

BIRD WATCHING IN THE FERRARESE "PARCO DEL DELTA DEL PO"

PROGRAMME B BIRD WATCHING AND FOOD AND WINE BREAKS AT FERRARA AND THE DELTA DEL PO (6 days - 5 nights)

 1^{st} DAY Arrive in Ferrara during the morning followed by free time for sightseeing. Traditional lunch at a local tratttoria. Visit to the Natural Science Museum in Ferrara then check in to hotel or "Agriturismo" for dinner and overnight stay.

 2^{nd} DAY Breakfast in hotel then depart for Argenta to visit the wetlands of Valle Santa, The "Oasi di Campotto" and the wooded areas around



"Pieve di San Giorgio". These areas are particularly rich in both resident and migratory birdlife. Lunch in a local "Agriturismo" or possibly packed lunch provided by the hotel. Evening transfer to Ostellato. Check in to hotel or Village. Dinner and overnight stay.



<u>3rd DAY</u> Morning spent at the "Vallette d'Ostellato", a vast wetlands area (natural reserve) where as well as bird watching you can go horse riding, go for a ride in a horse and carriage, hire a bike or simply go for a walk. This location is particularly well equipped for both novice and experienced birdwatchers. Lunch will be served at the Village and after lunch – off to Comacchio. A visit to the town and the former "Manifattura dei Marinati" (premises where eels were marinated), a wonderful example of industrial architecture from two

centuries ago. We recommend a walk around the ancient salt flats of Comacchio with some excellent bird watching opportunities for species that rest here overnight. Return for dinner and overnight stay.

<u>4th DAY</u> Breakfast in the hotel and departure for a visit to the "Dune Fossili di Massenzatica" followed by a break at Mesola where we visit the castle and the "Centro d'Educazione Ambientale". Continue to Pomposa Abbey and after lunch at an "Agriturismo", departure for a sightseeing journey that includes the "Taglio della Falce", the "Gran Bosco della Mesola", the "Bosco di Santa Giustina" and lastly, the "Torre Abà". There will be breaks along the way for bird watching. Dinner and overnight stay in hotel or nearby hostel.

 5^{th} DAY Breakfast in hotel. Excursion to Volano and the wetlands of Canneviè, Porticino and Bertuzzi as well as the Volano pine woods. There will be breaks for bird watching. Seafood lunch at a local restaurant Afternoon transfer to "Sacca di Goro" crossing some of the most ancient land reclamation schemes that are home to many species of birdlife. Arrive at Goro to visit the Po delta and its timeless landscapes. There will be a private boat trip to the islands including a stop on the "Isola d'Amore" to observe resident birdlife.

<u>6th DAY</u> Departure after breakfast for Comacchio for a visit to the wetlands Eco-Museum by boat (only at certain periods of the year). Otherwise walks among the ancient farmhouses, cane thickets, riverbanks and dunes where some of the more interesting bird species live and nest. In spring and autumn the area is alive with migrating birds. Some of the ancient farmhouses and eel-fishing stations are well worth seeing. This is followed by a trip along the banks of the





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Agosta to visit the nature reserve of Boscoforte. Free time to lunch and afternoon return departure.

Price per person in Euros From 380.00 (minimum 2 persons)

Prices include

- 5 nights (half board) at an Agriturismo
- 5 lunches in traditional restaurants (drinks included)
- Entrance to the Argenta wetlands
- Entrance to Ostellato
- Excursion to the "Eco-Museum delle Valli" by boat or on foot.

Prices do not include

• Guides, transport, entrance fees, tips, drinks with meals, extras, other unspecified items or optional.

