

# PHOTOTOUR BIRDS of SKADAR LAKE

MONTENEGRO

19.9. – 26.9.2025



The tour is focused on photographing birds, mostly water birds, as well as magical nature on the borders of Montenegro and Albania.

We will "operate" in two national parks - NP Skadar Lake and NP Solana.

**NP SKADAR LAKE:** During 4 days, we will take photos from a boat on the lake, its tributaries and wetlands, so we get as close to the birds as You may have never been before. The birds will let us get much closer to each other than from the shore. In addition, the cruise itself in this wonderful environment is unforgettable. **The Skadar Lake is home to about 270 bird species.**

The top object will be the Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*). In addition: Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*), Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*), Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Pygmy Cormorant (*Microcarbo pygmaeus*), egrets and herons, gulls, birds of prey, different species of ducks and many others.



**NP SOLANA:** 3 days of photography at the former salt mines, where the Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*) will be our top subject. In addition, we can take pictures of the Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), White Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*), Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Western Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), Great White Egret (*Egretta alba*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), and many others.



## **Schedule:**

### **Day 1**

- we will meet at Podgorica International Airport (for those starting from Schwechat Vienna airport, we will meet here)
- transfer by car to the apartment near Lake Skadar (20 min.)
- accommodation in apartment, dinner, theoretical preparation for the first day of workshop

### **Day 2**

- transfer to the boat before dawn (5 min)
- „romantic“ package breakfast + coffee in the boat
- 3-hour boat trip with a professional guide who knows the needs of bird photographers
- photographing birds and the surrounding beautiful landscape (a magical combination of clear water and hills)
- transfer to the apartment, rest, lunch
- You can take photos individually in a nearby water reserve (highest protection zone)
- transfer to the boat - 3-hour cruise with bird and sunset photography
- return to the apartment, dinner, talking, wine, impressions, showing the best shots...



### Day 3

- transfer to the boat before dawn (5 min)
- „romantic“ package breakfast + coffee in the boat
- 4-hour boat trip with a professional guide
- photographing birds and the surrounding beautiful landscape
- transfer to the apartment, rest, lunch
- in the afternoon transfer to the reserve (30 min drive), nesting place of pelicans and other water birds - 3-hour cruise with bird and sunset photography
- return to the apartment, dinner, talking, wine, impressions



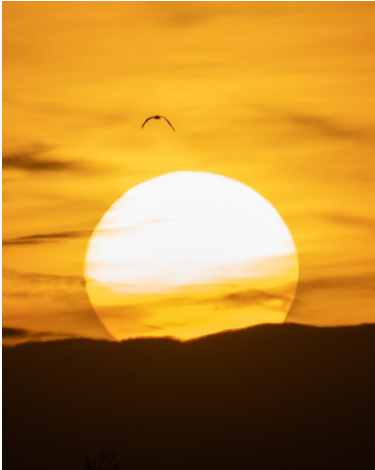
## Day 4

- transfer to the boat before dawn (5 min)
- „romantic“ package breakfast + coffee in the boat
- 4-hour boat trip with a professional guide
- photographing birds and the surrounding beautiful landscape
- return to the apartment, lunch, rest
- after the lunch transfer to the city of Ulcinj (60 min drive)
- accommodation in apartment
- visiting the old town of Ulcinj
- dinner



## Day 5

- transfer before dawn to Solana (5 min by car + 2 km on foot or by bike. It's easy and fast on a bike. Mountain bikes are available.
- package breakfast
- photographing a magical sunrise with the arrival of flamingos, pelicans and other birds on the water surface
- morning photography of water birds, waders, raptors, songbirds ...
- moving to a later lunch
- dinner on the beach of the Adriatic Sea (Velika plaža) – sunset photography



## Day 6

- transfer before dawn to Solana (5 min by car + 2 km on foot or by bike. It's easy and fast on a bike. Mountain bikes are available.
- package breakfast
- photographing a magical sunrise with the arrival of flamingos, pelicans and other birds on the water surface
- morning photography of water birds, waders, raptors, songbirds ...
- moving to a lunch
- after some rest rereturning to Solana for afternoon photo session
- dinner



## Day 7

- breakfast, packing
- transfer to north part of Skadar lake (Vraninja)
- lunch
- 3-hour boat trip with a professional guide
- transfer to International Airport Podgorica (according to departure times)



Date:	<b>19.9. – 26.9.2025</b>
Location:	Montenegro – NP Skadar Lake and NP Solana
Transport:	SUV/VAN / The tour starts at Podgorica Airport on 19th May 2025
Number of participants:	min. 3, max. 5
Target group:	beginners, advanced
Recommended equipment:	camera + telephoto lens 300–600 mm (converter) / wide angle lens
More to bring:	camouflage or green clothing, thin rain jacket, headlamp
Price:	1.490,- €
Deposit:	800,- €
Sign up deadline:	15.8.2025

**Included in the price:**

- All transport in Montenegro - 7 days – SUV/VAN (according to the number of participants)
- Accommodation – 3-stars apartments (singleroom)
- Package breakfast + coffee
- Mineral water in the apartment
- 20 hours of boat rental with the captain
- Service of guide
- Permits to visit NP Skadar and NP Solana
- Free Wi-Fi

**Not included in the price:**

- Air ticket to Podgorica and back
- Insurance
- Lunch and dinner (Gastronomy in restaurants is top-notch in Montenegro - very tasty food, big portions at fair price. You can look forward to fish, seafood, veal, pljeskavica ... Gastronomy in Montenegro is also an experience that should not be missed).

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