

Duration
7 days/6 nights

Entre dehesas
(among meadows)

Code
Mn-2

Day 1

- Arrival at your rural accommodation and dinner.

Day 2

- After breakfast we set out towards the oak grove meadowland (*dehesa*) of the small town of Docenario, to spot birds such as the Eurasian Hoopoe, Red Kite, Common Buzzard or Shrike. We visit the archaeological site of Cancho Roano (8th century BC – 4th century BC), in the heart of the meadowland and one of the most important proto-historical sites in the Iberian Peninsula, situated next to Cagancha stream.
- Lunch on your own.
- We arrive at Zalamea de la Serena, to visit the Roman dystyle (from the year 102 AD) and the castle of Arribalavilla.
- Tour around the wetland area of Charca de Zalamea, declared a Site of Community Interest (Natura 2000 Network), to spot wetland birds such as the Mallard, Stilts, Grey Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, etc.
- Return to your rural accommodation and dinner.



Day 3

- After breakfast we set out towards Paredón Reservoir, near to the town of Campanario, right within the Special Protection Area for birds, a perfect spot to watch wetland species: Grey Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Mallard, Common Moorhen, Northern Shoveler, etc. Then we go to the nearby site of La Mata, which dates from the Orientalising period (8th – 4th century BC), for a guided visit.
- Lunch on your own.
- Visit the beautiful town of Magacela, declared a Good of Cultural Interest. After exploring its superb traditional architecture and the part of the town that has a distinctly medieval appearance we go up to the castle to look out over the magnificent landscapes of the regions of La Serena and the Vegas Altas del Guadiana, enabling you to gain a greater understanding of the diverse biotopes and ecosystems of these lands. The castle makes an excellent birdwatching hide, with the possibility of sighting various birds of prey (Golden Eagle, Kites) and crows (ravens, rooks, magpies), etc. In winter you can see flocks of cranes returning to their roosts.
- Return to your rural accommodation and dinner.



Day 4

- After breakfast we set out towards the Dehesas de Badija with important species such as Black-winged Kite, Common Buzzard, Red Kite, Southern Grey Shrike. From here we go on to visit the wetland area of the Ria Guadalefra, with the possibility of sighting species such as the Mallard, Bee-eater, Kingfisher, Grey Heron, etc.
- Lunch on your own.

- We take a trip down Senda del Rey, an old cattle track over a Roman road, then go on to Los Campillos, within the Special Protection Area for birds in La Serena, one of the best areas in Extremadura for sighting steppe birds such as the Great and Little Bustard or Stone-curlew. You can also see various rural heritage features connected to transhumance farming, such as pastoral huts and watering troughs.
- Return to your accommodation and dinner.

Day 5

- After breakfast we set out towards Puerto de la Cabra, in the Sierra de los Arzauces, an example of the Mediterranean mountain biotope, with indigenous vegetation of pines, rock rose, broom, Spanish lavender, etc. The approach up to the viewpoint of Puerto de la Cabra makes an excellent birdwatching site, where you can see species such as the Blue Rock Thrush, Eurasian Crag Martin, Golden Eagle, Eurasian Eagle Owl, etc.
- Lunch on your own. We recommend you bring a picnic lunch, as we will be quite a long way from the nearest towns of Quintana de la Serena, Magacela and La Haba.
- Visit the Chapel de la Antigua (13th century), in an area of meadowland, near to the River Ortiga. As well as a wide range of birds you can also see interesting examples of rural heritage, such as the Roman bridge over the River Ortiga or the water mills along the banks of this river.
- Return to your rural accommodation and dinner.

Day 6

- After breakfast we set out to Cornalvo Natural Park, an excellent meadowland area around the roman reservoir of Cornalvo. We visit the Centre for the Interpretation of Cornalvo Natural Park.
- Lunch on your own.
- Visit Mérida, a city founded in the year 25 BC by the Roman emperor Octavius Augustus, which was one of the great urban centres of the Roman Empire. Today it is the capital of Extremadura. The main places we visit are the National Museum of Roman Art and the Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre.
- Return to your accommodation and dinner.

Day 7

- Breakfast and return journey.

Includes

- 6 nights half-board in rural accommodation.
- Airport transfers, on arrival and return.
- Services of specialized tourist guides.
- Language services: English and German.
- Transportation.
- Binoculars, telescope, bird guides.
- Entrance to the Roman Museum, Theatre and Amphitheatre in Mérida.



- **Minimum group size: 4 people.**

€ 950 / per person (including VAT)

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