

Kingfisher



Danube Delta for photographers

Destination: Ultima Frontiera, Romania
Focus: Wildlife photography
Grading: Moderate walks only

Group Size: 6 – 12 photographers
Time: 27 June - 4 July 2020
Price: 2450 €, single supplement 185 €

The ultimate wildlife photography experience

The famous Ultima Frontiera estate, an exclusive property in the extreme north of Danube Delta, a wild and remote place developed solely for nature tourism. A wide range of photography hides gives nature photographers a chance to test themselves with a multitude of subjects, perspectives being everytime in a new habitat and setting: from floating hides at water level to drinking hides for Woodpeckers and the dune-hide for White-tailed Eagles and Golden Jackals - there's always something new to discover!

On the Ultima Frontiera property there are more than 30 photography hides that are available for Finnature's exclusive use during this tour. Grounds extend to over 2,500 acres of diverse habitats: fish ponds, reedbeds, riverine forests and salt steppe. The four star lodge boasts large rooms, all with en suite facilities, and delicious and plentiful food is freshly cooked by a chef. Ultima Frontiera is photographers dream - just a relaxing and easy place for a photography holiday!

Highlights

Golden Jackals, White-tailed Eagles, Little Owls, Kingfishers, Bee-eaters, European Rollers, Pygmy Cormorants, Dalmatian Pelicans, White Pelicans, Whiskered Terns, Purple Herons, Squacco Herons, Grey-headed Woodpeckers, Danube Delta horses etc.

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Golden Jackal



White Pelicans



ULTIMA FRONTIERA

The property around the hotel has a varied history: it hosted a prison camp during the communist regime, subsequently turned into a fish farm. This troublesome past has given the area a peculiar aspect characterized by polygon shaped water bodies and basins, as well as by the presence of picturesque ruins and old buildings now immersed in natural vegetation and offering shelter to diverse wildlife.

Only 14 visitors at a time are allowed to stay inside the estate, and therefore the network of over 30 kilometres of trails are at visitors exclusive use to be explored on foot or on board the silent electric cars. Additionally, there are excursions on off road vehicles to explore the surrounding steppes and the Letea forest, a Biosphere Reserve, as well as boat rides on an innovative boat-hide for visiting the big lakes in the heart of the delta. Finnature has booked the whole place for this tours exclusive use!

The photo opportunities in Ultima Frontiera are endless: each hide is focused on some target species but the area is so exceptional that surprises arrive on a daily basis. A Wildcat may appear on the edge of a drinking spot or the whiskered face of an Otter may emerge close to Pygmy Cormorants and Ferruginous Ducks in front of a waterside hide. Large mirrored windows of the hides will allow not to loose any of these scenes, ensuring the chance of trying inventive flying shots of even the more wary raptor.

Little Owl



What to expect?

Summer is a perfect time to visit Ultima Frontiera: depending on timing, multitude of local breeding birds or migrating birds passing through offer exciting photography. Ultima Frontiera is home to over 90 breeding bird species, and in late summer large number of Waders, Egrets, Herons, Pelicans and Terns are passing through.

Golden Jackals are one of the definite highlights of this tour. They are photographed from a partly underground dune-hide where it is also possible to photograph White-tailed Eagles and their interaction with the Jackals.

A boat converted into a floating photography hide is used to get close to Dalmatian and White Pelicans, Whiskered Terns, Ferruginous Ducks and other attractions close to water. Various Egrets and Herons are photogenic.

Mammals we may see during the week include Golden Jackal, Muskrat, Otter and Danube Delta Horse (one of the four wild horses of Europe). There are also European Minks and Wildcats in the area.

Normally we have two photography sessions / day – you can choose different hides for different species for the early morning and evening sessions. The hides provide great photography opportunities for various species!

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Day 1 Arrival to Bucharest (before 13.00) – Tulcea – Ultima Frontiera

Transportation to Tulcea (4 hours) from where we will take a boatripe to Ultima Frontiera (2 hours). Please notice that if your plane lands after 13.00, you need to arrive on the previous day already - we will book you a local hotel with special price.

Days 2 – 6 Ultima Frontiera

Five full photography days in Ultima Frontiera. Two photography sessions / day. Full board.

Day 7 Ultima Frontiera – Bucharest

After morning photography session in Ultima Frontiera, we start our journey back to Bucharest where we arrive in the evening around 20.00. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Bucharest.

Day 8 Departure from Bucharest

Hotel will arrange transportation to the airport depending on your departure time.

For more pictures: [Finnature's Flickr Gallery](#)

Price includes: land transportation from Bucharest, all meals, hotel accommodation, Finnature guiding and exclusive use of Ultima Frontiera hides

Accommodation: A four star lodge, en suite facilities in all rooms

Food: Food is freshly cooked by a chef. Please notice that most of the meals will be meat dishes.

Leader: [Jari Peltomäki](#), with bigger groups also [Kaisa Peltomäki](#)

Booking: shop.finnature.com

Recommended flights: Arrival on Day 1 before 13.00. Departure from Bucharest at any time on Day 8.

Please notice: The itinerary might change due to weather conditions and bird situation. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee any of the species, but our expert Finnature guides do their utmost to ensure best possible photography opportunities during the tour.

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European Roller



White-tailed Eagle



Danube Delta Horse



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