

Greenwings



Welcome to our latest newsletter!

The 2019 calendar below features the holidays which currently have places available to book. We also have a small number of holidays with special offers, that you may find appealing.

In other news we have recently launched a new exploration holiday theme, starting with a trip to the Rhodope Mountains in North Greece at the end of April, read on for more details...

Our exploration holidays are an opportunity to travel with one or more of our experienced team to explore entirely new areas, or familiar areas at different times of the year. They provide a real sense of adventure and fun, with surprises and new discoveries possible around almost every corner!

The lower cost of joining these tours reflects the fact that a tried and tested itinerary isn't available, although we will of course still have a well thought out daily plan of excursions. Rest assured that we will also have done significant research before these tours and you will still see plenty of great flora and fauna.

Every year we add new tours and this year we've added more than ever! For example, in April we head to the Gargano Peninsula in Italy, famous for its orchids & other wild flowers. In May you can visit Poland for a general wildlife tour, with a slight leaning towards butterflies & flowers! Or in June why not visit the Black Sea Coast in the far Southeast corner of Bulgaria for a slow-paced general wildlife tour?

For summer we've added more of our popular butterfly tours. You can relax on our one centre Slovenia holiday or explore the Italian Alps to seek out special species with our elite team Dr Martin Warren & Dr Simon Spencer! In July Patrick Barkham invites you to join him in the marvellous Picos De Europa in Spain, for what promises to be a fun and wildlife filled week! And if you want the ultimate butterfly holiday experience, we offer you Ecuador in November. A country home to around 4,000 species and we can expect to see 500 – 750 of those on our 18-day tour – an amazing number & an awe-inspiring experience!

We hope to greet you on a Greenwings holidays very soon!

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Holiday Calendar 2019

The following tours have places available. Please contact us to find out more and to book.

Dates	Location	Description	Price
4 – 12 Mar	Cyprus	Cyprus in Spring for flowers, butterflies & birds	£1,245
6 – 13 Apr	Rhodes, Greece	The orchids & other flora on a beautiful Greek island	£1,295
13 – 20 Apr	Italy	The Gargano 'orchid paradise' with Paul Harcourt Davies	£1,395
19 Apr – 1 May	South Africa	Butterflies of South Africa with Steve Woodhall	£3,995
22 – 29 Apr	Crete, Greece	Western Crete for its rich spring flora	£1,245
23 – 30 Apr	Istria	Spring wildlife in Istria – Flowers, birds and butterflies	£1,295
25 Apr – 2 May	Greece	The rich birdlife of Lake Kerkini, north Greece, in spring	£1,195
29 Apr – 6 May	Greece	Exploration Tour of the Western Rhodopes	£945
19 May	Kent, England	Orchid Garden of England with Jon Dunn	£100
27 May – 3 Jun	Poland	Wildlife of Białowieża Forest & Biebrza Marshes	£1,295
1 – 8 Jun	Greece	Macro Photography tour in Northern Greece	£1,295
2 – 9 Jun	Cyprus	Butterflies of Cyprus	£1,295
7 – 10 Jun	England	Swallowtail weekend in Norfolk with Patrick Barkham	£750
11 – 18 Jun	Bulgaria	Wildlife of the Black Sea Coast	£1,295
15 – 22 Jun	Greece	A bonanza of butterflies & birds in northern Greece	£1,295
15 – 22 Jun	Italy	Butterflies of the Italian Alps with Martin Warren	£1,395
19 – 26 Jun	France	Explore the wildlife rich area of 'La Brenne at Leisure'	£1,295
22 – 29 Jun	Greece	Butterflies of Greece with Richard Lewington	£1,395
22 – 29 Jun	Slovenia	Butterflies of Slovenia	£1,295
29 Jun – 6 Jul	France	Butterflies of the French Alps	£1,295
1 – 8 Jul	Italy	Flowers & Butterflies of the Dolomites	£1,295
6 – 13 Jul	Spain	Butterflies of the Picos De Europa with Patrick Barkham	£1,395
27 Jul – 2 Aug	Spain	Butterflies of the Montes Universales in central Spain	£1,295
19 – 29 Aug	Panama	Butterflies & wildlife of Panama with Adrian Hoskins	£2,995
21 – 28 Oct	Greece	Autumn Flora of the Peloponnese	£1,295
2 – 19 Nov	Ecuador	Butterflies of Ecuador	£4,975



CYPRUS: A Mediterranean Spring

4 - 12 March 2019, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides

Spring comes early in Cyprus. Join our ever-popular guide and author of *The Flora of Cyprus* Dr Yiannis Christofides for a feast of flowers and other spring wildlife on this beautiful island.

£1,245 per person, single supplement £100

GREECE: Rhodes Orchid Odyssey **SPECIAL OFFER!**

6 - 13 April 2019, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides & Jon Dunn

Escape to Rhodes, the Island of Sun, in Greece this spring and be there before the tourists arrive. The island has a rich palette of Orchids and we should see 35 - 45 different species. Plus, there's plenty of other flora and wildlife of interest too! Slow paced 1 centre tour.

£1,195 per person, single supplement £none

ITALY: The Gargano 'Orchid Paradise'

13 - 20 April 2019, Leaders: Paul Harcourt Davies & Yiannis Christofides

Visit the Gargano peninsula, renowned as Europe's finest natural rock garden and rightly famous for its rich palette of orchids & other flora. Led by an elite team this new tour is bound to be brilliant! Two centre tour and very easy slow pace.

£1,395 per person, single supplement £150

SOUTH AFRICA: Butterfly Safari **SPECIAL OFFER!**

19 April - 1 May 2019, Leaders: Steve Woodhall & Callan Cohen

An exclusive opportunity to experience the Butterflies of South Africa alongside the country's leading expert and author of numerous field guides Steve Woodhall. We visit Kruger National Park for a few days so expect some much larger animals to be seen too!

£3,595 per person, single supplement £450

CRETE: Flowers of Western Crete **SPECIAL OFFER!**

22 - 29 April 2019, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides

A leisurely 2 centre tour of western Crete, to enjoy spring orchids & other flowers which provide carpets of colour, set against backdrops of dramatic scenery and historical sites!

£1,195 per person, single supplement £none

CROATIA / SLOVENIA: Istria in Spring

23 - 30 April 2019, Leaders: Paul Tout

A leisurely week in Istria, largest peninsula in the Adriatic Sea, to enjoy the rich diversity of outstanding flora, birdlife, butterflies and fantastic scenery.

£1,295 per person, single supplement £100

GREECE: Birds of North Greece

25 April - 2 May 2019, Leaders: Jon Dunn + local guide

Visit wetlands of international importance, surrounded by stunning forested mountain ranges – a haven for birds & other wildlife in northern Greece! Proceeds from this tour help to fund conservation projects undertaken in the area by our friends at Birdwing.

£1,195 per person, single supplement £none

GREECE: Spring in the Western Rhodope Mountains

29 April - 6 May 2019, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides

A 2 centre 'exploration tour' in northern Greece, focusing on the flora & fauna of 2 mountains – Falakro & Pangeio. These marble & limestone massifs have a distinct and interesting flora & host a variety of habitats from Mediterranean to alpine

£945 per person, single supplement £none



ENGLAND: Orchid Garden of Kent

19 May 2019, Leaders: Jon Dunn

Join *Orchid Summer* author Jon Dunn for a specially designed orchidaceous day out, exploring the orchid Garden of England – the woods and meadows of East Kent!

£100 per person

POLAND: Białowieża Forest & Biebrza Marshes **SPECIAL OFFER!**

27 May - 3 June 2019, Leaders: Local guide + Greenwings guide for large group

Visit the very best wildlife sites of Poland's two most precious national parks, the Białowieża Forest and Biebrza Marshes. Two centre tour with a focus on all flora & fauna of interest.

£1,195 per person, single supplement £100

GREECE: Macro Photography in North Greece **SPECIAL OFFER!**

1 - 8 June 2019, Leaders: Matt Doogue + 2nd leader for large group

A week of macro photography in glorious Greece, where there is an abundance of subjects to aim your camera at! Chance to learn some new skills or just sharpen existing ones!

£1,195 per person, single supplement £none

CYPRUS: Butterflies of Cyprus **SPECIAL OFFER!**

2 - 9 June 2019, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides + 2nd leader for large group

New unique summer visit to Cyprus to look for interesting and local/endemic butterflies such as the Levant Leopard & Paphos Blue. Plenty of other interesting wildlife to see as well.

£1,195 per person, single supplement £100

ENGLAND: Norfolk Swallowtail Weekend

7 - 10 June 2019, Leaders: Patrick Barkham + 2nd leader for large group

Exclusive chance to share the unique Norfolk Broads with two of its greatest stars – the stunning British Swallowtail and the charming British naturalist and writer Patrick Barkham!

£750 per person, single supplement £75

BULGARIA: Wildlife of the Black Sea Coast

11 - 18 June 2019, Leaders: Simeon Gigov & Yiannis Christofides

A 'go slow' one centre holiday in the Bourgas Region, the most southeastern corner of Bulgaria. It is the country's richest ornithological area. We will be exploring various habitats, which also host rare and endemic species of butterflies, dragonflies and plants!

£1,295 per person, single supplement £125

GREECE: Butterflies & Birds of North Greece **SPECIAL OFFER!**

15 - 22 June 2019, Leaders: Jon Dunn + 2nd guide for larger group

Butterflies & birds in equal abundance! Explore the wonderful Lake Kerki and the surrounding mountains & meadows, for a feast of feathered and scale winged wonders!

£1,195 per person, single supplement £none

ITALY: Butterflies of the Italian Alps

15 - 22 Jun 2019, Leaders: Dr Martin Warren, Dr Simon Spencer & David Moore

An exciting new tour in the Piedmont region of the Italian Alps, led by 2 of the best butterfly experts in Europe. Special targets include Southern Swallowtail & Scarce Fritillary and we hope to see 80-100+ species overall.

£1,395 per person, single supplement £150

FRANCE: La Brenne at Leisure

19 - 26 June 2019, Leaders: Jason Mitchell + 2nd leader for large group

Relax and explore the wildlife rich surrounding of La Brenne Natural Regional Park at leisure this summer, with guide and local resident Jason Mitchell!

£1,295 per person, single supplement £100



GREECE: Butterflies of Greece

22 - 29 June 2019, Leaders: Richard Lewington & Julian Dowding

Unique chance to go butterflying with celebrated illustrator Richard Lewington. Two centre tour & lots of interesting & endemic species. We also visit the historic site of Ancient Delphi.
£1,395 per person, single supplement £none

SLOVENIA: Butterflies of Slovenia

22 - 29 June 2019, Leaders: Paul Tout

A new one centre tour based in southwestern Slovenia where we will search for butterflies of the Karst, Lake Cerknica and the Dinaric Alps. The Primorska region has the highest diversity of butterflies in the entire country & we can expect to see 80-100 species.
£1,245 per person, single supplement £125

FRANCE: Butterflies of the French Alps

29 June - 6 July 2019, Leaders: David Moore & Jon Dunn

Our regular two centre tour in the Alpes Maritimes, an area rich in butterflies. We usually see between 120-130+ species without the need to rush around!
£1,295 per person, single supplement £200

ITALY: Flowers & Butterflies of the Dolomites **SPECIAL OFFER!**

15 - 22 Jun 2019, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides + 2nd guide for large group

Explore one of the most beautiful mountain landscapes found anywhere in the world for its rich Alpine flora and colourful palette of butterflies! One centre tour.
£1,195 per person, single supplement £100

SPAIN: Butterflies of the Picos De Europa

6 - 13 July 2019, Leaders: Patrick Barkham & Julian Dowding

Join Patrick Barkham in this beautiful and beguiling part of Northern Spain! Over 150 butterfly species reside among the spectacular and rugged range of limestone mountains & we should see a good 80-100 species during the week.
£1,395 per person, single supplement £125

SPAIN: Butterflies of Montes Universales

27 Jul - 2 Aug 2018, Leaders: David Moore & Jon Dunn

An exciting and unique one centre butterfly tour in central Spain, looking for some special local and endemic species! Our first visit in 2018 yielded an impressive 99 species & all targets were found.
£1,295 per person, single supplement £100

PANAMA: Butterflies & other Wildlife

19 - 29 August 2019, Leaders: Adrian Hoskins & local guide

Join our fabulous Panama tour with tropical butterfly and photography expert Adrian Hoskins, author of "*Butterflies of the World*" and "*1000 Butterflies*".
£2,995 per person, single supplement £395

GREECE: Autumn Flora of the Peloponnese **SPECIAL OFFER!**

24 - 31 October 2018, Leaders: Yiannis Christofides

Enjoy a week of spectacular autumn flowers in a place where famous antiquity are combined with natural treasures – the rich & varied landscape of the Peloponnese!
£1,195 per person, single supplement £none

ECUADOR: Butterfly tour

2 - 19 November 2019, Leaders: David Geale

An exciting 18 day butterfly tour in Ecuador, a mecca for butterfly enthusiasts & we should see an amazing 500 – 750 species on this very special expedition!
£4,975 per person, single supplement £595



Why choose Greenwings?

Our Leaders

We've deliberately placed this top of the list as we believe this is one of the main things that set us apart from other companies. We work with some exceptionally talented and experienced leaders. They are usually highly acclaimed expert naturalists and authors and have a huge amount of knowledge to share with you. Equally as important, they enjoy sharing wildlife experiences with our guests and always ensure your time in their care is as enjoyable as it may be educational – it is a holiday after all!

Conservation

What kind of wildlife holiday company could ignore conservation! Greenwings is owned and managed by people who love the natural world and want to protect it, so on our holidays we offer you the chance to 'observe & conserve' wildlife. From every holiday at least 10% of the profits are invested in conservation projects or donated to wildlife charities. We like to think that Greenwings and its guests can make a positive contribution together in this way.

Greenwings Guests

We're delighted and proud that so many of our guests are repeat 'Greenwingers' and return time after time and recommend us to their friends. Rewarding friendships between fellow guests, guides and locals, can be forged travelling with us. If you want to travel with like-minded people and enjoy some great wildlife, culture and history along the way, Greenwings is for you!

Booking your holiday with us

Please contact us or visit our website for full details of our holidays. They include a holiday description, photo gallery, recent trip reports and an up to date itinerary, plus more information on other aspects such as accommodation, travel, meals and the leaders.

Some of the comments received from guests this year...

If you wish to see amazing butterflies in beautiful surroundings with outstanding guides you can do no better than sign up for this tour!

South Africa 2018

Fulfilled our every expectation & more! We enjoyed the leadership of two excellent naturalists, spent each day eagerly searching new sites, with great success, & had every possible help with identifying not only the many orchids we found, but every other plant, as well as insects from gorgeous butterflies to beetles, and reptiles.

Rhodes Orchid Odyssey April 2018

I learned so much on my first Greenwings Wildlife Holiday! Macro specialist Matt was inspiring, encouraging and patient. He knew just where to look to find the best creatures and offered composition, technical and entomological insights in a way that made it all feel accessible. I appreciated his enthusiasm and consideration for the photography subjects. The trip was well worth the journey from the Pacific Northwest!

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