

USA | Texas

HIGH ISLAND & HOUSTON WOODS

LIMOSA HOLIDAYS | TOUR INFO PACK



Northern Parula - one of up to 30 species of warbler we could see on our April tour to Texas! © Chris Charlesworth, Limosa

2019 **Wednesday 10th - Thursday 18th April (9 days)**
2020 **Saturday 18th - Sunday 26th April (9 days)**
Small group tour with Chris Charlesworth

April sees the thrilling spectacle of spring bird migration at famous High Island, on the Texas Gulf Coast. Prepare to be bedazzled and bewitched by a whole rainbow of North American wood-warblers and other migrants - including up to 30 species of wader, and all looking at their sharpest now! Expect to see in the region of 200 species on this bird-filled tour, which begins with a foray into the forests north of Houston, a wonderful spot for the endangered Red-cockaded and other woodpeckers - not to mention the localised Brown-headed Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird and Yellow-breasted Chat.

- Two-centre tour visiting key migration hotspots along the Gulf of Mexico
- High Island, Sabine Woods, Sea Rim, Anahuac, Bolivar Flats...
- Wall-to-wall warblers - as many as 30 different species possible on this tour!
- Bay-breasted, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Prothonotary, Swainson's
- Up to 30 species of wader, too - plus a host of other wetland birds
- In April, the High Island heronry will be in full swing
- Houston Woods for specialities of the southern USA's forests
- Small group tour - maximum 7 participants
- Expertly led by Limosa's North America specialist Chris Charlesworth

What's Included?

- Limosa Tour Leader
- Flights - London Heathrow to Houston, nonstop with British Airways
- 7 nights accommodation in Texas, at comfortable hotels of good North American standard
- All main meals - with drinking water provided during the day
- Minibus transport
- All excursions, entry fees, tour based tips and taxes

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Outline Itinerary

- Day 1:** Fly London-Houston. We may arrive in time for a little local birding nearby. Night Houston
- Day 2:** We explore Jones State Forest and bird the south Texas woodlands for southeastern US forest specialities. Night Houston
- Days 3-7:** We travel south to the Texas Gulf Coast and take in the key migration hotspots, including High Island, Bolivar Flats, Anahuac, Sea Rim and Sabine Woods. Winnie (5 nts)
- Day 8:** A final check for migrants today. Overnight flight Houston to London
- Day 9:** Morning arrival London

Tour Overview

There can be few birdwatchers anywhere who have not leafed through the pages of a North American field guide and marvelled at the rainbow variety and sheer exuberance of the continent's spring warblers - then dreamed of seeing them there! These stunning birds are a special feature of the regular falls of migrants that take place at High Island and other hotspots along the Texas Gulf Coast every April.

Even in an 'average' year there is so much to see, with each corner turned drawing gasps of delight as bright splashes of yellow, orange, black, green and blue flit through the freshly leafing trees and we thrill to a host of avian gems making landfall here. On our previous birdwatching tours to Texas in spring we've found as many as 25 different kinds of warbler in a single visit to one small wood - this really is birding with a buzz! It's a neon display further enhanced by the likes of Scarlet and Summer Tanagers, Blue and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Bunting, the gaudy Painted Bunting, and Baltimore and Orchard Orioles.

Passerine migration isn't the only excitement that awaits birders visiting the Texas Gulf coast in spring! Bolivar's famous tidal flats combine with Anahuac's bird-rich marshes and rice paddies to produce 30 species of shorebird, including such beauties as breeding-plumaged

Buff-breasted and Stilt Sandpipers. Here familiar Sanderling and Red Knot rub shoulders with scurrying parties of Piping and Semipalmated Plovers, elegant Black-necked Stilts and rusty-necked American Avocets. We'll watch madcap Reddish and Snowy Egrets chasing through the shallows, and admire snazzy Tricoloured Herons, Fulvous Whistling Ducks and Purple Gallinules as mighty American Alligators 'yawn' widely beside the trail.

Come April, the breeding season will already be in full swing for many of the "Lone Star State's" resident birds. The frenetic activity of breeding egrets, night herons and Roseate Spoonbills at High Island rookery is yet another treat in store.

As a prelude to all this excitement however, our April birding tour to Texas begins with a two-night stay in Houston, right on the doorstep of the region's great southern forests. This is woodpecker country *par excellence*, with the cartoonish Pileated and stunning Red-headed Woodpeckers among many to watch for as we go in search of dazzling Eastern Bluebirds and dancing Yellow-breasted Chats. We shall also be making a special effort here to find two range-restricted species that occur only in the southeastern United States: the dwindling Red-cockaded Woodpecker and elfin Brown-headed Nuthatch. This is often the only site we see Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee and the smart Pine Warbler singing high in the treetops.

Our April tour is timed to coincide with the peak of the spring migration spectacle on the Texas Gulf Coast - just as the venerable Live Oaks are bursting into leaf and when the turnover of warblers and other migrants can be truly astounding. It is tough to choose which warbler is best: perhaps the fiery male Blackburnian, the startling 'egg yolk headed' Prothonotary or maybe the skulking but dapper Kentucky? You will have to make your own mind up...

Guide Chris Charlesworth lives in North America and is a veteran of numerous Texas tours. He rates the Texas Gulf Coast in spring as his favourite birding destination in all of North America and our April 2019 and 2020 birdwatching tours to Texas will be his 13th and 15th trips there for Limosa.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1

FLY HOUSTON

Our spring birding tour to Texas begins with a British Airways morning flight from London Heathrow nonstop to Houston. Chris will be waiting to welcome our arrival here this afternoon. We transfer the short distance to our first hotel, ready for dinner and the birding excitements that lie ahead! *Night Houston*

Day 2

JONES STATE FOREST & SOUTH TEXAS WOODLANDS

Our birding begins in fine style amid the pine and hardwood forests that lie within an easy drive to the north of Houston. The endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker and localised Brown-headed Nuthatch are key specialities to look for here - and we should come across the stunning Red-headed Woodpecker, too. Indeed, these South Texas woodlands are exceptionally rich in woodpeckers, with both Hairy and Downy, the outrageous Pileated, noisy Red-bellieds, Northern Flicker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker among those to watch for. Beautiful Yellow-breasted Chats find the shrubby understorey much to their liking, and we may be lucky to see one perform its dancing spring display flight, while colourful Eastern Bluebirds and Summer Tanagers, Turkey Vulture and other southern forest breeders should ensure an exciting first day's birding! *Night Houston*

Days 3 - 7

TEXAS GULF COAST: HIGH ISLAND, SABINE WOODS, SEA RIM, ANAHUAC & BOLIVAR

Leaving Houston, we head east towards our second hotel, at Winnie. From here, we take a short drive south to High Island to make an afternoon check of the likeliest 'migrant traps'. It will be all too easy to get side-tracked along the way however, for our route to the coast cuts across the Gulf Coast's bird-rich marshes, where (depending upon water levels at the time) our progress may be slowed by sightings of Least and American Bitterns, Marsh Wren or King, Clapper and Virginia Rails in wet ditches and pools beside the road.

For birdwatchers, High Island has become a mecca for those seeking to experience the dizzying phenomenon of migration. With its venerable spreading Live Oaks, the little town of High Island sits atop a low wooded rise, barely a quarter-mile from the sea. In April, the woods attract migrants like a magnet for the low-lying land surrounding High Island is coastal marsh in every direction, making it a true 'island of trees'. Contrary to what one might expect, the biggest falls of migrants generally occur here in the afternoons, as travel weary passerines complete their crossing of the immense Gulf of Mexico and drop down into High Island's welcoming woodlands.

At times, birding in the isolated coastal groves can be astonishing. Even on an "average day", when numbers of migrants are simply drifting through, there'll be plenty to captivate and enthrall us! Black-throated Green, Bay-breasted and Worm-eating Warblers, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chuck-will's-widow, Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Scarlet Tanager and Baltimore Oriole are just some of the possible treats in store. A visit to the bustling heronry at High Island adds further to the appeal of this remarkable place in spring, presenting excellent opportunities for anyone with the remotest ambition with a camera to photograph the likes of Great and Snowy Egrets, Tricoloured Herons, Roseate Spoonbills and Black-crowned Night Herons. All will be busy attending their nests - and filling the frame in our cameras and 'scopes'!

Not far along the coast from High Island, the famed Bolivar Flats offer fabulous assemblies of shorebirds. Here we may thrill to dazzling flocks of American Avocets and bizarre Black Skimmers, as well as catching up with almost all the North American plovers. Noisy parties of terns - Caspian, Royal, Cabot's (now split from Sandwich), Black and Forster's - come and go along the sandy shore, energetic Reddish Egrets prance madly through the shallows and groups of gigantic-looking Brown and American White Pelicans stand idly by. Along the way, we will stop at a reliable spot to look for the attractive Nelson's Sparrow, and have good chances of finding White-tailed Kite and American Oystercatcher, too.

Inland of the Gulf coast, acres of shallow-flooded rice fields can also be teeming with migrant shorebirds in April, offering first-rate opportunities to study the likes of Black-necked Stilt, Short-billed Dowitcher, Least, Western, White-rumped and Baird's Sandpipers, Wilson's Phalarope, leggy Stilt Sandpipers and, with luck, the scarce Hudsonian Godwit. Many are looking even more alluring now, in full summer dress.

The extensive marshes of the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge lie between Winnie and the coast. Here we could find anything from the diminutive Least Bittern, American Moorhen and shining Purple Gallinules to Double-crested and Neotropical Cormorants, American White and White-faced Ibises, Blue-winged Teal and crab-eating Yellow-crowned Night Herons. In April, the willows that fringe the approach to the reserve regularly harbour migrants and careful scrutiny of roadside wires might reward us with our first sightings of the immaculate Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, a lemon-chested Eastern Meadowlark or perhaps a roosting Common Nighthawk. Big American Alligators are another common sight at Anahuac, basking in the warm spring sunshine beside the trail - sometimes with their massive jaws open wide!

By basing ourselves at Winnie for the duration of our stay near the coast, we shall also be within easy range of the wonderful migrant traps that lie to the east, just across the water from the neighbouring state of Louisiana. We'll take in Sabine Woods, Sea Rim State Park and Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge, where chunky Seaside Sparrows nest in the saltmarshes, Soras 'whinny' and Western Ospreys calmly watch us pass from roadside telegraph poles. In April, the coastal groves here have a habit of turning up species whose main migration routes lie to the east of Texas and, with luck, we could add a stunning Cape May Warbler or perhaps the cracking Black-throated Blue to our burgeoning list of eastern North American wood-warblers - which could well run to 30 species by the end of this super tour! *Five nights Winnie*

Day 8

GULF COAST BIRDING, FLY LONDON

We have time today to enjoy a final morning's birding at a favoured spot on the coast. In the

afternoon, we make the easy return to Houston for farewells to Chris and check-in for our British Airways overnight flight back to London.

Day 9

ARRIVE LONDON

Morning arrival at London Heathrow, where our spring birdwatching tour to Texas concludes.

Trip Information

Group Size Max 7 participants & 1 leader

Birds 180-215 species

Accommodation 7 nights accommodation in Texas, at comfortable US-style hotels of good North American standard. All rooms en suite. We begin with two nights in Houston followed by five nights in Winnie, giving easy access to key sites east and west along the Gulf Coast.

Meals All main meals are included in our tour price, commencing with dinner in Texas on Day 1 and concluding with lunch there on Day 8. Food is good, varied and plentiful. Breakfasts are usually buffet-style at the hotels. Lunches will usually be picnics though we sometimes visit a local restaurant or diner. As is the norm in the USA, evening meals will often be taken at a local restaurant since many North American hotels lack in-house restaurant facilities. [Our tour price also **includes** the expected 15-20% gratuities for all meals in North America.]

Walking Easy. Short walks over flat terrain. Comfy walking shoes should suffice, with a pair of old trainers, sandals or 'flip-flops' suitable for beach birding.

Weather In April, the weather at Houston and along the Texas Gulf Coast is generally warm, sunny and dry, with average daily temperatures of between 16-28°C (60-82°F). There is a chance of unsettled weather with showers and overcast conditions as weather fronts move through - but these bring with them the migrants, of course!

Flights Return flights from London Heathrow to Houston (TX), nonstop with British Airways.

Ground Transport Air-conditioned minibus.

Insects On warm days, mosquitoes are likely to be present locally along some of the woodland trails, including High Island. There is no malaria risk in Texas but you may wish to pack a little insect repellent.

Photos Good photo opportunities for birds and other wildlife on this trip.

Tour Cost ^{*1}

2019 (9 days):
£2495 (inc flights from London)
Land only: £1895
Deposit: £400
Single Supp: £385

Cost includes

- Services of Limosa guide
- Return flights - London Heathrow-Houston
- 7 nights hotel accommodation in Texas
- All main meals (with drinking water provided)
- Minibus transport
- All excursions, entry fees, tour based tips (inc. gratuities for meals) and taxes
- Map and checklist of birds for the tour.

Cost excludes

Insurance, ESTA (ca. US \$14; *see page 7 below*), airport snacks/meals, drinks & other items of a personal nature.

^{*1} **2019 tour costs shown. Please note costs for our 2020 tour TBA (available summer 2019)**

About Your Guide

Chris Charlesworth Canadian Chris began birding at the age of ten, with a passion for birds that has remained with him and ultimately inspired him to guide birding tours. He lives at Kelowna in British Columbia (Canada) and has travelled extensively throughout his native North America. Since earning his “Limosa wings” in the early 2000s, he has led most of our tours across the pond, including those to Arizona,

Texas, California, Washington State, Oregon, Ontario (Point Pelee), the Canadian Rockies, Alberta and British Columbia (including Vancouver Island). Chris is excellent company and has developed quite a following among Limosa travellers over the years. He derives great pleasure from sharing his experience on tour and his knowledge of North America’s birds and their calls is right out of the top drawer. With a little coaxing, he may even be persuaded to demonstrate his repertoire of North American ‘owl imitations’ on tour - said to be quite entertaining! Chris is a veteran of numerous visits to Texas and rates the Texas Gulf Coast in spring as his favourite birding destination in all North America. Our April 2019 and 2020 tours will be his 13th and 15th visits to Texas for Limosa.

What You Say...

“Chris was amazing. He seemed to know just where to go to find the birds. Any holiday that gives us over 120 new birds has got to be good.”

T&LH, Texas Coast tour

“Chris has excellent people skills and is inclusive of all members of the group, whatever their birding skills. Brilliant identification skills, too. We would definitely travel with Chris again... We are confident that “Limosa” knows what it is doing, and does it to a very high standard. Reliable and efficient, and pleasant too! Thank you for a great holiday.”

L&AP, Texas Coast tour

“Chris was outstanding in every respect. Arnoud van den Berg has always rated as our top tour leader amongst an exceptional group of leaders - Chris Charlesworth is his equal and we cannot pay a bigger compliment. Excellent.”

B&AH, Texas Coast tour

Financial Security

Limosa Holidays is a fully bonded Tour Operator and a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO). We hold an ATOL (Air Tour Operators Licence) granted by the CAA, providing for your protection in the event of Limosa Holidays' insolvency. Our ATOL licence number is ATOL 2950.

For tours not including the cost of a flight from the UK or for holidays booked by you as 'Land Only', all payments made to us are fully bonded through the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT). Our ABTOT membership number is 5230. For details please see our brochure or website: <http://www.limosaholidays.co.uk/financial-protection>

Limosa Loyalty Discount

We are proud of the number of loyal customers who travel regularly with us. As our way of saying 'thank you', we offer a **Frequent Travel Discount**. Under the scheme, everyone who takes four trips with us is entitled to claim a 5% discount on their 5th trip. ^{*1}

^{*1} **Conditions:** *This offer applies to the basic tour cost only and excludes certain commission-based trips, extra costs such as additional flights or accommodation, private extensions and cancellations. • Discounts cannot be given in lieu of tour deposits or off the cost of single room supplements. • Please note discount must be requested at time of booking!*

How To Book

Check availability on our website or with our office. We are happy to hold Provisional Reservations for up to 7 days. After this, we do require a Booking Form and deposit to confirm your place on tour. Any unconfirmed space will be released.

Book Online, by Phone or by Post

You can book and pay the deposit simply and securely **Online** via our website, using the '**Book This Tour**' button on the relevant tour page or the **Booking** tab at the top of the page.

Telephone bookings must be confirmed in writing by completion of a Booking Form (there's one tucked inside every brochure or as a PDF download from our website), which can be mailed to us in the time honoured way.

Please be sure to read our Booking Conditions and General Information prior to booking. These can be found in full in the footer on every page on our website (or available from our office on request); also in an abridged form at the back of our brochure.

When to Book

Early booking is advised since flights and accommodation are much more easily secured well in advance. To encourage early booking, we are pleased to offer an **Early Bird Discount** - see our current brochure or website for details.

All our tours are limited to small group sizes. So they can fill up quickly - sometimes even before our new brochure comes out! Single rooms in particular can often be in short supply and among the first to go, so do try to plan well ahead if you definitely require one of these.

Last-minute Bookings: We inevitably receive a few unexpected cancellations over the course of a season so it is always worth enquiring about vacancies on any tour - even for those departing in just a few weeks!

Payments

Deposit: The amount of **booking deposit** per person is shown alongside every tour. We accept deposit payments by **electronic bank transfer** (please ask for our bank details), **UK debit card** and **cheque** (made payable to *Limosa Holidays* and drawn on a UK bank in GB Pounds Sterling).

We also accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards for payment of Booking Deposits only.

Balance: Full payment of the **tour balance** is due not later than 12 weeks prior to departure (20 weeks in the case of certain tours such as cruises or those involving rail travel). We will send you an invoice before the balance is due.

We accept balance payments and any additional payments (e.g. interim flight deposits, flight upgrades, extra hotels etc) by **electronic bank transfer (BACS), UK debit card or cheque.**

Payment by overseas customers

These must be in GB Pounds Sterling and may be made by electronic transfer direct to our bank (*please ask for our bank details*).

We do **not** accept cheques on US Banks in US Dollars, or cheques in Euros or Eurocheques.

Credit cards - please note:

(i) We do NOT accept credit cards or overseas debit cards for balance payments (including any additional or interim payments) from customers living within the UK or European Economic Area (the EEA is the EU countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

(ii) For customers living in North America, Australia and all other areas outside of the UK and the European Economic Area we are able to accept payment by Visa and MasterCard credit cards or overseas debit card but with a charge of 2.5% of the transaction amount to help offset card company charges.

Late Booking Payments: In order for us to guarantee your airline seats, hotels etc., full payment is required at time of booking for all late bookings (*i.e. bookings made within 12 weeks of departure*).

Other Things You Need To Know

Passports & Visas

Since April 2016, all travellers wishing to enter the US under the **US Visa Waiver Programme** (*see below*) need to hold a passport with an integrated chip (an ePassport). Your passport is an ePassport if it carries the 'eye' symbol.

[As these were introduced into the UK in 2006, it's likely all British passport holders will have an ePassport. However, please check - or you may be refused entry despite holding an ESTA!]

For UK passport holders, your **passport must be valid** for the proposed duration of your stay.

No additional period of validity beyond this is required, but when travelling anywhere overseas we **always recommend** that your passport has a minimum of 6 months left to run after your intended date of return home in case of unforeseen delay.

***** IMPORTANT!** The US authorities require all those booking flights to provide the airline concerned with **Secure Flight Data (advance passenger information)** for all passengers.

Please be sure to supply our office with your FULL PASSPORT details at time of booking or as soon as possible afterwards, including your full names exactly as they appear in your passport, nationality, date of birth, place of birth, gender, passport number, place of issue, date of issue and date of expiry.

Please note that without this information our office will be unable to ticket your flights so be sure to provide us with it in good time.

• **VISA NOT REQUIRED** by UK passport holders eligible under the current **US Visa Waiver Programme (VWP)**, which allows most British Citizen passport holders to visit the US for up to 90 days.

All others should contact the nearest US embassy or consulate to check whether or not they require a visa/s. If a visa/s is required, you will need to apply locally. If the embassy or consulate requires you to provide a letter confirming that you are booked on an all-inclusive tour, please contact our office and we will be happy to provide one.

***** ESTA:** The US requires all those travelling under the Visa Waiver Programme to provide details online at least 72 hours prior to travel. This is known as an **Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)**, and is mandatory.

The latest information about entry requirements including ESTA can be found on the **UK's**

Foreign & Commonwealth Office website at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice - follow the link to find the US page. For more information, and to apply online, please visit the official ESTA website at esta.cbp.dhs.gov.

Getting an ESTA is a separate process to providing your airline with secure flight data / advance passenger information (details of your passport, country of residence, address of your first night's accommodation in the US etc).

New regulations require the ESTA applicant to include details of first accommodation and contact in the US. Our **Travel Information sheets** (sent to all participants) contain further details and our office will supply you with the hotel address and do its best to assist with your ESTA application.

Health & Vaccinations

Compulsory vaccinations: None.

Recommended vaccinations: For travel everywhere (even within the UK), we recommend you check you are up-to-date with protection against tetanus, polio and hepatitis A.

The above information, together with that contained within our Travel Information sheets (sent to everyone who books), outlines health requirements for this tour. **Please note that these details are given for guidance only - and are only for certain diseases - and you must consult your doctor in good time prior to travel as to what immunisations (if any) are needed for your chosen holiday.**

For full and up-to-date health information we **urge everyone to consult The National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC)** www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations.aspx prior to booking any overseas holiday. NaTHNaC is funded by the UK Government's Health Protection Agency and provides health information for both health professionals and travellers, with information compiled by its own clinical and scientific team. You can search for individual country requirements, which are updated regularly.

Your Safety & Travel Advice

An unavoidable aspect of travelling abroad nowadays is the risk it may pose to your safety and security. The best advice on current risks is provided by the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO). In order to assess and protect against any risks in your chosen destination we **strongly recommended** that you refer to the relevant FCO Travel Advice - both prior to booking and regularly before you travel. See www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

It is standard Limosa policy for our office to send a copy of the relevant FCO Travel Advice about the tour to all participants along with their Final Letter (ca. 2-3 weeks prior to the trip).

'**Travel Aware**' - staying safe and healthy abroad - is a travel safety campaign run by the FCO, and another useful resource. Go to: <https://www.gov.uk/travelaware>

Travel Insurance

Good travel insurance is **essential** before setting off on any overseas trip. In common with all responsible tour operators, **it is a condition of booking** that all clients are fully and adequately insured before travelling overseas with us.

Be aware that some destinations may require you to produce proof of comprehensive travel insurance (e.g. valid insurance certificate) at immigration on arrival in the country, so you should carry your documentation with you.

Your travel insurance should cover against cancellation, curtailment, missed departure, delay, personal accident, death, loss of baggage and valuables (see note below), personal liability and legal expenses. Most importantly, your insurance must cover you fully in respect of medical care and repatriation should you become too ill to continue with the tour, including the cost of emergency evacuation by helicopter or air ambulance should this be necessary. Note that passenger liability insurance covering the transportation that we hire, particularly in Third World countries, may be inadequate; it is therefore important that your insurance cover includes sufficient provision for your dependents in the event of an accident.

We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as possible after booking your holiday to ensure you are protected right from the word go in the event of unexpected cancellation prior to departure due to accident or illness. You must inform your insurers of any pre-existing medical conditions (including those of persons not necessarily travelling but upon whom your holiday may depend) that may require treatment during a period of overseas travel or might cause you to cancel the trip.

Once you have arranged your insurance, please be sure to send us the following essential details: name and contact details of your insurance provider, your policy number, expiry date and your insurers 24hr Emergency Assistance number.

Important Things to Note about Insurance

- Travel Insurance does **not** normally provide sufficient cover for valuable optical equipment, which is often best protected under your own household insurance policy. If in doubt ask your insurers for advice prior to travel.
- Most travel insurance policies limit the amount of cover, typically up to a maximum tour cost of £5000 per person. If the tour you are booking exceeds this amount, additional cover can usually be provided upon payment of additional premium. **We recommend all travellers** check their individual policy limit to ensure the full cost of their holiday is covered.

Arranging Your Insurance: due to UK Government legislation, under Financial Services Authority (FSA) regulations, we are not allowed to offer or recommend travel related insurance to customers. Premiums can vary widely according to your age, needs, health, choice of destination and other factors, while many people nowadays have Annual Travel Insurance cover. For these reasons, we leave you free to shop around and pick your own policy, one best suited to your own individual needs.

General Information

www.limosaholidays.co.uk

Our website gives easy access to detailed tour itineraries (Tour Info Packs), trip reports, trip photos and the latest Limosa News.

Special Diets & Other Requests

We pass on all such requests to the airlines, hotels and other suppliers, and do our best to ensure (but of course cannot guarantee) that your needs will be met. Please be sure to tell us about these (in as much detail as possible) at the time of booking, to allow good time to make the necessary arrangements.

Smoking

Almost all of our clients prefer a smoke-free environment. For the enjoyment and comfort of all, we ask that smokers refrain from smoking in proximity to the group and respect our NO SMOKING policy in the vehicle, at meal times and when watching wildlife.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions at any time, you'll find our office staff friendly, efficient, approachable - and just a phone call away, eager to assist you in every way.

Our office is open 09.00-17.00 hrs Mon-Fri, and can also be reached by email. In the event we are unable to take your call, please leave a message on our answerphone (24 hrs) and our office will contact you as soon as we can.

***Thank you for your interest in our tours.
We do hope that you will be able to join us
- and we look forward to hearing from you
again!***

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