

BIRDWATCHING

The activity consists in perform an itinerary in all-terrain vehicle, with stops for birdwatching, for different habitats.

It is a geographical area where the steep valley (Arribas) of the Douro River, where Prickly Junipers (*Juniperus oxycedrus*) and the Holm Oaks (*Quercus rotundifolia*) predominate, makes a contrast with the Mirandese plateau, with a beautiful mosaic landscape of agricultural fields, *lameiros* (grazing pastures) and dense forested areas of Pyrenean Oaks (*Quercus pyrenaica*), Ashes (*Fraxinus angustifolia*) and some Cluster Pines (*Pinus pinaster*). In some places, the landscape is filled with streams and small watercourses.

This activity is available all year long. However, according to the season of the year, different species can be watched, the following with particular interest in the region:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	BEST SEASON
European bee-eater	Merops apiaster	Summer	Spring, Summer
Egyptian vulture	Neophron percnopterus	Summer	Spring, Summer
Bonelli's eagle	Aquila fasciata	Resident	All year long
Short-toed snake eagle	Circaetus gallicus	Summer	Spring, Summer
Golden eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	Resident	All year long
Eurasian stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus	Summer	March to October
Crag martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	Resident	All year long
Red-rumped swallow	Hirundo daurica	Summer	Spring, Summer
Alpine swift	Apus melba	Summer	Spring, Summer
Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	Resident	All year long
Eurasian eagle owl	Bubo bubo	Resident	All year long
Black stork	Ciconia nigra	Summer	Spring, Summer
Black wheatear	Oenanthe leucura	Resident	All year long
Rock bunting	Emberiza cia	Resident	All year long
Crested lark	Galerida cristata	Resident	All year long



Thekla lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	Resident	All year long
Common cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Great spotted cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	Summer, Passage	Spring, Summer
Cirl bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	Resident	All year long
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Resident	All year long
Bonelli's warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	Summer, Breeder	Spring, Summer
Iberian chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	Summer, Breeder	February to September
Red-billed chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Resident	All year long
Griffon vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Resident	All year long
Blue rock thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Resident	All year long
Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Red kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Resident, Winter	All year long
Eurasian scops owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
European nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Red-necked nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Golden oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Black-shouldered kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Possibly nesting, Rare, Passage	Spring, Summer
Azure-winged magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyanus</i>	Resident	All year long
Woodchat shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Lesser spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Resident	All year long
Common linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Resident	All year long
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Black redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Resident	All year long
European turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Summer, Passage	Spring, Summer
European roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Passing Migrator	Summer
Common nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Summer, Passage	Spring, Summer
Cetti's warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Resident	All year long
Montagu's harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Summer, Passage	Spring, Summer
Eurasian wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer

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Western orphean warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Eurasian nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Resident	All year long
Short-toed treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	Resident	All year long

However, other species can also be watched in the region, in their time of residence or passing through:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	BEST SEASON
Northern lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Resident, Winter	All year long
Booted eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Resident	All year long
White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Resident and Winter	All year long
Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Resident and Winter	Autumn and Winter
Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
House martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Pallid swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Common swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Little ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Summer, Passage	Spring, Summer
Long-eared owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	Resident and Winter	All year long
Calandra lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	Resident	All year long
Greater short-toed lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Winter wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Resident	All year long
Common stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	Resident	All year long
White stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Summer and Resident	Winter, Spring, Summer
Blue tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Resident	All year long
Coal tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	Resident	All year long
Long-tailed tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Resident	All year long
Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Resident	All year long

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Black-eared wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Common quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Resident	All year long
Tawny owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Resident	All year long
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Resident	All year long
Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Wood lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Resident	All year long
Eurasian bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Common starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Spotless starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	Resident	All year long
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Resident	All year long
Melodious warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	Summer	Spring, Summer
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Resident and Winter	Autumn, Winter
Eurasian jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Resident	All year long
Common moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Eurasian woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Resident	All year long
Eurasian sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Resident	All year long
Carrion crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Resident	All year long
Common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Resident	All year long
Common skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Eurasian siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Nesting, Passage	Spring, Summer
Common blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Resident	All year long
Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Resident	All year long
European serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Resident	All year long
Little owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Resident	All year long
Eurasian hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Nesting, Summer	Summer
Common whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Summer, Passage	Spring, Summer

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Pied flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Passage	Autumn
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Resident	All year long
Eurasian tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Resident	All year long
Rock sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	Resident	All year long
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Resident and Winter	Autumn, Winter
Common magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Resident	All year long
Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Resident	All year long
Red-legged partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Resident	All year long
Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Summer, Nesting	Spring, Summer
Tawny pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Summer, Nesting	Spring, Summer
Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
European green woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Resident	All year long
Southern grey shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Resident	All year long
Great spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Resident	All year long
European goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Resident	All year long
European robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Resident	All year long
Rock dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Resident	All year long
Common wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Resident	All year long
Common redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Summer, Nesting, Passage	Spring, Summer
Collared dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Resident	All year long
Ortolan bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Summer, Localised breeder	Spring, Summer
Spotted flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Summer, Rare nesting, Passage	Spring, Summer
Common chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Resident	All year long
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Resident	All year long
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Winter	Autumn, Winter
Eurasian blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Resident, Winter and Passage	Autumn, Winter

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Subalpine warbler	Sylvia cantillans	Summer, Nesting	Spring, Summer
Datford warbler	Sylvia undata	Resident	All year long
Sardinian warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	Resident	All year long
Corn bunting	Emberiza calandra	Resident	All year long
European greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	Resident	All year long

Birdwatching activity will be organized for groups with at least two adults and a maximum of eight people.

The point of departure and arrival will be the center of Miranda do Douro.

TO BETTER ENJOY THIS ACTIVITY, WE ADVISE THE USE OF:

- Clothes and shoes suited to walking in the fields and adapted to according weather;
- Binoculars;
- Field telescope and tripod;
- Camera;
- Notebook and pencil, or other means of recording your observations;
- Field guides;
- Hat;
- Sunscreen in the Summer;
- Canteen with drinkable water.

HOWEVER, DOURO PULA CANHADA WILL GARANTEE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

- 2 Binoculars 8x42;
- 2 Binoculars 10x42;
- 2 field telescopes with an ocular 20-60x and tripods;
- Birds field guides in Portuguese, Spanish and English.

PRICES:

- 1 day = 130,00 €/person (*)
- ½ day = 68,00 €/person (**)

(*) **Includes:** Transportation in all road vehicle, suitable equipment, specialized guide, obligatory insurance and traditional lunch.

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