

2ND CROATIA BIRDWATCHING FESTIVAL

10.-12. MAY 2024 NERETVA VALLEY



Join us in the Neretva Valley and experience firsthand the rich biodiversity and natural beauty of southern Croatia.

Over three days, you can look forward to numerous birdwatching excursions, immersing yourself in nature, and savoring traditional homemade cuisine. Additionally, we have prepared intriguing lectures that will highlight the connection between ornithology and tourism.

Preliminary itinerary:

Friday

10th May

- Early morning start with a packed breakfast-box, followed by a visit to the location where you will witness bird ringing conducted by the 'Brkata Sjenica' Association.
- We then visit the Archaeological Museum Naronia and enjoy morning coffee in Vid.
- Afterwards, we head towards the Hutovo Blato Nature Park for a guided tour and traditional homemade lunch.
- Later in the afternoon, we return to the hotel for the informative part of the day, featuring lectures from our guests.
- The evening concludes with dinner and overnight stay.

Saturday

11th May

- Early wake-up (packed breakfast-box) and a visit to Smrden Grad, a fortress above the village of Klek along the old road connecting the Neretva Valley with the Dubrovnik Riviera. Here, we'll provide you with a leisurely recreational walk of approximately 30 minutes.

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- Afterward, we'll head to an observation point and a winery where you'll have the opportunity to taste several varieties of wine along with a light snack.
- Return to Metković for a visit to the Natural History Museum and continue with the expert part of the day's lectures.
- Later, we venture to the Agro Etno Park for a photo safari - a boat ride through the swamp to Lake Kutī, followed by dinner.
- We then return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Sunday

12th May

- Early awakening (packed breakfast) and hotel check-out.
- Visit to the Neretva Delta for some more birdwatching.
- Participant's return to home.

Minor changes to the program are possible and participants are expected to arrive either on Thursday evening (9th May) or join on Friday morning (10th May).

SPEAKERS AND GUESTS

1. **LEANDER KHIL** - Ornithologist | Photographer | Birdwatcher
2. **GORAN RIHELJ** - Founder | CEO @ HrTurizam.hr / Leading tourism B2B news portal in Croatia
3. **ALEKSANDRA ĐUROVIĆ** - Society for the Study and Protection of Birds of Serbia
4. **NIKOLA MENALO** - Ornithologist
5. **IVA RAJKOVIĆ ALENDER** - Master of Ecology and Nature Conservation, Neretva Zoom Enterprise