



Cranes, Cranes and more Cranes

Day 1 - Arriving at Gothenberg Airport we will head straight to the Lake Hornborga area where we will be based for our Crane fest and hopefully the opportunity for a first glimpse of the amazing numbers of these tall elegant birds as they head off from their feeding pastures to their nightly roost: some colour in the sky will make the shots.

We'll then head to our nearby guest-house accommodation and a tasty home-cooked evening meal before finalising timings and plans for the next day.

Days 2 and 3 - We'll be up early to get positioned in our individual wooden hides strategically placed in the Cranes feeding pastures. Arriving before dawn (and the birds) we'll be in the hides for the full duration of their stay as we can't leave until they do at or around dusk. Whilst this does mean a 12 or so hour stint you will be right in the middle of the action of the day - feeding, flying and with some of the birds paired up then displaying and calling are all behaviours to anticipate. A late seasonal snow flurry or some early morning mist are all possibilities too that can really enhance the atmosphere.

Leaving the hide at dusk on the 2 days we'll be very grateful for our evening meal and the chance to review the days images.

Day 4 - We'll look to photograph the dramatic skies full of Cranes arriving at dawn from outside the hides this morning before heading to Gothenberg and our return flights.

Recommended Kit: You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - a 500mm lens is ideal for this break, but a 300mm with convertor should meet your needs too as many of the birds will be very close. 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. If you would like to talk through our camera and lens hire options for this trip then please just ask.

Additional information:

The days in the hides are long and potentially very cold as there is no heating so plenty of layers of clothing (thermals are a good idea) will be the order of the day as will bringing a thermos to ensure you have a flask of hot drink for the day too.

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