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2004 - 2005

Aug 5 - 20 • Cruise from Iceland to Greenland

Circumnavigate Iceland aboard the Clipper *Adventurer*; enjoy pelagic birding across Denmark Strait to Greenland to explore breeding bird colonies. Led by Mark Suomala. Clipper Cruise Line, (800) 814-9393, x 6813#; csperry@intrav.com or (800) 456-0020, groupres@intrav.com

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The most exciting time to bird the UK with thousands of migrants heading south. Explore wetlands, valley and offshore islands. Expect 175 to 200 species. Led by Neil Donaghy. Siemer & Hand Travel; (800) 451-4321; travel@siemerhand.com

Sep 28 - Oct 10 • Veracruz, River of Raptors

Witness the world's greatest raptor migration, where single day counts have exceeded 700,000! 325+ birds including 30 raptors, 20 hummingbirds and 35 warbler species. Led by Bob Straub. Jaeger Tours; (215) 364-4407; binns@jaegertours.net

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November 15 - 26

Fiji, Republic of Vanuatu, and New Caledonia

Cruise on the Clipper *Odyssey* with ABA Board member, Mike Ord, to the South Pacific, an area rich in endemics. Visit the islands Vila, Pele, Espiritu Santo, Ambrym, and Tanna Islands before arriving in Lifou and other islands in New Caledonia. Clipper Cruise Line, (800) 814-9393, x 6813#; csperry@intrav.com or (800) 456-0020; groupres@intrav.com

January 2005 Dates TBA

Southern California

Add Southern California specials to your life list on this enjoyable trip that hits all the birding hotspots in the area, including Salton Sea. Led by Bob Miller. Southwest Birders; (760) 355-1008; bob.miller@mindspring.com

January 9 - 19, 2005

Trinidad & Tobago

Join with Richard Ffrench, author of the *Guide to the Birds of Trinidad & Tobago*, as we explore the rich avifauna of this beautiful island-nation. From the new Cuffie River Lodge in the forests of Tobago and the famed Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad's Northern range we will enjoy the best tropical birding in the West Indies! Contact: Caligo Ventures. abatrip@caligo.com (800) 426-7781.

January 29 - February 6, 2005

Oaxaca: Mexico's Tropical Aviary

Join Michael Malone birding in Mexico's Oaxaca state. Visit the Valley of Oaxaca, Monte Albán and the Pacific coast at Puerto Escondido seeking Mexican endemics. Contact: Siemer & Hand Travel, 750 Battery St. Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94111 (800) 451-4321; (415) 788-4000; fax (415) 788-4133; travel@siemerhand.com

February 5 - 15, 2005

Complete Yucatan

The trip begins in Cozumel with several insular endemics, goes south through the Maya Riviera to the famed Sian Ka'an refuge, then heads west across the peninsula to the new Calakmul Biosphere Reserve which is on a high plateau that extends into Guatemala and, finally we bird near the west coast on the Gulf of Campeche. More than 25 endemics may be encountered and 150 other species. Leader is David Bacab. Contact: Bob Odear. observtours@bellsouth.net (615) 292-2739.

February 7 - 13, 2005

Bahamas Endemics

Abaco and Andros islands are visited to get all the species found only in the Bahamas, Cuba, and Cayman as there is no one island in the Bahamas which offers them all. There are 11 such species and the trip usually sees about 90 total species. The trip is led by Paul Dean of Nassau. Contact: Bob Odear. observtours@bellsouth.net (615) 292-2739.

February 14 - 20, 2005

Jamaica Endemics

The interior of Jamaica is ruggedly beautiful and the birds are fabulous. There are 28 endemics from Mandeville to Cockpit Country to Hardwar Gap to Ecclesdown. All are usually seen along with 60 other species. The trip is led by Ann Sutton and/or Brandon Hay. Contact: Bob Odear. observtours@bellsouth.net (615) 292-2739.

February 20 - 23, 2005

Cayman Islands

This short trip to a tourist haven targets two endemic species and a visit to the largest rookery of Red-footed Boobies in the Americas. Visit all three islands for differing species. Led by Brandon Hay. Contact: Bob Odear. observtours@bellsouth.net (615) 292-2739.

February 17 - March 1, 2005

March 3 - 12, 2005

2 trips for Cuban Endemics

Trip to Cuba with U.S. Treasury approval in search of Cuban bird endemics visiting Zapata Marsh and other birdy locations with Gary Markowski, Arturo Kirkconnell and Dr. William Suarez, and Nancy Norman. Gary Markowski; Cubirds@aol.com (860) 354-6752.

March 3 - 19, 2005

Morocco

Morocco boasts the richest bird life in North Africa, and along with its endemic, rare and specialty birds, its Moorish and Berber culture and stunning scenery make this trip truly memorable. Led by Adrian Binns. Contact: Jaeger Tours; (215) 364-4407; binns@jaegertours.net

March 30 - April 3, 2005

Central Veracruz Sierra

Beginning in coastal Veracruz we head immediately to Xalapa, Capital of the state. Birding from there we explore various elevations and rainfall zones. There are 18 endemics in this area, a place of great civility and beauty. Bob Odear and Bob Straub lead. Contact: Bob Odear. observtours@bellsouth.net (615) 292-2739

March 8-18, 2005

Birding in Wild Hawaii

The islands of Kauai, the archipelago's oldest island, Maui, with the Haleakala Crater, and the Big Island will be visited to search for Hawaiian endemics and introduced species. Join Hawaii resident, Rob Pacheco to explore Waimea Canyon, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Mount Haleakala, and other exciting destinations. Contact: Siemer & Hand Travel, 750 Battery St. Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94111 (800) 451-4321; (415) 788-4000; fax (415) 788-4133; travel@siemerhand.com

May 22-29

Adak Island, Alaska

Join longtime Alaska resident, Dan Wetzel, the guide who knows Adak best, during the best time of the year to look for vagrants on the Aleutians. Whiskered Auklet is possible. Group is limited to 14, plus two leaders and a cook. Contact: Dan Wetzel, NatureAlaska Tours, (907) 488-3746, dwetzel@alaska.net



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