Embark on an excursion through vibrant forests, in mangroves, wetlands, and along rivers and beaches to spot some of the hundreds of bird species that call southern Costa Rica home. Accompanied by one of our expert birding guides, you’ll discover a variety of habitats with the aim of seeing as many species as possible. Despite its small size, more than 900 types of birds have been recorded in the country. Combine that with its accessibility and its friendly people, and Costa Rica is a perfect destination for beginners and more advanced birders alike. Plus, you’ll discover fascinating wildlife like frogs, monkeys, bats, and sloths.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike and explore multiple ecosystems of southern Costa Rica in search of endemic and other hard to find bird species.
- Meet and go birding with the San Vito Birding Club, and seek out elusive species such as the Fiery-billed Aracari, White-tailed Emerald, Ruddy Foliage-gleaner, Lance-tailed Manakin and more.
- Go birding in “La Osa,” a biological corridor, home to more than 375 species of birds including targets like Rusty-margined Flycatcher and Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager.
- Learn about the Organization for Tropical Studies, their work, and current projects underway in the Las Cruces Research Station.
- Embark on a birding boat tour through mangroves of Rincón.

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FEBRUARY 14 - ALAJUELA
Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. This evening your guide will provide a welcome orientation to the program. Check-in time is at 3 pm.  
Overnight at Hotel Buena Vista.

FEBRUARY 15 - GOLFITO
This morning have luggage ready early so that the bus can depart with bags to meet the group at the hotel. Have breakfast and then transfer to the airport for the mid-morning SANSA flight to the port town of Golfito. Upon arrival in Golfito, travel to Esquinas Rainforest Lodge. Check in, then have lunch and an introduction to this community-based lodge and the La Gamba Station. (The bus will arrive with luggage in the mid-afternoon). This afternoon is designated time for birding in Esquinas, an area home to over 300 bird species including target species like Rusty-margined Flycatcher and Black-cheeked Ant-tanager. This evening have dinner at the lodge followed by a night walk.  
Overnight at Esquinas Rainforest Lodge. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 16 - GOLFITO
This morning visit Golfito Wildlife Refuge and go birding on the local trails there. Afterwards, have lunch near the marina in Golfito. This afternoon return to the lodge for birding along La Gamba road.  
Overnight at Esquinas Rainforest Lodge. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 17 - SAN VITO
Early morning birdwatching before breakfast, then transfer to Las Cruces Station, a research station that protects one of the largest remaining segments of tropical wet premontane forest. Arrive in time for lunch. Venture on an afternoon guided bird walk through the gardens and local trails in search of some of the 400 bird species that call this region home. Before dinner listen to a presentation on the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) and their projects in Las Cruces. Following dinner go on a guided night walk.  
Overnight at OTS Wilson Botanical Gardens. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 18 - SAN VITO
Morning birding along local trails and at the bird tower, then have a meeting with the San Vito Bird Club. Afterwards do some birding in Las Cruces before driving to the Sabalito area to look for the Crested Oropendola. Return to the lodge for dinner, then head out on a night walk.  
Overnight at OTS Wilson Botanical Gardens. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 19 - RINCÓN DE OSA
This morning journey to Rincón de Osa with birding en route. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch, then go birding along Drake Road. Have dinner at the lodge, followed by a nocturnal walk.  
Overnight at Danta Corcovado. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 20 - RINCÓN DE OSA
Begin the day with a visit to Yellow-billed Cotinga Sanctuary. Return to the lodge for lunch, then go birding in the Danta Corcovado property.  
Overnight at Danta Corcovado. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 21 - RINCÓN DE OSA
Morning boat tour through the Rincón mangroves, followed by lunch in the Rincón Jiminez area. Afternoon birding near Rincón River on the road to Los Patos, then return to the lodge for dinner.  
Overnight at Danta Corcovado. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 22 - ALAJUELA
Have luggage ready this morning for the bus to transfer baggage to San José. Have breakfast and then transfer to the airport for SANSA flight back to San José. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel. (Lunch en route either in Golfito or in San José depending on flight time). Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.  
Overnight at Hotel Buena Vista. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 23 - FAREWELL!
Transfer to the airport in time to catch your flights home. Check-out time is at 12 pm. (B)

ABOUT YOUR LEADER
Jody Enck started birding as a small boy growing up on a farm in Pennsylvania. Since then, he continues to learn more and more about birds and birders. Jody especially loves bird-watching in his back yard and learning what the local residents are up to. He is a closet lister, with more than 500 species seen in the U.S. and nearly 900 throughout the Americas. He has a background in wildlife biology and social science. In 2016, he founded the Sister Bird Club Network, which links birders and clubs throughout the Western Hemisphere by raising awareness of the conservation needs of the neotropical migratory birds we all love.

LAND PRICING
$3,185 (10 participants)
Cost includes meals, accommodations, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide, internal flights, bottled water on the bus, donation to Cayuga Bird Club, carbon offset.

TRAVEL PROTECTION
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THE FINE PRINT
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Does not include international airfare, tips/gratuities or items of personal nature.

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