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IV. ÇORUH VALLEY BIRD-WATCHING FESTIVAL

ERZURUM, TURKEY

23-25 SEPTEMBER 2011

23 SEPTEMBER 2011 (FRIDAY)

- 12.00 Meet in Erzurum, Departure. to Tortum-Pehlivanlı, Watch Golden Eagle on the way.
*There will be shuttles from Erzurum at 12:00 and 18:30
- 15.00-18.30 Establishment of the camping area
- 18.30-20.30 Welcoming, Brief presentations about the festival and the region
- 20.30-21.30 Dinner (Free of charge)

24 SEPTEMBER 2011 (SATURDAY)

- 06.30 Breakfast
- 07.30-09.00 Departure to Kılıçkaya
- 09.00-11.30 Bird-(Raptor), plant- and butterfly-watching accompanied by experienced guides in Kılıçkaya.
- 11.30 Departure to Karadağ
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch (picnic)
- 13.30-18.00 Bird-(Raptor), plant- and butterfly-watching accompanied by experienced guides in Karadağ
- 18.00 Departure to Uzundere
- 19.30 Dinner (in Uzundere accompanied with local musicians)
- 21.30 Return to camp-site

25 SEPTEMBER 2011 (SUNDAY)

- 06.30 Breakfast
- 07.30-08.30 Check-outs and packing camping area
- 08.30 Departure to Tortum Lake and Tortum Waterfall
- 09.30-10.30 Site-seeing and Bird-watching (Water sports activities are available)
- 10.30-11.30 Departure to Uzundere-Zuğar district.
- 11.30-12.30 Lunch (Free of charge, chance to taste traditional cuisine; Festival evaluation survey, wishes and suggestions)
- 12.30 Departure to Erzurum plain
- 14.00-18.30 Bird-(Raptor), plant- and butterfly-watching accompanied by experienced guides in Erzurum plain.
- 18.30 Departure to Erzurum city center.
- * Departure to Uzundere for those who wants to return.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

25 SEPTEMBER 2011 (Sunday)

Family participation is expected.

- 09.00 Meeting in Uzundere Primary School and information about the programme
- 09.30 Departure to Uzundere Zuğar district
- 10.00- 12.00 Bird- plant- and butterfly-watching accompanied by experienced guides in Zuğar
Educational games about biological diversity and nature awareness, accompanied by experienced pedagogues.
- 12.00-14.00 Lunch (Free of charge, traditional cuisine)
- 14.00-16.00 Bird- plant- and butterfly-watching accompanied by experienced guides in Zuğar
Educational games about biological diversity and nature awareness, accompanied by experienced pedagogues.
- 16.00 Return to Uzundere

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4th ÇORUH VALLEY BIRD-WATCHING FESTIVAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Transport:

All local transfers within the festival area will be provided by the organization committee and no additional fee is required. 2 shuttle services will depart at 12:00 and 18:30 from Erzurum to the camp site in Tortum-Pehlivanlı. The guests are recommended to arrive at Erzurum before 12:00. On September 25th, the last day of the festival, the participants should arrange their departures according to the program.

Accommodation:

Two accommodation types are available, hostel or camping, depending on your choice. The camping site is in the courtyard of the hostel.

The hostel price is TL 25,00-35,00 (due to room). This price is only for accommodation. Hot water is available only in some scheduled times. As the rooms are for 3-5 persons, the guests have no chance of staying alone in one room. The capacity of the hostel is limited to 20 persons and early bookings are recommended.

There is no fee for camping. The guests are expected to provide their own tents, sleeping bags, e.t.c.

Food:

The first dinner on September 23rd will be provided by the organization committee and is free. The two breakfasts which will be given on Sept. 24th and 25th are priced at TL 8,00. On Sept. 24th, the lunch will be provided by the visitors and there will be some shopping opportunities in the morning of the same day. The dinner on Sept. 24 costs TL 15,00. The lunch on Sept. 25th in Zuğar will be provided by the organization committee and it is free.

Dressing:

The variable weather conditions at these times of the year should be considered seriously. The watching points will be in considerably high elevations and on hilltops. Therefore all visitors are recommended to be well equipped against rain, cold weathers and strong winds, in order to enjoy their bird-watching trips.

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