

# JOIN MARK CARWARDINE FOR A FUN AND INSPIRATIONAL WEEK OF WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY IN HUNGARY ... and take some of your best pictures ever!

Saturday 24 June - Saturday 1 July 2023



*If you love photographing wildlife, this is a brilliant opportunity!  
A fantastic week of photography from some of the best wildlife photography hides in the world – designed and built by Mark's friend, multi-award-winning wildlife photographer Bence Mate. We'll be shooting a fabulous variety of species (many very rare in the UK) in some wonderful settings and often from just a few feet away. We'll have exclusive use of the hides, too. And Mark will give advice, help and inspiration throughout.*

## WHAT WE'LL DO DURING THE WEEK

Our chosen location is a hotspot for strikingly healthy bird populations in Eastern Europe, and species that are largely lost in the UK. We will have unlimited and exclusive use of 24 wonderful hides and each evening everyone can choose which hides they would like to use the following day.

They all offer unparalleled photography opportunities. For example, if you fancy shooting herons, egrets, storks and spoonbills from a few feet away you might choose the Theatre hide (which is partly underwater – you stay perfectly dry but shoot at water level with fantastic perspectives of the birds). If you'd prefer to shoot hawfinches, black woodpeckers or sparrowhawks up-close you might choose one of the Drinking Stations. Or

you might fancy a morning photographing hoopoes or bee-eaters, from one of the specialist hides, or swallows collecting mud for their nests right in front of another sunken hide. You might even prefer a change from birds – otters, for example, or ground squirrels. There are about 3,000 ground squirrels around our accommodation (it's the largest population in Europe) and two hides specifically to photograph them. Mark

will rotate between hides to spend as much time with everyone as possible.

You can start shooting at 4.00am, if you like, or have a lie-in and start much later. It's entirely up to you. There will even be opportunities to shoot overnight, with natural and artificial lighting. One hide – popular for overnight shoots – has a toilet and even bedrooms.



The hides have been designed and built by Mark's friend, Bence Mate, who won Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year (six times) and Wildlife Photographer of the Year (2010) – with photographs taken from these and his other self-built hides. Mark wrote the Foreword to Bence's wonderful and inspiring book, *The Invisible Wildlife Photographer*.

By the end of the week, you will have a stunning collection of new wildlife photographs and you'll leave inspired with lots of thoughts, suggestions and creative ideas. And, of course, it will be a lot of fun in the process.

The workshops are open to beginners as well as more experienced photographers – everyone will benefit from the week.



#### WHERE WE WILL BE STAYING IN HUNGARY

Pusztaszer, which is two hours' drive from Budapest – we'll organise the transfer and, of course, it's all included.

#### GROUP SIZE

Places are very limited – with just 14 in the group.

#### SPECIES INCLUDE

Otter, fox, ground squirrel, goshawk, sparrowhawk, little owl, black woodpecker, green woodpecker, great spotted woodpecker, turtle dove, hawfinch, nightingale, hoopoe, European roller, European bee-eater, kingfisher, tree sparrow, swallow, redstart, pied flycatcher, spotted flycatcher, water rail, spoonbill, black stork, and a great many others.

#### PRICES (excluding flights)

There is a choice of accommodation (and prices vary accordingly) available on a first-come-first-served basis (all within yards of one another):

**The Guesthouse (Ground Floor)** – £3,595 per person (70% single supplement for a room on your own).

A very comfortable smart new property with three twin rooms (each with private bathroom).

**The Guesthouse (First Floor)** – £3,395 per person.

The same very comfortable smart new property with one twin room and three single rooms with two shared bathrooms.

**The Wooden Lodge** – £3,195 per person.

Two double rooms and two single rooms with a shared bathroom and separate toilet.

**Main House** – £3,195 per person

Two twin rooms sharing one bathroom (this is also where the dining room is - where we eat all our meals).

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Seven nights' accommodation in Pusztaszer; all meals and non-alcoholic drinks in Pusztaszer; transfers between Budapest and Pusztaszer; local guide fees; use of 24 hides (and transportation between hides, where necessary); free wi-fi; guide services of Mark Carwardine.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** international flights; alcoholic drinks; travel insurance; carbon offsetting; accommodation and meals not in Pusztaszer; airport departure taxes.

*Go to the next page to see more photos (and information how to book)*



**HOW TO BOOK:** please call or email Rachel Ashton on 0117-904-8934 or [rachel@markcarwardine.com](mailto:rachel@markcarwardine.com)



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