



# Ayrshire Birders Abroad

with Angus Hogg and  
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Private holidays for birding  
friends of the SOC and  
RSPB in Ayrshire and  
beyond. Friends travelling  
together sharing birding and  
cultural experiences in  
mainland Europe, the UK,  
Asia and the Americas.



## The Crane Migration

Experience a Golden October of wild nature  
at the heart of the Pomeranian National Park  
and the Müritz National Park in Germany



Leader: Angus Hogg Organisers: Tony & Gerda Scott with Gabriele Kratzsch

**Friday 02 to Monday 12 October 2015**

This eleven day holiday includes flights from Glasgow to Berlin and back; all coach travel in Germany; accommodation in en-suite rooms with ten breakfasts and ten dinners (One on board ship on an evening crane cruise).

Cruises as follows: to the island of Hiddensee from Zingst; to the island of Vilm; evening cruise to view cranes roosting on the Bodden and a cruise on the Müritzsee, and a day on the Island of Rügen. It includes entrance to all national parks, the crane viewing hides and platforms and for local ornithologist-guides as well as the services of our own bird leader Angus Hogg. It also includes a journey on the narrow gauge steam train 'Molli', and a visit to the Crane centre in Gross Mohrdorf. The cost of all the above will be in the region of £1575.00 pp depending on numbers and exchange

During the autumn migration of 2013, over 60,000 common cranes were counted in the West Pomeranian National Park. **The call of the cranes heralds a time of colour and excitement, especially during this mass migration south to Spain and North Africa. Please join us for what we believe to be one of the finest wildlife experiences we personally have ever witnessed.** From mid-September to the end of October, thousands of these elegant birds rest here and attract birders from across our continent and beyond. **Birdlife is plentiful in both the coastal areas and in the Müritz, with its lake-studded forests and meadows. Species such as white-tailed eagle, osprey, common and rough-legged buzzards, black, green, greater, middle and lesser-spotted woodpeckers, goshawk, hen and marsh harriers, black and red kites, great bittern and a host of geese, ducks and waders add variety.** On this tour, we will spend seven nights at the **4\* IV Jahreszeiten Hotel (Four Seasons Hotel) at the heart of the Pomeranian Boddenland National Park in the harbour-town of ZINGST.** Plus a further three nights at the **4\* Hotel Harmonie which overlooks the Müritzsee in the resort town of Waren, adjacent to the Müritz forest National Park.** Flights will be from Glasgow to Berlin and all coach travel will be provided throughout our eleven days holiday. Hotel stays will be on a half board basis.



Hotel Harmonie, Waren