

Birdwatching on the island of Heligoland

Exclusive excursion offer following the BirdNumber2016 conference

3 days Heligoland

10 to 12 September 2016

Heligoland (or Helgoland) – located in the southern North Sea - is Germany's only offshore island with large seabird colonies. Among others, about 680 pairs Gannets nest here and are still at their breeding grounds in September. The island is deemed to be one of the Top Birding Hotspots in Europe. The best place in Germany to watch bird migration and to see rare vagrants.



Gannets



Heligoland, around 60 km off the German North Sea coast

Excursion expiry

Saturday, September, 10

Around 4:00 a.m. departure in Halle (Saale) to Cuxhaven ferry piers. Around 10:00 a.m. departure to the island by ship. Arrival early afternoon. After check in at accommodations first orientation tour on the main island and visiting the Gannets colony. At evening visit to the “Helgoland-Reuse” (Heligoland bird bow net) at the Ornithological Station and encounters with bird ringers at their work.

Sunday, September, 11

Birding on the island. Late in the morning guided tour across the island, by experienced colleagues of the Ornithological Station. In the afternoon crossing the small Dune Island, offshore the main island. Watching Gray Seals and birding. In the evening lecture on Heligoland’s spectacular birdlife at the Ornithological Station (at a group size of 10 or more).

Monday, September, 12

Birding individually until noon. Then check out and departure by ship to Hamburg around 4.00 p.m. Transfer to Hamburg Airport for departure that evening or onward journey from Hamburg with night bus to Berlin (Airport Berlin-Tegel or Berlin-Schoenefeld). From here fly connections the following morning (Tuesday, September, 13).

Cost of participation: 279.00 € per person

(in double or single rooms, according to your preference)

Included in the price

- Travel from Halle (Saale) in car or minibus to Cuxhaven
- Crossing / boat from Cuxhaven and back to Hamburg "Landungsbrücken"
- Two nights incl. breakfast in pension or private room
- Guided island tour
- Visit in the Ornithological Station Heligoland ("Helgoland-Reuse") and bird ringing
- Lecture on Heligoland's birdlife (at a group size of 10 or more)
- Train ticket from Hamburg "Landungsbrücken" to Airport Hamburg or night bus from Hamburg to Berlin (if departure is Airport Berlin-Tegel or Berlin-Schoenefeld)
- Tour management by Bartmeise-Travel on the island
- German insolvency insurance



Not included in the price

- Meals for lunch and dinner (can be done individually in self-sufficiency in rooms with a kitchenette)
- Costs for extra nights due to circumstances beyond our control (force majeure), e.g. missing ship connections for storms
- Gratuities and other personal expenses

Registration deadline: June 10, 2016

Booking please directly via our partner



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