BARGAIN BIRDING IN KENT
‘THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND’

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Mix ‘n’ match Itineraries | Morning (8am – 1pm) | Afternoon (1pm – 6pm)
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Option 1 | Shellness & Capel Fleet | Elmley Marsh
Option 2 | Conyer Quay | Oare Marsh
Option 3 | Northward Hill | Cliffe Pools
Option 4 | Sandwich Bay | Stodmarsh
Option 5 | Dungeness | Rye Harbour
Option 6 | Bespoke Birding – Tell us about your target species | |

Shellness & Capel Fleet:
- Located on the southwest corner of Sheppey
- Tidal mudflats, shell beaches & saltmarsh
- Huge flocks of Oystercatcher and Dunlin
- Turnstone, Gulls, Terns and Brent Geese
- Raptor viewing point at Capel Fleet
- Marsh Harrier, Buzzard and Kestrel all year
- Short-eared Owls and Hen Harriers in winter

Elmley National Nature Reserve:
- 3,300 acres on the remote Isle of Sheppey
- Saltmarsh, tidal mudflats and freshwater fleets
- One of best places in UK to see raptors & owls
- Huge numbers of gulls, waders and wildfowl
- Marsh Harrier, Avocet, Lapwing and Redshank
- Look out too for water voles, rabbits and hares
- Great all year round (toilets and hides)

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Conyer Quay:
- Open views across the Swale to Sheppey
- Scrub, woodland, marsh, estuary & orchards
- Tits, finches, thrushes and woodpeckers
- Gulls, terns, waders, ducks and geese
- Rock Pipit, Marsh Harrier and Buzzard
- Winter grebes, divers and mergansers
- Winter roosting Long-eared Owl

Oare Marsh (Kent Wildlife Trust):
- 170 acres of north Kent grazing marsh
- Great close up views of waders & wildfowl
- Kingfisher, Grey Heron and Little Egret
- Snipe, Water Rail, godwits and plovers
- Has also hosted Spoonbill & rare sandpipers
- Lovely circular walk all year round
- Look out too for seals in the Swale

Northward Hill (RSPB)
- 700 acres of marsh, woodland and farmland
- Over 6 miles (10km) of trails
- UK’s largest (and noisiest) heronry in spring
- Whitethroat, Nightingale and warblers
- Hobbies, dragonflies & butterflies in summer
- Ducks, waders, thrushes & raptors in winter
- Bird ringing demonstrations, hides & toilets

Cliffe Pools (RSPB):
- Thames estuary, down-river from Gravesend
- 500 acres saline lagoons & freshwater pools
- Cuckoo, Nightingale & Turtle Dove in spring
- Avocet, sandpipers, plovers and godwits
- Spectacular winter wader roosts
- Tawny Owls can be heard calling in the woods
- Has hosted rarities inc. yellowlegs and shrikes

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**Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory:**
- Migration hotspot on east Kent coastline
- Woodland, scrapes, sand dunes & open sea
- Stonechat, Wheatear and Corn Bunting
- Rarer chats, warblers, finches and ‘crests’
- Winter sea-watch for Eider, Scoter and divers
- Common & Grey Seals seen from the beach
- Bird-ringing demo, toilets & visitor centre

**Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve:**
- 600 acres in the Great Stour river valley
- Lakes, reed-beds and wet woodlands
- Warblers and Cuckoo in spring
- Hobbies and hirundines in summer
- Bearded Tits and Bitterns in winter
- Wildfowl, waders and warblers all year round
- Numerous hides and toilet in the car park

**Dungeness (RSPB):**
- RSPB’s oldest reserve and UK’s only desert!
- 2,500 acres of shingle, marsh, scrapes & pools
- Migration hotspot in spring and autumn
- Summer Hobby, gulls, terns and waders
- Great White Egret, Bittern and Penduline Tit
- Winter Goldeneye, Smew, grebes & sawbills
- Visitor centre, café and toilets

**Rye Harbour (LNR):**
- 1,149 acres on East Sussex / Kent border
- Wildfowl, waders, gulls and terns
- Breeding Little, Common & Sandwich Tern
- Common Gull and Mediterranean Gull
- Lime Kiln Cottage visitor centre and 5 hides
- Circular walks from 3km to 9km
- Toilets in the car park

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