

Goshawks of Berlin 2025

Trip one: 20th – 23rd March

Trip two: 25th – 28th March

Berlin is famous for many things, art, music and museums, but one of the most impressive sights are the urban **Goshawks**. Free from persecution the Goshawks (*der Habicht* in German) have become the top avian predator in the city and are relatively tolerant of people.

Our trip focuses on these amazing birds with an emphasis on an immersive experience; achieving great views, watching their behaviour and learning about their breeding cycle. We will also be on the look out for other birds and wildlife in the areas we visit such as **Red Squirrel**, **Hawfinch**, **Short-toed Treecreeper**, **Middle-spotted Woodpecker** and **Black Woodpecker**.

YCN Director Richard Baines has visited Berlin to watch Goshawks many times since 2018. To read two of his Berlin blogs and see his photos here: [CLICK HERE](#).



Female Northern Goshawk. Berlin February 2018. Copyright Richard Baines

<p>Day One (20th or 25th)</p> <p>1800 – 2100 Arrival at talk venue (details of where to meet will be sent to guests early February 2025)</p>	<p>Group arrival. Meet your YCN guide. Followed by an evening introductory talk about our plans for the days ahead. What to expect, timings, site maps etc. A chance to ask questions and get to know your guide.</p>
<p>Day Two (21st or 26th)</p> <p>0700 – 1700 Our first day with the Goshawks of Tiergarten in central Berlin</p>	<p>The best time to see Goshawks in early spring is around dawn. We will meet at 7am and spend the morning with the Goshawks in Tiergarten.</p> <p>Lunch will be taken in a local café close to the park followed by afternoon birding returning to in Tiergarten so we can drink in the Goshawk experience!</p>
<p>Day Three (22nd or 27th)</p> <p>0700 – 1700 A day exploring the forests of Grunewald</p>	<p>A day in search of woodpeckers such as Middle-spotted Woodpecker and Black Woodpeckers.</p> <p>Lunch will be taken in a local café close to the forest followed by an afternoon birding in Grunewald again just in case we missed any target birds in the morning.</p>
<p>Day Four (23rd or 28th)</p> <p>0800 – 1700 Our second day with the Goshawks of Tiergarten in central Berlin</p> <p>Tour finishes approx. 1800 on day four.</p>	<p>After learning some of the sites and experiences on the first day we will return to Tiergarten to watch the Goshawks again and look out for Hawfinches, Firecrests and Short-toed Treecreepers.</p> <p>Lunch will be taken in a local café close to the park.</p> <p>Afternoon group visit to the Berlin Natural History Museum to see Archeopteryx one of the most famous fossils in the world.</p>

Please note: The above itinerary is flexible; times and site schedules may have to be changed due to weather conditions. Your guide will focus on achieving the best possible conditions for birding and photography of the Goshawks.

What's Included:

- Expert guiding. In Spring 2025 your guide will be Richard Baines
- Three lunches on day one, two and three with a soft drink at a local café/restaurant
- Transport costs to and from Grunewald and the Natural History Museum
- Natural History Museum entrance fee

Not Included:

- Flights
- Hotel accommodation
- Breakfast or evening meals
- Travel insurance
- Any expenses of a personal nature

Tour Cost: £525.00/person

Number: Restricted to 8 guests per trip.

How to Book or Make Enquiry: To secure your place please email Richard Baines at richard.baines@yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk with detail of which trip you would like to book; either trip one 20th – 23rd March or trip two 25th – 28th March 2025.

Richard will then send you a booking form and invoice for payment. Alternatively, if you have any queries about the tour, please give Richard a call on 07747753260.

Please Bring

Warm, waterproof clothing, stout footwear and, if you have them, binoculars. We do have a limited number of high-quality binoculars for hire at £10.00/day; please let us know by email if you need a pair. A camera if you have one.

The tour will include some walking on rough ground. If you have a medical condition, physical or sensory impairment or learning difficulty which is relevant to the event, please let us know as soon as possible.

Advice to Help Your Planning

After booking at your request, we can email you a list of hotels close to Tiergarten. There are many options in that area as well as a lot of private accommodation which is advertised through Airbnb or other similar companies.

Direct flights to Berlin operate from London airports, Manchester and Birmingham. Alternatively, if you wish to travel overland, we can send you a suggested train route across Europe.

Note

Every effort will be made to conduct the tour as described. However, in exceptional circumstances such as severe weather, Yorkshire Coast Nature reserves the right to change the content, guides or cancel the tour at short notice. In the event of cancellation by Yorkshire Coast Nature a full refund of the tour costs will be made. If you have any queries prior to the tour please call Richard Baines on 07747753260.