SUFFOLK COAST

Early Spring Birding
"In Comfort & Style" March 25-29

Birding Areas & Highlights

Shingle beaches & lagoons, crumbling cliffs, marshes, estuaries & heathland together make up the beautiful Suffolk Heritage Coast, rightly designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty!

At Minsmere RSPB, Bittern will be possibly "booming", Marsh Harrier "quartering", Bearded Tits "pinging" and Cetti's Warblers singing from the bushes and reedbeds, along with perhaps late wintering Smew & Goosander. On the adjacent Westleton & Dunwich Heaths, Wood Lark and Dartford Warbler commence displaying, with sea-watching off the cliffs at Dunwich producing maybe Red-throated Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Goldeneye, Common Scoter & Sandwich Tern.

To the north lie the Dingle Marshes & Blythburgh Estuary, both highly attractive to wildfowl, waders & raptors inc. Brent Geese, Wigeon, Peregrine, & Hen Harrier, plus Grey & Golden Plovers, Avocet & Black-tailed Godwits, together with the first arriving Spring migrants.

Also visiting North Warren RSPB, Blythburgh Estuary & Southwold, Snape RSPB & Westwood Marshes for more waterfowl & waders.

It all adds up to terrific early Spring birding!

Accommodation & Itinerary

Lunch time arrival for 4-nts. based at the delightful *Crown & Castle Hotel* in the attractive village of Orford.

Staying in tasteful *Garden Rooms,* the Hotel aims to offer a relaxed atmosphere, serving excellent food from it's highly respected 2AA rosette *Trinity* restaurant. The Hotel is perfectly positioned to access all the above birding sites and for visits to the attractive sights of Aldeburgh, the Snape Maltings & Southwold.

Cost: £1135 (s/s 295)   **Deposit:** £200   **B/L due:** Jan. 25

Included in the cost: 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the *Crown & Castle Hotel*, full transportation & guidance throughout.
Not included in the cost: Travel insurance, lunches, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature.
(NB: Cost based on 6 pax min.)