Birding in Costa Rica's Northern Zone!

March-01-2019 - March-12-2019 (12 Days, 11 Nights) - 2 Adults

Please find below your custom travel itinerary for your upcoming trip to Costa Rica. This itinerary can be modified anyway you'd like to better suit your needs, interests and budget. If you would like to see more information about your hotels or tours, you will be able to find it on our website Costa Rica.org. We want you to be 100% satisfied with your travel itinerary, so please let me know if there are any changes you'd like to make.

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Met by My Costa Rica Representative - Excursion

A representative from our company will be waiting outside of the airport when you arrive with a sign with your name on it. She will provide you with a welcome package that includes all the information you need for your vacation here in tropical paradise. They will get you to your transportation and your trip in Costa Rica will begin.

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Private Transfer from San Jose Airport to San Jose

Enjoy your transportation from Juan Santamaria International Airport to your Hotel.
**Stay at the Hotel Bougainvillea**

At the Hotel Bougainvillea you will easily forget that you are just 15 minutes from downtown or the airport in San José. Set amidst the coffee farms of Santo Domingo de Heredia, the hotel has extensive gardens dominated by mature trees and brightened by tropical flowers and offers 81 deluxe rooms, a picturesque outdoor pool, tennis courts, a fitness center, an epicurean restaurant and a bar. **Breakfast included.**

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**Private Transfer from San Jose to Arenal**

Sit back and enjoy the views of the lush flora and fauna as you are leaving Costa Rica's capital San José behind. Your private transfer will take you to Arenal in approximately 3 hours and 20 minutes.

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**Arenal Observatory Lodge - Room, Smithsonian**

- **Stay at Arenal Observatory Lodge**

  Arenal Observatory Lodge was originally built in 1987 as a research station for scientists of the Smithsonian Institute. The lodge features 37 rooms in a four-building spread on the property. Most rooms have a view of the volcano and all have verdant garden surroundings. It is the only lodge within Arenal National Park and is protected from danger by a deep gorge of the Agua Caliente River. **Breakfast included.**

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**Hanging Bridges Bird Watching Tour - Excursion, Regular**

Get your feet of the ground and your head into the canopy with our guided bird tours at the nearby Mistico Arenal Hanging Bridges Park. In their reserve you will see a great variety of bird species and have the opportunity to see the forest from an elevated perspective. These hanging bridges provide an excellent opportunity to appreciate birds that are normally camouflaged by the thick foliage of the canopy. In this area, more than 350 species of birds have been observed, including...
Bird Watching Morning Tour - Excursion, Regular

Dawn at Arenal Observatory Lodge & Spa is a magical time. The air is fresh, the trails are quiet, but the forest that permeates the property is buzzing with life. In the morning birding tour you will join one of our experienced guides in the quest to fulfill your bird bucket list. The diversity of habitats within our private reserve at Arenal Observatory Lodge & Spa means you can expect a great diversity of bird species, over 400 hundred in-fact. Toucans, trogons, and tanagers or maybe the ever-elusive umbrella bird with its postmodern hairdo and loud, booming calls, there is no telling what to expect.

Private Transfer from Arenal to Caño Negro

As you are leaving the breathtaking, lush Arenal area behind, sit back and enjoy the view of the diverse flora and fauna without a worry in mind. Your private transfer will take you from Arenal to Boca Tapada in approximately 2 hours.
- Stay at **Natural Lodge Caño Negro**
The lodge is surrounded by exuberant tropical vegetation, and has direct access to the pristine canals of the Caño Negro refuge. The refuge has an extension of 9960 hectares and is one of the most important biological areas of the country. Natural Lodge Caño Negro features 22 deluxe rooms each with elegant furniture, Air Conditioning and Fan, Security box, and complete bathroom. **Breakfast included.**

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**Wetlands Observation (Bird Tour) - Excursion, Regular**

*Come and visit the most important observation points and discover the wonders of Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge, considered one of the richest places on the continent for bird watching. With one hour longer than the Wetlands Boat Tour, you can go slowly, giving you more time to find the best spots for pictures and observation, basically focusing in general wildlife, Birdwatching and Photography. This wetland has more than 350 species of birds such as; the Nicaraguan Grackle (Quiscalus Nicaraguenis), endemic to Nicaragua and whose only bird population in Costa Rica is located in Caño Negro. Also, the Northern Jacana, The Neotropical Cormorant (with the largest colony in the country), the Great Blue Heron and Anhinga, Roseate Spoonbill, White Ibis, Green Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Wood Storks, the Black-bellied Whistling Duck, the Jabiru Venture (endangered) and many more.*

**Duration:** 3 hours Tour  
**Suggested Equipment:** Long pants, Walking Shoes, Water, Insect Repellent, Sun Screen, Comfortable Cloth, Camera, Binoculars.  
**Included:** Bilingual Guide  
**Starting Time:** 8am.  
**Note:** Entrance at Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge does not include.

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**Private Transfer from Caño Negro to Monteverde**

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**Trapp Family Lodge - Room, Superior**

- Stay at **Trapp Family Lodge**
The Trapp Family Hotel is a great choice for an unforgettable vacation in the lush green mountains of Monteverde, and is the closest hotel to the famous Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Surrounded by a paradise of flora and fauna, you will be able to enjoy Monteverde’s incomparable beauty in spacious rooms with two queen size beds, private bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, and great views of the cloud forest. *Breakfast included.*

### Birdwatching Tour at Curi-Cancha Refuge - Excursion, Regular Morning or Afternoon Tour

This tour starts in the lower part of a private farm in pre-montane humid forest bordering Monteverde Cloud Forest. You are hiking along natural paths, with a variety of habitats. You have the opportunity to observe different birds in secondary and primary forest. Frequently seen are Slate-throated Redstars, White-eared Ground-Sparrows, Blue-Crowned Motmots, Orange-bellied Trogons, Keel-billed Toucans, Emerald Toucanets, Resplendent Quetzals, and Three-Wattled Bellbirds to name a few.

**What's Included:** Professional guide; park admission; transportation; entrance fee.

**Recommended Ages:** 3 - 85 years

**Tour Duration (approximately):** 2 hours

**What to bring:** Comfortable clothing; walking shoes; binoculars; jacket.

### Private Transfer from Monteverde to Rancho Humo

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- **Stay at Rancho Humo Estancia**

The eco-boutique hotel at Rancho Humo rests in a privileged setting bordering the Palo Verde National Park in the important wetlands and mangroves of the expansive Tempisque River delta in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Rancho Humo is an authentic, traditional Guanacaste estate ranch – known as an “Estancia” in Latin America – spread over 1,100 hectares (2,718 acres) in a private reserve that safeguards these endangered tropical ecosystems. Surrounded by internationally protected wetlands, Rancho Humo Estancia offers you pure enjoyment of nature, outstanding bird-watching, and adventure at its best. *All meals included.*
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Palo Verde National Park (+6) - Excursion, Regular

It is the perfect half day get away combining boat tour up the Tempisque River and a hike in Palo Verde National Park. You will be picked at 6:45am at Rancho Humo Estancia and our bilingual tour guide will guide you through the lush tropical dry forest, mangroves and wetlands of the Palo Verde National Park and Tempisque River spotting wild life. **What to Bring:** Sun protection, mosquitoes repellent. **What to Wear:** Snickers or strapped sandals, hat, shorts or long pants. **Includes:** Bottled water, snacks, refreshing towels.

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Wetlands Tour - Excursion, Regular

Departing from Rancho Humo Estancia in one of our Land Rover Safari jeeps, a journey throughout kilometers of wetlands where wildlife seems to be taking over. Hundreds of aquatic birds flying around and feeding from the richness of these lands. Keep eyes open to spot Roseate Spoonbills, Wood Storks, White and Tiger Herons, Anhingas, Neotropical Cormorants, Northern Jacanas, the Jabiru (largest aquatic bird in America and in the verge of extinction), and much more. **What to Bring:** Sun protection, mosquitoes repellent. **What to Wear:** Snickers or strapped sandals, hat, long pants. **Departure:** Reception Rancho Humo Estancia. **Time:** 7:30 am or 3:00 pm (2 hours). **Includes:** Bottled water, refreshing towels.
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**Payment & Cancellation Policies**
We can accept a 25% deposit to book your trip with the balance due 60 days before arrival through credit card or bank wire transfer. Deposits are non-refundable, but can be applied to a future trip in the event of a cancellation. If client cancels reservation 60 days or more prior to 1st day of travel, they will be refunded 75% of the package price (30 days = 50%, 15 days = 25%, less than 15 days = no refund). My Costa Rica will not be held responsible for those passengers arriving without the correct Passport and Visa requirements to enter Costa Rica.