensor) but there are definite advantages of anything longer. A stable tripod is a must. There may be some interesting landscape and other environmental opportunities along the way so bring some alternative options in terms of lenses for this as well.

Additional information:

Please note that whilst dry, it is very cold in New Mexico at this time of the year - and we will be out early before the sun rises each morning - warm clothing and footwear will be essential. There will be coffee making facilities at our accommodation so bring a flask to take with you each morning.

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