Wild Costa Rica:
The Highlights Tour

Tour Special Features

Unique Habitats
Fabulous Birds
Fine Food
Beautiful Parks
Wild Landscapes
Comfortable Hotels
Breathtaking Views

Small Groups!
Great Leaders!
Interesting People!

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While Costa Rica is approximately the same size as West Virginia, its proximity to the Equator along with vast towering mountains, result in it containing 5% of the world’s total biodiversity. A majority of the different organisms that inhabit Costa Rica can be found within national parks and other protected areas. Amazingly, 25% of Costa Rica’s land is protected, by far the largest percentage of protected land throughout the world! The attention to environment has resulted in a near-complete stop to deforestation, after once having one of the highest rates in the world.

While a common destination for birdwatchers from all around, Costa Rica continues to draw visitors with a multitude of locations that never cease to amaze. On our journey we will not only visit world-renowned birding hotspots, but also locations that are little-known outside of the local communities. Throughout our journey we hope to see a wide variety of species, including dozens of hummingbirds, Scarlet Macaws, and the mythical Resplendent Quetzal, a species so breathtaking that the Mesoamerican civilizations considered them physical forms of gods.

During this adventure we will stand in the shadows of volcanoes, cruise the mangrove rivers, hike through the cloud forests and more, all while in search of the stunning tropical species that call Costa Rica home. We will even have the chance to spot some migrants that just a few months later will begin their trek north to their breeding grounds, possibly passing right through our very yards!

Whether you are a first-time traveler to Costa Rica, or a well-traveled return visitor, the chance to visit a peaceful, nature-loving country should never be turned down. Join us as we explore from high to low, from rivers to forests to mountaintops and everything in between. Witness the breathtaking beauty, jaw-dropping species, and take home dozens of memories as we explore wild Costa Rica.

Matt Bell is a recent graduate from The Ohio State University with BS degrees in both Earth Sciences and Evolution/Ecology. He started birding in May 2013, and became more seriously in-volved after a trip to Costa Rica. Since then he helped revive The Ornithology Club at Ohio State and assisted as a volunteer guide for The Biggest Week in American Birding and the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival. Matt absolutely loves participating in citizen science, tour guiding, chasing rare birds in his free time, and meeting fellow birders from around the globe. Most of all, Matt enjoys sharing his passion for birds and conservation with others and never shies away at taking the time to help beginners start their explorations of the avian world. Matt is the EcoTravel Sales and Marketing Manager and leads Day Trips and Overnight Tours.

**General Information**

**Main Tour Cost:** $6,798.

**With Member Discount:** $5,998.

**Single Room Supplement:** $845.

Prices are based upon a minimum number of six paying participants traveling together.

**For a Detailed Itinerary and More Information:**

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