

Les Deux Caps + Marquenterre, France

“Birds, butterflies & Orchids”

May 12-14



White Stork

nesting White Stork, Cattle Egrets,

surrounding areas hold Golden Oriole, Tree Pipit, Montague's Harrier, Honey Buzzard, White-spotted Bluethroat, Savi's & Grasshopper Warblers, Kentish Plover & Crested Lark. Not forgetting the butterflies and orchids too.

The Accommodation? Based at the *Auberge da la Dune*, a delightful, small, friendly hotel situated 3 km from the Marquenterre reserve, offering en-suite accommodation with a wide range of local produce cater for all tastes.

Cost: £365

Deposit: £100

B/L due: Mar. 12

Included in the cost: Return ferry Dover/Calais, 2 nts. accn. & b/fast at *Auberge da la Dune*, full transportation & full guidance throughout.

Not included in the cost: Evening dinners [approx. €25-40 per person per night depending on the menu chosen/a la carte], lunches & entrance to Marquenterre reserve [@ € 9.50].

The itinerary & Habitat? Early morning ferry from Dover to Calais, firstly visiting the scenic headlands of Cap Gris Nez and Cap Blanc Nez, with scattered bushes, fields, woods & clifftops. Then driving down to the Somme Estuary for 2-night stay, visiting the famous Marquenterre reserve and hides overlooking the various lagoons, with surrounding conifer woods, heathland, sand dunes & extensive mudflats, with nearby excursions to Crecy Forest, Saily Brais reedbed & Cayeux-Sur-Mer lagoons.

The Birds? Terns, skuas, waders, ducks, raptors & passerines pass the Headlands, whilst sought after breeding species include Stone-curlew, Hen Harrier, Fan-tailed Warbler, Icterine & Marsh Warblers.

At Marquenterre Crested Tit & Short-toed Treecreeper occur, with Spoonbill & Night Heron along with a variety of passage waders. The



Spoonbill