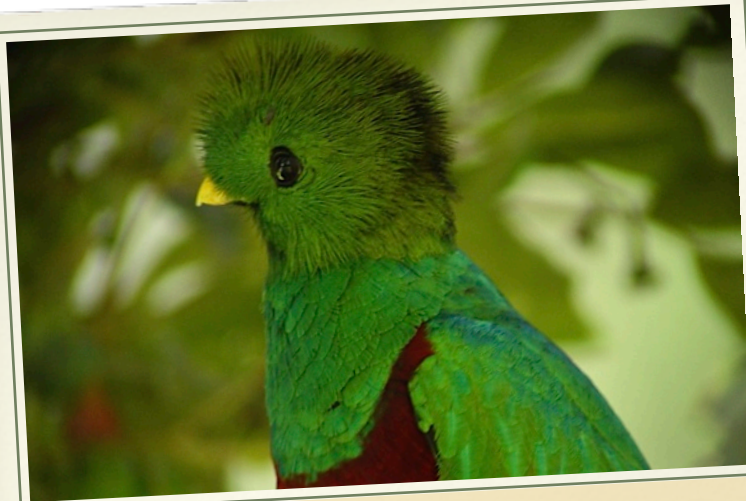


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WELCOME TO THE NEOTROPICS  
COSTA RICA BIRDING JOURNEYS

A wonderful birding journey in the rainforests  
of Costa Rica!

## JOURNEY ITINERARY

## Daily Activities

July 1, 2009

**Arrival to Costa Rica**

Greeting & pick up from CBRJ staff, transfer to your hotel. Information briefing.

July 2, 2009

**Travel to Cerro de la Muerte**

Transfer by car & bus to the highlands of Talamanca in which clouds, hummingbirds and Resplendent Quetzals are not uncommon. All day birding at the lodge grounds. All meals.

July 3, 2009

**Early birding. Cerro de la Muerte.**

Ready to go by 5:00 am? Today we will birdwatch in search of Highland Endemics, such as Silky Flycatchers, Jays, Nightjars, etc. Visit the highest peaks for Volcano Junco. All meals.

July 4, 2009

**Travel to Tapanti. Kiri Lodge.**

Visit one of the most beautiful parks in Costa Rica, find Black Guan, Red headed baarbet, Black Hawk Eagle, dozen of colourful hummingbirds; birdwatch on open fields. All meals.

July 5, 2009

Explore the Tapanti's trails, Antpittas, Quaildoves, Sharpbill & mixed flocks. All meals.

**THE BIRDING!**

Unparalleled birding possibilities; from the high misty mountains of Talamanca to the true rainforest of the Caribbean Slope. Costa Rica is a world class birding destination. Delight yourselves with steaming volcanoes, roaring rivers and exuberant wildlife on all corners of this tropical paradise.

With an incredible number of 887 species ranging from Scarlet Macaws, Crested Eagles to tiny flycatchers and elusive antipittas, Costa Rica is your destination. Experience the colors, sounds and secret life of Costarican birds with true local birders and ornithologists.

With more than 25% of its territory protected and a wonderful system on national parks, preserves and wildlife refuges, this small country offers you the some of the best birding in all the planet.

Succumb into the natural majesty of cloudforests, rainforests, mangroves, rivers and volcanoes of Central America's emerald kingdom.



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## JOURNEY ITINERARY

### Daily Activities

July 6, 2009

**Travel to Pejibaye's Rainforest.** Still a secret, this small rainforest lodge is considered by many the best birding ever. Nearly 365 species are found & among favorites see Snowcaps, 21 species of tanagers, eagles, & much more. All meals.

July 7, 2009

**All day at the lodge.** There is no better place in Costa Rica to get up at. Intense birding. All meals.

July 8, 2009

**Full day at the forest.** Full day birding at the lodge grounds, tinamous, antpittas, manakins are among many to find here. Early visit to the dense forest canopy. Explore different habitats. All meals.

July 9, 2009

**Transfer to Sarapiquí. Gavilan Lodge.** Searching for Great Green Macaws, all day at the lodge grounds & forested trails. All meals.

July 10, 2009

**Full Day Birding. Gavilan Lodge.** Today an early start by visiting the amazing Braulio Carrillo Nt. Park a great place to look for eagles, sharpbill, uncommon wrens, and army ant swarm

**C**opal Lodge has been found! Simple, if you are a birder, you should come and join us! This small private own lodge if nestle in the caribbean midelevations rainforest. Fill with birdlife, this is a place where Snowcaps, 21 species of tanagers, rare wrens, elusive woodcreepers, barely sighted tinamous come together.



**S**arapiquí's valley is a world of contrasts with agricultural fields, secondary forests on different ages and also primary forest near the Braulio Carrillo Nt. Park; its diverse habitats

makes a remarkable place for bird seekers. From the dense and thick foliage of the national park to the open spaces with scattered trees; this flat lands are a incredible place. Sunbitterns, Spectacle Owls, Oropendulas, Tiger Herons, Wrens, Hummers and hundreds more. Gavilan Lodge is located at the side of Sarapiquí's river with direct access to the forest & near by the world know

"La Selva Biological Station"; a lodge design to find birdlife.



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BRAULIO CARRILLO NT. PARK

“ Rainforest is the greatest expression of life on Earth” Thomas Lovejoy.

## JOURNEY ITINERARY

### Daily Activities

July 11, 2009

**Travel to the Boca Tapada.**

A journey to the Great Green Macaws Territory, far from crowds, tourism but very close to nature its found this private preserve. The last Macaw conservation center in Costa Rica. All Meals.

July 12, 2009

**Full day birding. Laguna Lagarto Lodge.**

Get up early with the sound of howler monkeys and the squawk of the endangered Great Green Macaws, visit open fields & kayak the water sloughs in search of Agami Herons, Sunbittern, & hundreds more species. All meals.

July 13, 2009

**Full day birding. Laguna Lagarto Lodge.**

Explore the rainforest trails for good looks to tinamous, antbirds, flycatchers, woodcreepers & maybe uncommon owls Also kayak along water sloughs for kingfishers, herons, trogons, and much more... All meals.

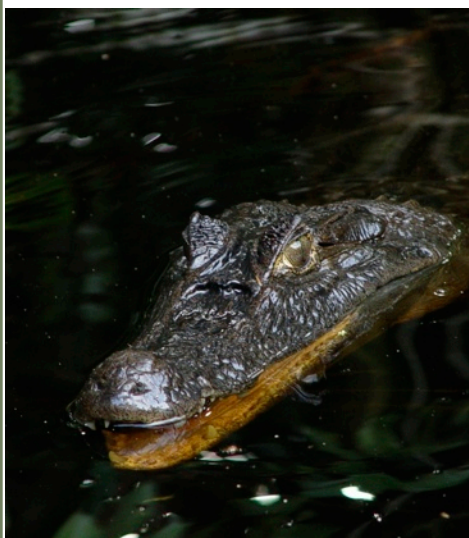
July 14, 2009

**Birding & Baldi Hot Springs.**

Birding at the lodge & relax by the natural heated hot springs at La Fortuna. All meals included.

**C** The Laguna del Lagarto Eco-Lodge in Northern Costa Rica offers you 1250 Acres (500 Hectares) of virgin tropical rainforest with an incredible variety of fauna and flora. Over 350 different species of birds have been counted, among them the Great Green Macaw which has become an icon of conservation among Costa Rica & Nicaragua. More than 9 kilometers of rainforest trails the possibilities are nearly endless.

Arenal Observatory Lodge is a heaven on fire, at the base of the majestic Arenal Volcano, this lodge will impress you; its well care & design gardens, its jungle with cascades, with 300 species of birds, and with the best view of the volcano like no other site on the area.



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Costa Rica Birding Journeys will always be thankful!

## THANK YOU, COSTA RICA BIRDING JOURNEYS.

Costa Rica Birding Journeys guarantees the most qualified, friendly and passionate field guides. With your important participation our company will help educate the general public but most importantly preserve what matters most the tropical rainforest; its flora and fauna.



Become part of a life lasting experience, learn and share along with our companionship.



## JOURNEY ITINERARY

### Daily Activities

July 15, 2009

**Travel to Bijagua. Heliconias Lodge.** Unique in Costa Rica this wonderful lodge was design thinking on true naturalist, with 5 suspended canopy bridges. Explore the hotel grounds. All meals.

July 16, 2009

**Early birding, Canopy Exploration.** The early bird gets the worm; in search of Tody Motmot, Crested & Mottle Owls, Yellow ear Toucanets; this among hundreds more. All day at the canopy bridges.

July 17, 2009

**Early birding, Canopy Exploration.** There are many wonderful choices, explore the understory forest for wrens, antbirds & tinamous, also visit open spaces for more common birds. All meals.

July 18, 2009

**Travel to Central Pacific** Macaw territory! Where the dry meets the wet. Perhaps the best birding in Costa Rica with more than 430 species recorded. Birding on open areas. Looking for King Vultures, Trogons, Hawks, Lapwings, etc. Breakfast & lunch included.

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CARARA NT. PARK

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## JOURNEY ITINERARY

### Daily Activities

July 19, 2009

#### Full day at Carara Nt. Park

All day birding at the park grounds, river edges, high canopy and secondary forests. Sharpen your skills. In search of endemics. All meals.

July 20, 2009

#### Mangrove Birding Tour.

This day we will take a boat tour seeking for mangrove specialities, vireos, warblers, flycatchers, cotingas & thickness. Also birding on open areas. All meals. Good bye Dinner.

July 21, 2009

#### Leaving Paradise.

Breakfast & birding if possible.

Transfer to international airport.

“Costa Rica Birding Journeys is honored to be your host and we will cherish the time and trust laid on our hands”

### IF BIRDS MATTERS, QUALITY MATTERS!

Unique travel services created to be guided by full time birders and ornithologist. Costa Rica Birding Journeys is the only company in the country with elite Costarican birders. We were born in the rainforests of Costa Rica and since little kids the sound of birds nourish our senses. Today, our combined lifelong experiences makes us the most dedicated and talented field guides.



Costa Rica Birding Journeys supports conservations efforts and ornithological research, our direct contributions helps to develop strong alliances among organizations and associations for bird conservation.

With your important participation in our birding journeys; Costa Rica Birding

Journeys shares an important part of its profits to protect and educate. Our field guides are the most important asset of the company. When were are not guiding you thru the forests of this paradise, we are searching for new discoveries.





**Cost per person.**

**Cost Includes:**

All lodging accommodations, all ground transportation, all park fees, meals as indicated.

**Cost does not include:**

International Airfare, alcoholic drinks, tips to guides, hotel staff, waiters, etc.



**Why Join us?**



This trip is design to cover Paramo Forest, Lower Mountain Forest, Caribbean Rainforests, Caribbean Cloud Forest, and Pacific Lowland Forests.

*Testimonial*

" In October 2007 we did an extensive tour with Randall over a large area of Costa Rica. Randall is a very enthusiastic and hardworking guide, he also made the trip fun for us . Not only is he extremely knowledgeable about birds he knows exactly where to find them. We saw 360 species in 14 days and some very impressive rarities. I heartily recommend anyone to tour with him."

-Dave Briddo, England.

