



All photos by Jackie Kramer



COSTA RICA

PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE CLOUD FORESTS OF COSTA RICA

with Jackie Kramer | March 20 – 26, 2021

PLUS OPTIONAL RAINFOREST EXTENSION, MARCH 26 – 30, 2021

Whether you're a master photographer or an enthusiastic amateur, the incredible biodiversity and natural beauty of Costa Rica is certain to inspire a portfolio full of treasures. Accompanied by avid floral photographer and photographic teacher Jackie Kramer, receive personal instruction while capturing the wonder of tropical plants, insects, amphibians, birds, and mammals. Costa Rica's lush cloud forests are the perfect backdrop to practice macro photography with colorful orchids, fungi, and bromeliads and to discover how shutter speed impacts shots of fast-moving objects at the hummingbird feeders. Enjoy the vibrant flora and fauna of Costa Rica while bringing your photography to the next level!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Sharpen your photographic skills while enjoying guidance by master photographer Jackie Kramer.
- Spend time at Else Kientzler Botanical Garden, Batsú Gardens, and in the gardens of Hotel Bougainvillea for opportunities to shoot some amazing floral photography.
- Seek out a variety of subjects, including the beautiful Resplendent Quetzal, on the private cloud forest trails of Savegre Hotel's reserve.
- Explore temperate forest and páramo vegetation at Cerro de la Muerte, one of the highest peaks in the Talamanca Mountains.

ITINERARY

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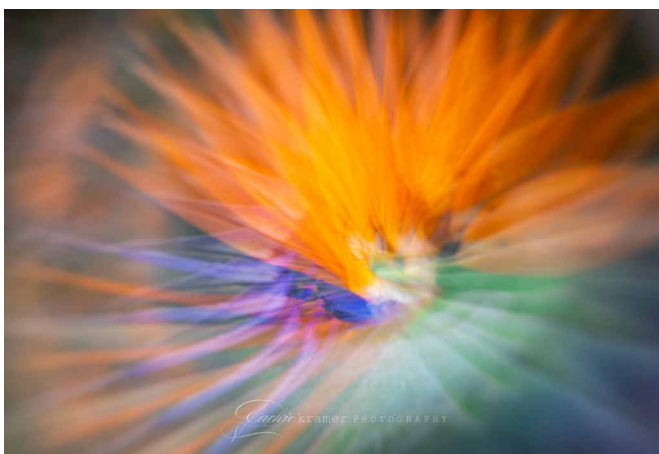


MARCH 20 - SANTO DOMINGO

Upon arrival at the San José International Airport, after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met and transferred to Hotel Bougainvillea. Hotel check-in is available at 3 pm. This evening, gather for a program orientation and welcome dinner at your hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Bougainvillea. (D)*

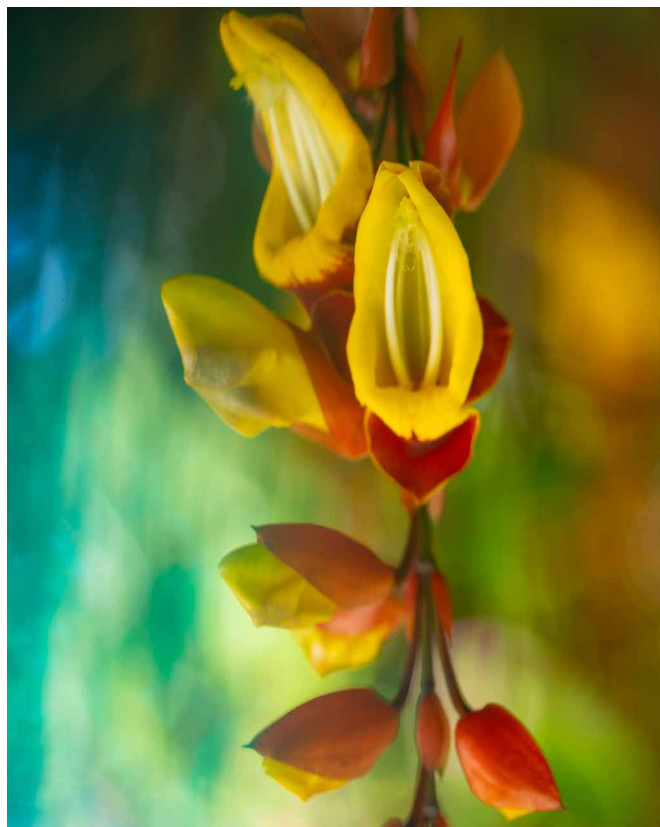
MARCH 21 - SANTO DOMINGO

This morning, transfer to Else Kientzler Botanical Garden. This private garden features more than 2,000 species including collections of palms, orchids, gingers, fruit trees, succulents, and a children's garden. Return to the hotel to enjoy the beautiful gardens on the property and photograph the many flowering species of tropical flora. The hotel's owner, an advocate for the flora of Costa Rica, designed the garden's 10 acres of tropical plants, crops, frog ponds, and walkways. Afterward, Jackie will be available to go over editing techniques in the conference room. *Overnight at Hotel Bougainvillea. (BLD)*



MARCH 22 - SAN GERARDO DE DOTA

After breakfast, check out and travel to Cerro de la Muerte, one of the highest peaks in the Talamanca Mountains. This area is famous for its diversity of endemic wildlife. Consisting of temperate forest and páramo habitats, the natural vegetation attracts an immense amount of bird life such as the rare Red-fronted Parrotlet and the photogenic Resplendent Quetzal. Enjoy a traditional lunch en route and continue the journey to the cloud forest realm. Upon arrival at the lodge, take some time to visit the hummingbird feeders in front of reception and off the balcony of the lounge. The feeders are often active with resident Talamanca Hummingbird, Lesser Violetear, Gray-tailed Mountain-gem, Volcano Hummingbird, and tiny Scintillant Hummingbird. *Overnight at Savegre Hotel Natural Reserve and Spa. (BLD)*



MARCH 23 - SAN GERARDO DE DOTA

Spend the morning exploring Savegre's trails, which wind through mostly virgin forest and provide opportunities for photographing hundred-year-old trees, multicolored plants, fungi, insects, amphibians, and mammals. Altitudes vary from 7,220 to 11,384 feet. Savegre is a paradise for birders and known as one of the best places in the country to observe the Resplendent Quetzal. During your stay, you will have ample chances to photograph hummingbirds.

In the afternoon, visit Miriam's Quetzals, a local gem for bird photography. *Overnight at Savegre Hotel Natural Reserve and Spa. (BLD)*



MARCH 24 - SAN GERARDO DE DOTA

This morning visit Batsú Gardens. The garden has a short private trail leading through primary oak forest and natural perching areas ideal for bird photography. Afterwards, return to the hotel for lunch and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in the cloud forest. You may wish to take the trail to the local waterfalls in the area, or arrange a relaxing treatment at the on-site spa (at additional cost; pricing available at reception). *Overnight at Savegre Hotel Natural Reserve and Spa. (BLD)*

MARCH 25 - SANTO DOMINGO

This morning, have breakfast at the hotel and then head back to Santo Domingo and Hotel Bougainvillea. After lunch at the hotel, you'll have the afternoon to get in some final photographs around the hotel grounds. Enjoy a delicious farewell dinner this evening. *Overnight at Hotel Bougainvillea. (BLD)*

MARCH 26 - DEPARTURE/POST EXTENSION

This morning, transfer to the international airport for flights home, or be picked up after breakfast to begin your post-trip extension to Selva Verde Lodge in the rainforests of the Sarapiquí Valley. (B)



ABOUT YOUR LEADER



Jackie Kramer

Jackie has been photographing the natural world, with an emphasis on flowers, since high school. She has won awards from the International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY), the Jacksonville Professional Photographers Guild, the Professional Photographers of America International Photographic Competition, and others. She has been published in numerous magazines and journals. Jackie's support of other photographers is evidenced by her commitment to her Facebook group, "Phlorography - Artistic Floral Photography," with thousands of active members from around the world. In Phlorography, although floral photography may be the primary focus, it is the relationships that are built and lives enriched, which make it a truly unique community.

Website: <https://www.luvblooms.com/>

LAND PRICING

\$2,250 (8 participants minimum)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide for duration of program, all tips/gratuities, carbon offset, and departure tax.

Does not include international airfare or items of a personal nature. Holbrook can assist with 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 \$260 per person. A \$500 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable excluding a \$300 cancellation fee until Dec. 15, 2020, at which time non-refundable final payment is due.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit holbrook.travel/kramer-cr21 or contact Sandy Schmidt at schmidt@holbrooktravel.com or 877-907-5360.



OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION

Sarapiquí Valley

March 26-30, 2021

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MARCH 26 - SARAPIQUÍ VALLEY

Have an early breakfast, then depart for the Sarapiquí region and Selva Verde Lodge. Stop along the way at La Paz Waterfall Gardens in the cloud forest near Poás Volcano. More than two dozen hummingbird species have been recorded at the garden's feeders. Also observe one of the largest butterfly observatories in the world, bromeliad gardens, and striking waterfalls. Enjoy lunch on premises. Continue to Cinchona to look for the Red-headed Barbet before arriving at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. Check in and stroll the grounds before dinner. Be sure to speak with your Holbrook Travel customer service representative to make arrangements for the activities you may wish to line up while staying at Selva Verde over the next two days (at extra cost). Advance booking is required. See selvaverde.com for activity descriptions and costs. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (LD)*

MARCH 27-28 - SARAPIQUÍ VALLEY

You will have two full days at leisure to discover the self-guided rainforest trails of Selva Verde or participate in any optional activities you have lined up with your customer service representative. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

MARCH 29 - SANTO DOMINGO

After breakfast, check out and return to Hotel Bougainvillea. En route, enjoy a gourmet chocolate tasting tour and lunch at Sibú Chocolate. From there, it is a quick ride to Hotel Bougainvillea, where you will be at leisure for more photography opportunities in their gardens. *Overnight at Hotel Bougainvillea. (BL)*

MARCH 30 - DEPARTURE

This morning, you will be transferred to the San José International Airport for flights home. *(B)*

EXTENSION LAND PRICING

\$995 (based on a minimum of 2 participants)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, and carbon offset.

Does not include gratuities or items of a personal nature.

EXTENSION FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the extension add \$160 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable minus a \$100 cancellation fee until Dec. 21, 2020, at which time non-refundable final payment is due.

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