



Magyar Autumn Magic

Day 1 On arrival at Budapest airport we will transfer to our pension style apartment in Balmazujvaros near to the Hortobagy National Park where we will base ourselves for the duration of our stay. We will have our own kitchen/dining/living room area to share and prepare our breakfasts, lunches and sole use of the 3 twin-bedded rooms (each with own shower room and wc) making for a cosy base.

Days 2-7 There are a number of potential days to be incorporated into the programme and with hides generally seating 2-3 people this will be a flexible itinerary on a daily basis to allow everyone to cover what they wish. Amongst the options are a daytime Crane hide adjacent to a pool where they bathe and wash in the warmer weather, a hide adjacent to their night-time roost where you will be able to await their arrival, photograph until dusk before retiring into an adjacent cabin for an overnight stop before carefully returning to the hide before dawn to photograph them before they leave to feed, a reed bed hide visited by the resident Pygmy Cormorants, Herons, Egrets and with luck Kingfisher to feed in front of us and a woodland infinity drinking pool hide with Hawfinch top of the priority list but many other specialities such as Middle Spotted Woodpecker a real possibility. We'll review individual progress nightly and set the next days plans in place as we go but there will be plenty of time to cover all options and revisit some too as you choose.

Day 8 Return to Budapest Airport for our flights home to the UK

Recommended Kit: You will need to provide your own photographic equipment - a 500mm lens is absolutely ideal for this break, but a 300mm with convertors (especially on a cropped sensor) should meet your needs too. 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:

Almost all of the photography for this trip will be hide based - and at times you will spend a number of hours at a time in here. Overnight accommodation for the dusk/dawn crane session is functional in nature. The weather can be quite warm at this time of the year but potentially switching to cooler autumn days at the same time and early mornings will be chilly too.

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