

SEH CONGRESS HERPETOLOGICAL TOUR

29 AUGUST– 1 SEPTEMBER 2019



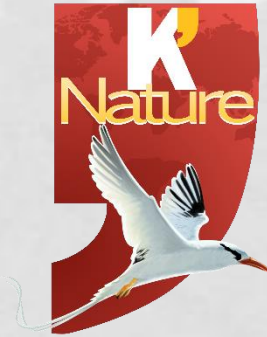
K' Nature, a company of **zoologists** with years of experience in the field of **scientific research** and ecotourism, offers **nature expeditions** in Italy, Europe and worldwide mainly focused on wildlife observation.

Our **tour leaders** are all characterized by a deep knowledge of wildlife. Having travelled and gained professional experience in more than 30 countries, during research, monitoring and scientific activities, they will be able to guide the participants in experiential journeys that have **biodiversity as the main focus**.

For the organization of our expeditions we collaborate with the travel agency **Mamatours SRL**.



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On the occasion of the 20th SEH, that will be held in Milan in September 2019, K' Nature organizes a wildlife expedition to discover some of the most interesting regions of central-northern Italy in terms of herpetofauna (above 30 species of herps inhabit this area!).

The tour will involve Liguria, Tuscany and Emilia-Romagna regions characterized by the presence of several species endemic to the Italian peninsula.

We will explore a wide variety of natural environments, from mountain stone heaps to beech forests, from coastal wetlands to mountain streams.

We will also have the opportunity to visit some worldwide famous Italian cities such as Pisa and Bologna.

The tour will be guided by the italian researcher and herpetologist Valerio Giovanni Russo and by his colleagues.



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SITES OF INTEREST



LIGURIA

A region characterized by breathtaking coastal landscapes and mountains that overlook the Mediterranean Sea.

We will visit the plain of Albenga, with the “Emys center”, involved in Ligurian wetlands and *Emys orbicularis* conservation, the promontories located in the eastern portion of the region and the characteristic coastal villages.

TUSCANY

We will explore several sites of great importance for the Italian herpetofauna. Among these: Apuan Alps, a limestone chain rich of underground tunnels and caves and the coastal wetlands of San Rossore. We'll also visit the world famous city of Pisa.

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CASENTINESI FOREST NATIONAL PARK

One of the largest and oldest forest in Europe, extraordinarily rich in flora and fauna. A quiet natural oasis stretching over both Tuscany and Emilia Romagna, the park is home of a large number of ungulates and even Italian Wolves. The numerous types of microhabitats present within the Park are home to a huge number of species of Amphibians.



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PISA

Once a maritime power to rival Genoa and Venice, is characterized by the famous Leaning Tower that is just one of many noteworthy sights in this compelling city. Its centre is a portfolio of Romanesque buildings, Gothic churches and Renaissance piazzas.

BOLOGNA

The largest city of Emilia Romagna, characterized by an historical centre rich in medieval buildings, towers and porticoes. With its history, homemade pastas and mouth-watering typical cuisine, Bologna will charm you!



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TARGET SPECIES



AMPHIBIANS

Salamandra salamandra, *Salamandrina perspicillata*, *Ichthyosaura alpestris*, *Triturus carnifex*, *Lissotriton vulgaris*, *Speleomantes italicus*, *S. ambrosii*, *S. strinatii*, *Bombina pachypus*, *Bufo viridis*, *Hyla intermedia*, *Rana dalmatina*, *R. italica*.

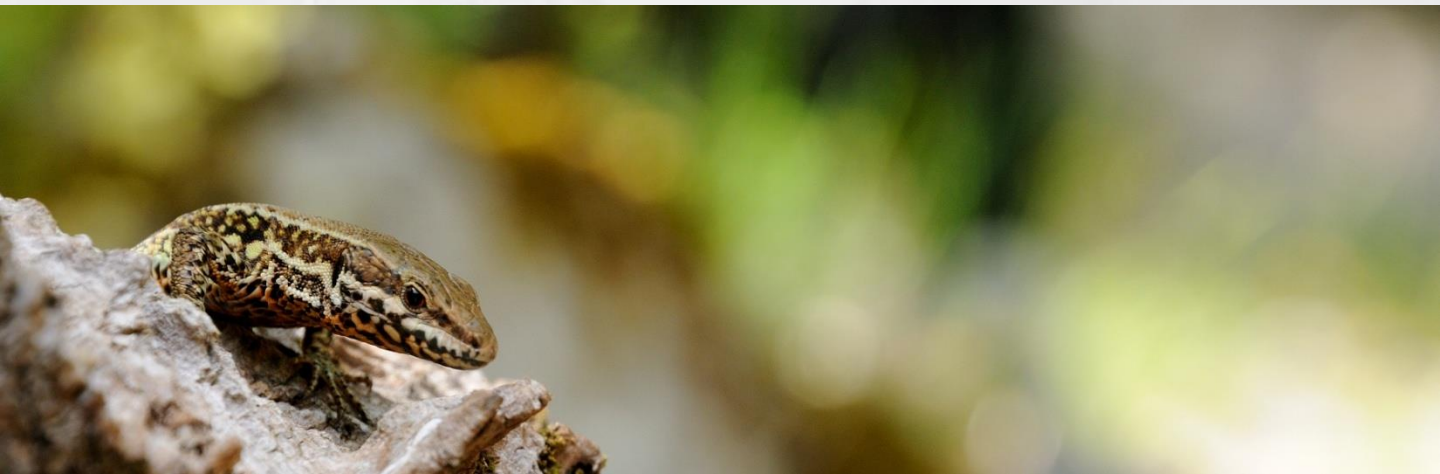


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REPTILES

Emys orbicularis, *Euleptes europaea*, *Hemidactylus turcicus*, *Tarentola mauritanica*, *Anguis veronensis*, *Chalcides chalcides*, *Lacerta bilineata*, *Podarcis siculus*, *Hierophis viridiflavus*, *Coronella girondica*, *C. austriaca*, *Elaphe quatuorlineata*, *Natrix helvetica*, *N. maura*, *N. tessellata*, *Vipera aspis*.



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INDICATIVE PROGRAMME*

DAY 1: Departure from Milan to Albenga. Visit to the “*Emys* Centre”. Herping on eastern Ligurian high grounds. Night in a characteristic village of the ligurian hills.

DAY 2: Herping morning in the Apuan Alps. Transfert to San Rossore and herping afternoon. Visit to Pisa and dinner. Night in closeby village.

DAY 3: Transfert to the ‘Casentinesi Forests National Park’. Full day and night herping.

DAY 4: Herping morning. Transfert and to Bologna, lunch and visit of the city. Transfert to Milan in the evening.

* The final programme will be sent to the participants after the registration to the trip

** The largest part of the time during the expedition will be spent in the observation of Amphibians and Reptiles nonetheless we will have the chance of observing tens of interesting species of other vertebrates among birds and mammals.



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PRICE: 490,00 €

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- NIGHTS IN HOTEL OR APARTMENT OR B&B (triple room*)
- ALL THE TRASFERTS IN MINIVAN - including FUEL, TOLLS and PARKING COSTS
- SCIENTIFIC ACCOMPANYING BY PROFESSIONAL HERPETOLOGIST(S)** FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE TOUR
- LOCAL GUIDES
- BASIC INSURANCE

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- MEALS
- ENTRANCE FEE TO MONUMENTS
- EVERYTHING NOT SPECIFIED IN «WHAT IS INCLUDED»

* Possibility of double or single room with the payment of an extra

** The number of the tour leaders will depend on the size of the group



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PAYMENT DETAILS

PENALTIES IN CASE OF CANCELLATION:

In case of withdrawal of the contract by the participant, the penalties are 100% equal to the entire participation cost.

INSURANCE AGAINST EXPENSES OF CANCELLATION AND REPATRIATION:

It is possible, and indeed advisable, to stipulate at the time of booking an insurance policy against expenses deriving from the cancellation of the deal, due to injuries or illnesses, which also cover repatriation and loss costs and/or damage to baggage.

ADVANCE OF 150,00 € TO BE TRANSFERED BEFORE THE 15/07/2019 ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

Beneficiary: MAMA TOURS SRL

Address: Piazza medaglie d'oro 41, 80128, Napoli, Italy

IBAN: IT84W0200803454000004291386

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Payment reason: Payment Advance – TOUR SEH CONGRESS 2019
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BALANCE TO BE TRANSFERED WITHIN THE 31/07/2019.

THE TOUR WILL BE ACTIVATED WITH A MINIMUM NUMBER OF 6 PARTICIPANTS. IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF THE TOUR DUE TO THE FAILURE IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS THE ENTIRE AMOUNT WILL BE RETURNED.

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TOUR LEADER

Founding member of K' Nature, **Valerio G. Russo** is a zoologist with a specialization in Herpetology. Among his many interests, in addition to the love for Amphibians and Reptiles, he has a deep knowledge about Birds and Mammals. He has been active for years in the field of scientific research and wildlife monitoring. He has collaborated, as assistant professor, in several ecology expeditions with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

If the group will include more than 6 participants other Herpetologists and Zoologists will join the group as tour leaders.

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