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Dec 2-21 – Antarctica and the Falkland Islands

Sail aboard the Clipper Adventurer to thrill at the sights of one of the last truly pristine regions on Earth. The Antarctic Peninsula's ethereal icescapes and prolific wildlife make it a photographer's utopia and a naturalist's wonderland. Enjoy passing scenery and birds from the open decks or the covered promenade deck, after your prepared-to-order dinner in the spacious dining room. Shore-side explorations and landings aboard Zodiacs. Clipper Cruise Lines, www.clippercruise.com, (800) 456-0020.

Jan 20-31, 2008 – Zapata Peninsula, Northern Archipelago & Eastern Endemic Regions of Cuba

Once again, pending license from the US Treasury, the Cuba Bird Study Program will visit the birding hotspots of Cuba. This is always an opportunity that depends on government relations at the highest level, however their past history has been successful in receiving the required permits. Cuba Bird Study Program, Gary Markowski, cubirds@aol.com, (860) 350-6752.

April 3-12, 2008 – Zapata Peninsula, and the Mountains and Forests of Western Cuba

This trip covers locations in western, central, and southern endemic habitats, and visits the southern Caribbean coast; excellent opportunities to see most of Cuba's endemics. Cuba Bird Study Program, Gary Markowski, cubirds@aol.com, (860) 350-6752.

April 14-18 and 21-25, 2008 – Texas: High Island Migration

Take in the coastal beaches and marshes for huge numbers of shorebirds, to the famed migrant traps of High Island, then inland to the Pineywoods for that Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Birding America, www.birding-america.com, info@birding-america.com, (800) 744-6150.

May-June, 2008 – Pribilofs – St. Paul Island

St Paul Island is home to millions of seabirds nesting in easily observed colonies

along the steep shores of the island. Thousands of migrating gulls, shorebirds, seabirds, ducks and passerines are drawn to this remote island in the Bering Sea. Wilderness Birding Adventures, www.wildernessbirding.com, info@wildernessbirding.com, (907) 694-7442.

May 26-June 9, 2008 – China: Sichuan and the Tibetan Plateau

Referred to as the "Heavenly Kingdom," this area's natural beauty and spectacular scenery provide a wonderful backdrop for most of the central Chinese endemics as well as up to 10 amazing pheasants. Tropical Birding, www.tropicalbirding.com, info@tropicalbirding.com, (800) 348-5941.

June, 2008 – Gambell and Nome Tour

Visit two of the most famous birding spots during spring migration where streams of birds fly by. Great opportunities for Asian migrants and unusual breeders in a very special place. Wilderness Birding Adventures, www.wildernessbirding.com, info@wildernessbirding.com, (907) 694-7442.

June 18-28, 2008 – The Galapagos Islands

Cruise the islands of Ecuador, beginning with a land trip in Quito, and ending in Guayaquil. Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, for those special species of the Galapagos. The *La Pinta* is the newest ship in the fleet of Metropolitan Touring. Contact Jane Kress, Avalon Waterways, www.avalonwaterways.com, (877) 303-7735.



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