



COLLARED ARACARI (PTEROGLOSSUS TORQUATUS) BY STEFANIE PLEIN



COSTA RICA

Birding in Guanacaste with Mario Córdoba

February 22 – March 1, 2021



Embark on a post-festival birding adventure in Costa Rica's Guanacaste region! Under the expert guidance of Mario Córdoba, you'll seek out an impressive array of migrant and resident birds amid the northwest province's tropical dry forests, mangroves, wetlands, volcanoes, and rainforests. The region's distinct habitats provide an opportunity to observe species not often found in other parts of the country.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Look for Plain-capped Starthroat, Elegant Trogon, Thicket Tinamou, parrots, and parakeets in Santa Rosa National Park, the country's largest remaining tract of tropical dry forest.
- Take a mangrove boat tour for the chance to spot the Jabiru and other water birds.
- Explore the volcanic landscapes, bubbling mud pools, rivers, and waterfalls of Rincón de la Vieja National Park, home to more than 250 avian species.
- Visit a private rainforest reserve where targets include the Ornate Hawk-Eagle, King Vulture, Lovely Cotinga, Bare-necked Umbrellabird, Three-wattled Bellbird, Black-crested Coquette, and Snowcap, among others.

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ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

FEBRUARY 22 - GUANACASTE

Upon arrival at the Liberia International Airport in northwestern Costa Rica, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Please ensure incoming flights arrive by 3 pm in order to participate in the evening program orientation, followed by a welcome dinner. *Overnight at Hacienda Guachipelin. (D)*

FEBRUARY 23 - GUANACASTE

Start the day with birding around the lodge grounds, where you may see Turquoise-browed Motmot, Crested Caracara, Red-lored and White-fronted Parrots, toucans, guans, and woodpeckers. After breakfast, spend the day in Rincón de la Vieja National Park. More than 250 avian species have been recorded in the area, which is characterized by rivers and waterfalls, tropical dry forest, bubbling mud pools, and several volcanos, including the one for which the park is named. Elevations range from 2,000 feet to over 6,300 feet. Watch for Northern Emerald-Toucanet, Lesser Ground-Cuckoo, Black-faced Solitaire, Long-tailed Manakin, Orange-chinned Parakeet, and Three-wattled Bellbird, among others. Return to the lodge this afternoon and review the daily bird checklist before dinner. *Overnight at Hacienda Guachipelin. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 24 - GUANACASTE

Rise early for birding around the lodge grounds, and then have breakfast before setting out for Santa Rosa National Park. Santa Rosa protects the largest remaining tract of tropical dry forest in Costa Rica; possible sightings include Plain-capped Starthroat, Elegant Trogon, Thicket Tinamou, parrots, and parakeets. Return to the lodge for afternoon birding, with time to review bird checklists before dinner. *Overnight at Hacienda Guachipelin. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 25 - GUANACASTE

Early birding around the lodge, then have breakfast and check out. Make your way south toward Palo Verde National Park. Covering nearly 49,000 acres, more than half of which consists of wetlands, the park is a wintering site for migratory waterfowl and provides habitat for 280 avian species, including the Scarlet Macaw, Jabiru, Great Curassow, and Long-tailed Manakin. Continue to the hotel and check in, with dinner at the hotel this evening. *Overnight at Hacienda La Pacifica. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 26 - GUANACASTE

This morning, take a mangrove boat tour. This afternoon, go birding at Hacienda San Joaquín. Return to the lodge for a bird checklist meeting before dinner. *Overnight at Hacienda La Pacifica. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 27 - BIJAGUA

Begin the day with early morning birding. Check out of the hotel and travel to Celeste Mountain Lodge, on the northern side of Tenorio Volcano National Park, making stops for birding and lunch along the way. Upon arrival at the hotel, check in with time to get settled. After dinner, set out on a hike in search of nocturnal species like Common Pauraque, Spectacled Owl, and Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl. *Overnight at Celeste Mountain Lodge. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 28 - BIJAGUA

This morning, go birding at Tapir Valley Reserve. This private reserve was created when concerned citizens purchased the land

over 10 years ago with the vision of preserving and protecting it. It consists of over 540 acres of primary and secondary forest. Look for target species like the Ornate Hawk-Eagle, King Vulture, Yellow-eared Toucanet, Lovely Cotinga, Bare-necked Umbrellabird, Three-wattled Bellbird, Black-crested Coquette, and Snowcap, among others. Receive a talk about the reserve. Return to Celeste Mountain Lodge for lunch and afternoon birding. Gather tonight for a final bird checklist meeting and farewell dinner. *Overnight at Celeste Mountain Lodge. (BLD)*

MARCH 1 - DEPART

Return to the airport in Liberia for flights home. (B)

LAND PRICING

\$2,795 per person (based on a minimum of 8 participants)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide for the duration of the program, most gratuities except for main guide and driver, bottled water on the bus, donation to San Diego Audubon Society, and carbon offset.

Does not include international airfare, gratuities for main guide and driver, or items of a personal nature. Holbrook can assist with your flight arrangements if desired.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/ Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip, add \$375 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable until December 24, 2020, at which time final non-refundable payment is due.

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