



BIRDWATCHING PROGRAMS AROUND THE BURGAS LAKES COMPLEX



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Birdwatching programs around Burgas Lakes Complex

Trip1

One day birdwatching trip waterfowl and birds of prey around Burgas Lakes

Depending on the age and motivation of the tourists to watch the birds, departure early in the morning from **Point 1**. Northern industrial zone on the shore of Lake Burgas. Next is **Point 2**. the eastern shore of Lake Burgas. The lake is home to large numbers of **Dalmatian pelicans** year-round, White pelicans during their spring-autumn migration, and large aggregations of different species diving ducks and other waterfowl can be seen here throughout the year.

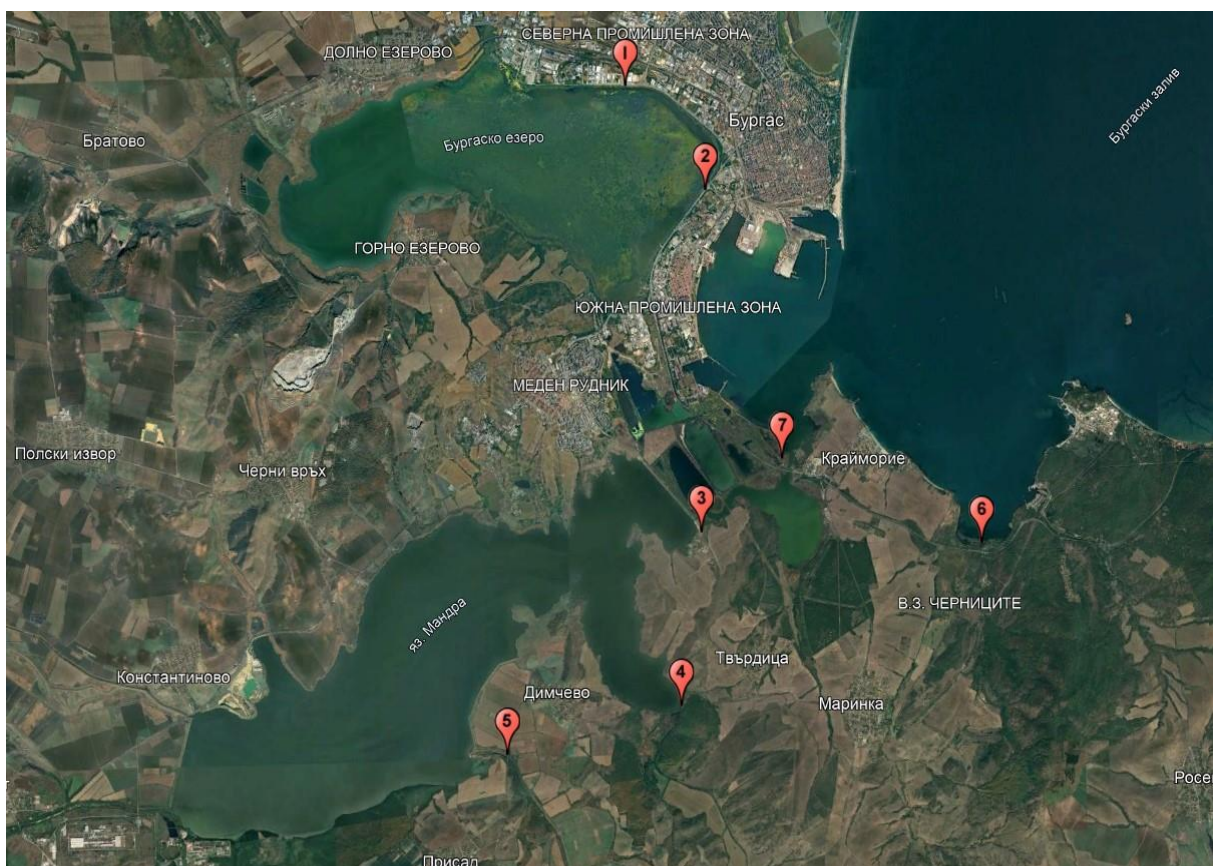
Point 3. Weir of the dam Mandra.

Point 4. The mouth of the Izvorska river.

Point 5. Fakiyska River Estuary, from these points a large part of the dam can be covered, observing a variety of waterfowl species, as well as those characteristic of the surrounding open grassland and forest habitats.

Point 6. Chengene skele Bay- suitable with its sandy hair and stony shore for watching waders and other waterfowl in the sea.

Point 7. Nature conservation center Poda. A logical end to this trip. It is located in the peculiar center of the Burgas lakes complex. From the terraces of the center, you can observe both the birds nesting in the Poda area, the flocks of **Dalmatian pelicans** to the shore for the night, as well as the seasonal migrations of pelicans, storks, eagles and many others. Observation with an experienced ornithologist, hot and cold drinks, toilet, small souvenir shop are available.



Trip 1.

Trip2

Two days birdwatching trip waterfowl and birds of prey around Burgas Lakes Complex and Pomorie lake

Day 1

Point 1. Poda Nature Conservation Center. It is located in the peculiar center of the Burgas Lake Complex. From the terraces of the center, you can observe both the birds nesting in the Poda area, **Dalmatian pelicans** year-round, as well as the seasonal migrations of White pelicans, storks and birds of prey. Presence of an experienced ornithologist, hot and cold drinks, toilet, small souvenir shop.

Point 2. Estuary of the Izvorska River.

Point 3. Estuary of the Fakiyska River, from these points you can see a large part of the dam, observing various species of waterfowl, as well as birds in the surrounding fields and forest habitats.

In the middle of the trip, a short break, if desired. Kraimorie - you can visit restaurants with local dishes, pizzas, coffee.

Point 4. Atanasovsko Lake. A hypersaline lake where in the afternoon hours (when the light is most suitable from the west) one can observe waterfowl nesting in the lake or their large gatherings during migration or for the night.

Day 2

Depending on the age and motivation of the tourists to observe birds, departure is early in the morning. The goal is to cover some waterfowl observation points before the start of the morning migration.

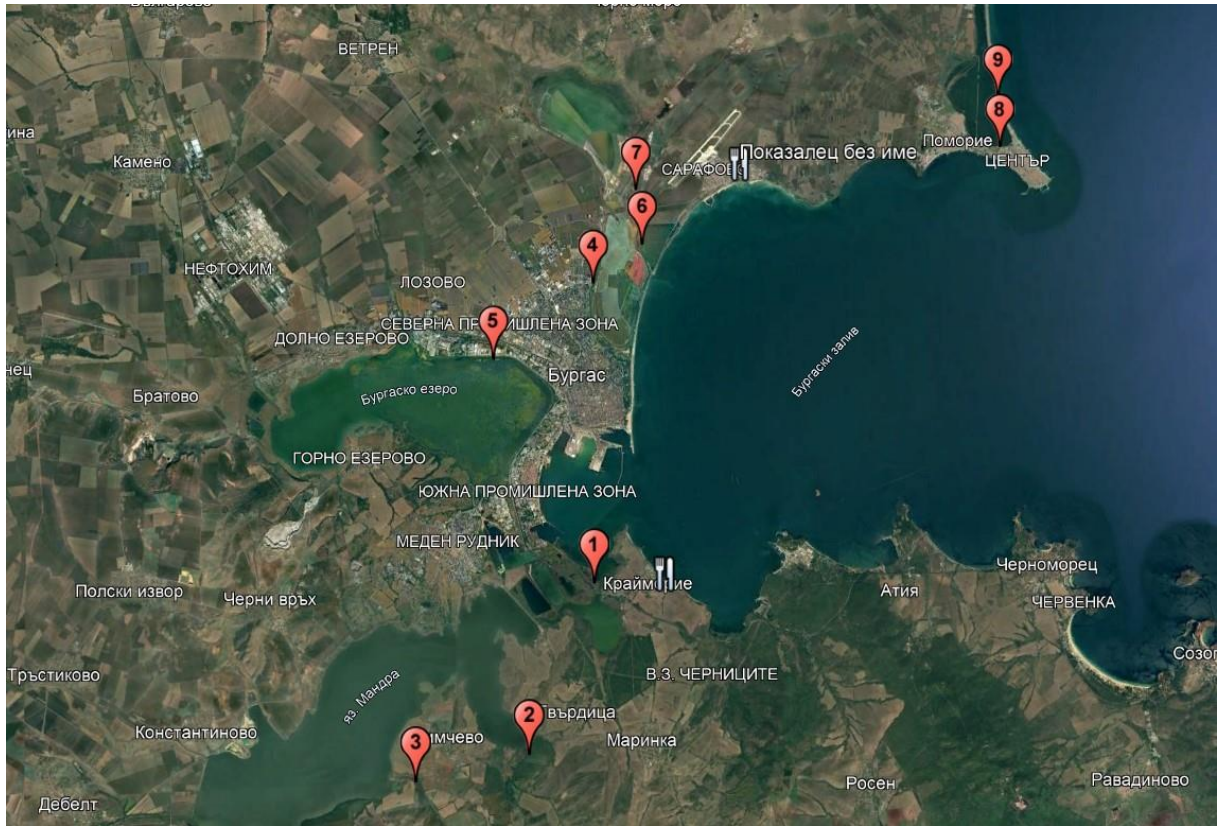
Point 5. Northern industrial zone on the shore of Lake Burgas. The lake is a place for fishing of **Dalmatian pelicans**, large numbers of, White pelicans during their spring-autumn migration, and large aggregations of different species diving ducks and other waterfowl can be seen here throughout the year.

Point 6. The eastern shore of the Southern Salt Pans in Atanasovsko Lake. A brief look for waterfowl. The light is from the East.

Point 7. In the southern part of the Northern Salt Pans of Atanasovsko Lake, from where part of the salt pans can be observed and suitable for observing spring-autumn migration.

On the way to the remaining points, a short break, if desired. Sarafovo - you can visit restaurants with local dishes, pizzas, coffee.

Point 8. and **Point 9.** Pomorie Lake. A salt-pan suitable for close observation of waterfowl including several species of terns. A brief look also at the birds in the sea east of the lake. The light is suitable from the West.



Trip 2.



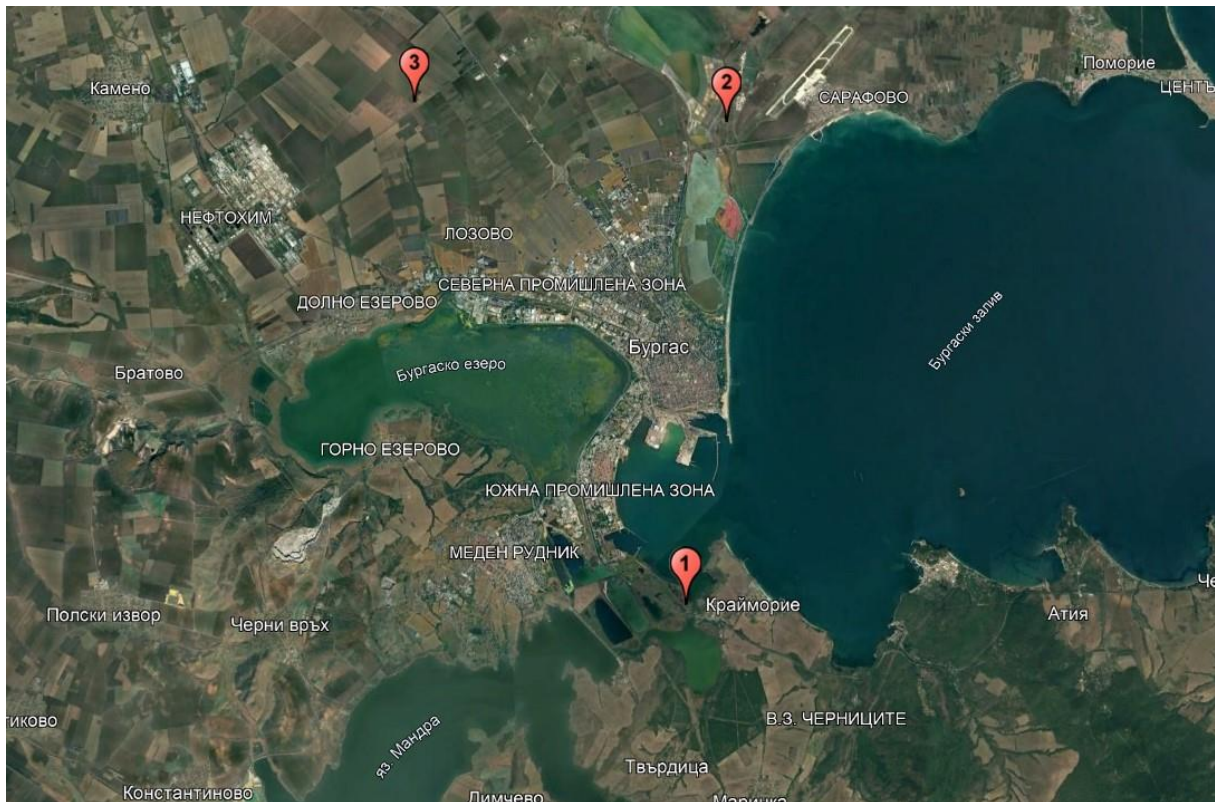
Trip3

One day spring-autumn migration observation trip around Burgas Lakes

Point 1. Poda Nature Conservation Center. Part of the Burgas Lake Complex. The westernmost point of the Black Sea coast and it is located in the center of the migration flow. From the terraces of the center, huge flocks of migrating white pelicans, storks and birds of prey can be observed. Presence of an experienced ornithologist, hot and cold drinks, toilet, small souvenir shop.

Point 2. The southern part of the Northern Salt Pans of Atanasovsko Lake. A suitable place for observing spring-autumn migration.

Point 3. Depending on weather conditions, this point allows for the capture of migration west of the Burgas Lake Complex.



Trip 3.

List of community guides recommended to tourists for tourism specific activities directly related to the project.

- **BSPB Poda Nature Conservation Centre**

You can visit here for an hour, or spend the whole day. You will have unforgettable moments with the diverse feathered inhabitants of the area, watching them from the observation terrace of Poda Nature Conservation Centre, or seeing them from the visitor's trail. You can use our binoculars and spotting scopes, and our charming bird experts will be happy to share with you all the interesting facts they know about birds. Poda Protected Area is located at the southeastern end of the city of Burgas and is among the few places in Europe where 315 species of birds have been recorded on an area of no more than 1 sq. kilometer – ¼ of the bird diversity of Europe! This is the only place on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast where you can find a mixed colony of spoonbill, glossy ibis, pygmy cormorant, night heron, red heron, squacco heron, little and great egret.

Opening hours: Monday to Sunday (incl. on national holidays), 9 am – 5 pm

Entrance fee: Adults: 7 BGN, Students: 4 BGN

Accompanied children up to 6 years of age: free entrance

Talk 'n' Tour: Our bird experts can offer you an interesting talk about the history and the wildlife of Poda Protected Area, along with a guided tour of our small but informative exhibition at the nature conservation centre. Price: 20 BGN

Photo hides: The price of renting our photo hides depends on the number of photographers and the time they want to use the hides for.

Contact: poda@bspb.org

- **Traventuria Ltd**

Traventuria Ltd. is a tour operator, specializing in offering in Bulgaria hiking, culture, birdwatching & wildlife tours.

Contact: info@traventuria.com

- **Pandion Wild Tours Ltd**

Pandion Wild Tours Ltd. has specialized in the field of wildlife, nature and historical tourism.

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- **Neophron Tours**

Neophron Tours offers a variety of birdwatching and other wildlife and natural history tours.

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