

Greenwings

Wildlife Holidays



Almost 600 species recorded in Peru!

The count is in! Our last tour of 2024 in Peru, which finished in the first week of December, treated our guests to an extraordinary diversity of butterfly life. The final tally stands at 593 species making it the largest diversity of species ever seen on a single Greenwings holiday. This also means that they saw more species than reside in the entire of Europe in a single two week trip! Our guide, Adrian Hoskins, said "The only time I have bettered this number is on a longer trip encompassing more locations."

We have another holiday to Peru lined up in May if you are interested in joining Adrian to look for a similarly staggering number of beautiful species yourself. The details and booking information can be found by clicking the button below.

Peru 2025

New Year, New Tours

Although we know that some of our popular holidays are requested year after year, we also know that some of our loyal customers are always on the lookout for our latest offerings. Here's a taster of a few new holidays to look out for on our website in the coming weeks that we've been working on recently:



Moths of Slovenia's Karst Mountains

October 2025



Butterflies of Colombia

12th - 26th January 2026



Orchids & Other Wildlife Wonders of Antalya

24th - 30th March 2026



Georgia: Gorgeous flora & beautiful butterflies of The Greater Caucasus

June - July 2026

If your New Year's Resolution was to fly less, we've got you covered.

We hope that you already know that we make a donation to a variety of conservation charities from each and every trip we run. This is an important part of our ethos at Greenwings, but we're aware that some of our guests prefer to make a bigger impact in the face of current climate problems. In light of this, several years ago we put together a list of our holidays which we think are best suited to alternative travel options. Since then, we've been working hard to add to that list and ensure that there are always fresh holiday options with the climate in mind.



The Vercors

Friday 27th June - Friday 4th July 2025

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Midsummer on the Suffolk Heaths & Coast

Saturday 26th &/or Sunday 27th July 2025

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High Summer on the Essex Coast



Friday 22nd &/or Saturday 23rd August
2025

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Norfolk Bird Migration

Days

Sunday 28th September or Saturday
18th October 2025

Information to follow soon!

A brief chat with guide, Peter Eeles

Why did you choose to work with Greenwings?

Acting as a tour guide allows me to share my love of butterflies, from which I get a huge amount of pleasure. I jumped at the chance of guiding for Greenwings, since I found their ethos of putting conservation at the forefront of everything they do really appealing. The current group of guides are of such a high calibre that I'm rather humbled to be included among them!

Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I've always been interested in nature, butterflies in particular, fostered by a childhood spent in rural Gloucestershire. In 2002 I created the UK Butterflies website which, over the years, has gone from strength to strength. I support conservation activities whenever I can and am currently in my second stint as Chair of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight branch of Butterfly Conservation. I've also helped BC with some of their national IT-related projects and created the original Garden Butterfly Survey website. In 2016 I was presented with the Marsh Award for the Promotion of Lepidoptera Conservation which was extremely flattering, given the number of individuals and organisations that I considered equally worthy of the award.

As Tim Minchin once said, "Everyone should be a teacher", because it's one of the

most impactful things we can do. With that in mind, I wrote my first book on a natural history subject, namely 'Life Cycles of British & Irish Butterflies', in 2019. This was followed up with a complementary book, 'British & Irish Butterfly Rarities', published in 2023. I also happen to be recognised as a contributor to the second edition of 'A Checklist of the Lepidoptera of the British Isles', published in 2024, having acted as a focal point for the taxonomy of the butterfly fauna of the British Isles.

What are your background and interests, and how do these influence your guiding?

Having retired from a 35-year career in IT in 2021, I now work as an independent ecologist and website developer. Having focused on butterfly life cycles, and then butterfly rarities, I'm now particularly interested in the plants used by butterflies and other Lepidoptera. As a Greenwings guide, all of these interests allow me to help guests see the 'bigger picture' of butterfly ecology, thereby enhancing their experience. It's certainly more interesting and enjoyable than simply ticking species off a list, in my opinion!



Searching for Purple Hairstreak eggs



With a group in the Italian Alps

If you'd like to travel with Pete, he is guiding the False Apollo and Italian Alps tours. Both are fully booked for 2025 but you can book ahead for 2026 to avoid missing out on a space with this popular leader!

[Holiday Calendar](#)

Four tours with remaining spaces this Spring



Rhodes Orchid Odyssey

1st - 8th April 2025

2 places remaining

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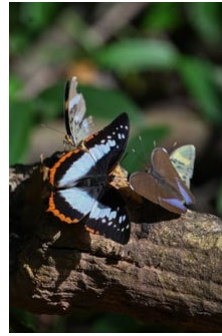


The Gargano 'Orchid Paradise' parts I & II

9th - 16th & 16th -
23rd April 2025

1 place remaining

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Butterflies of Ghana

1st - 11th May
2025

1 place remaining

[Book Now](#)



Sibillini - An Apennine Paradise

17th - 24th May
2025

1 place remaining

[Book Now](#)

That's all for our January newsletter but, as always, if you have any questions about anything you've read we'd be happy to answer them so do get in touch by hitting reply.

We hope that 2025 brings you good health, prosperity and excellent travel opportunities. Happy New Year!

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