

# Birding Southern Costa Rica



## ENDEMIC SPECIES PARADISE



CUSTOMIZED NATURAL HISTORY, EDUCATIONAL & BIRDING TOURS

**Crescentia Expeditions** presents the Southern Costa Rica birding trip. The areas to visit offer great opportunities for wildlife observation, enjoy the landscape and learn about the people and culture.

**Day 1:** Arrival to International Airport and transfer to our hotel located 30 minutes away. The hotel grounds offer great birding opportunities for Lesson's Motmot, Blue-and-White Swallow, Rufous-naped Wren, White-eared Ground-Sparrow and others. We'll gather for an orientation meeting and welcome dinner this evening.

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**Day 2:** This morning we'll be going out early in search of Costa Rica's endemic Cabanis's Ground Sparrow. This species is considered threaten due to habitat loss mainly caused by urban sprawl and other human activities Then we'll depart towards Talamanca Mountains where we search for local specialties like Ochraceous Pewee, Flame-throated Warbler, Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush and more. Arrival to the hotel in the afternoon and then birding around the gardens. The lodge is located at 7200 ft in the Savegre river valley. Driving time is approx. 3 hours.

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**Day 3:** We'll start the day with an early morning expedition to find the Resplendent Quetzal, regularly seen in the valley feeding on the wild avocados and nesting in dead trees along the Savegre river. Throughout this day we will have the chance to find many highland birds on the various trail and gardens. This breath-taking setting is surrounded by highland oak forests and farmland. The crystal-clear Savegre River runs right through the property. Some of the highland specialties: Slaty Flowerpiercer, Scintillant Hummingbird, Yellow-winged Vireo, Dark Pewee and Yellow-bellied Siskin.

**Day 4:** Early morning departure for San Vito area. Along the way we'll stop to Los Quetzales N.P. Par-amo section at 11000 ft to look for specialties such as Volcano Junco, Sooty-capped Chlorospingus and Timberline Wren. Lunch en-route and arrival to the station at the end of the afternoon. Las Cruces Biological Station and Wilson Botanical Gardens where we'll spend the next two nights. Las Cruces sits at 4000 ft., and very close to the Panamanian border.

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TALAMANCA MOUNTAINS



SLATY FLOWERPIERCER

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**Day 5:** Full day of birding around the Gardens, Station and visit near-by sites for local birds like Pale-breasted Spinetail and Black-chested Jay. The grounds offer chances for Thick-billed Euphonia, Eye-ringed Flatbill, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Ruddy Foliage-gleaner, Speckled Tanager, White-tailed Emerald, Bran-colored Flycatcher, Marbled Wood-Quail and Streaked Saltator among others. We'll enjoy our meals at the station.

**Overnight Las Cruces Biological Station - BLD -**

**Day 6:** Departure for Gofito area with birding along the way for highly sought after species with limited range in the country such as Brown-throated Parakeet, Savanna Hawk, Scrub Greenlet, Veraguan Mango, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture and Sapphire-throated Hummingbird. Our lodge located adjacent to Piedras Blancas N.P. surrounded by lush rain forest at an elevation of 300 ft. Driving 1.5 hour but we'll be stopping multiple times and won't be arriving to the lodge until the afternoon.

[Overnight Esquinas Rainforest Lodge - BLD -](#)

**Day 7:** Morning birding around the hotel grounds and trails. Some of the specialties found here include the Costa Rican endemic Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager, only found in this part of the country; we can also find Golden-naped Woodpecker, Riverside Wren, Little Tinamou, Thick-billed Euphonia and others. In the afternoon we'll explore La Gamba road in search of Fiery-billed Aracari, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Red-breasted Meadowlark and Spot-crowned Euphonia. Dinner at the lodge.



OSA PENINSULA

**Overnight Esquinas Rainforest Lodge - BLD -**

**Day 8:** This day we head out to Osa Peninsula. Here we find Tropical Lowland Rainforest, warm and humid conditions prevail for most of the year. The lodge sits at an elevation of 100 feet and its surrounded by lush gardens and rainforest. We'll spend part of the day exploring Golfo Dulce shoreline, some of the highlights today will be endemic Mangrove Hummingbird and other unique species like Costa Rican Swift and Scarlet Macaw.

[Overnight Danta Corcovado Lodge - BLD -](#)

**Day 9:** Full day of birding around the grounds and trails. We'll start the day with an early short drive to Rincon River bridge to look for Yellow-billed Cotinga, then return to the lodge for breakfast. The lodge protects a private reserve surrounded by Corcovado National Park and is an excellent example of sustainable tourism in Costa Rica. Fiery-billed Aracari, Pale-billed Woodpecker, Great Tinamou, Bronzy Hermit, Black-bellied Wren and many others. We'll enjoy all our meals at the nice open-air lodge's restaurant. .

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RESPLENDENT QUETZAL

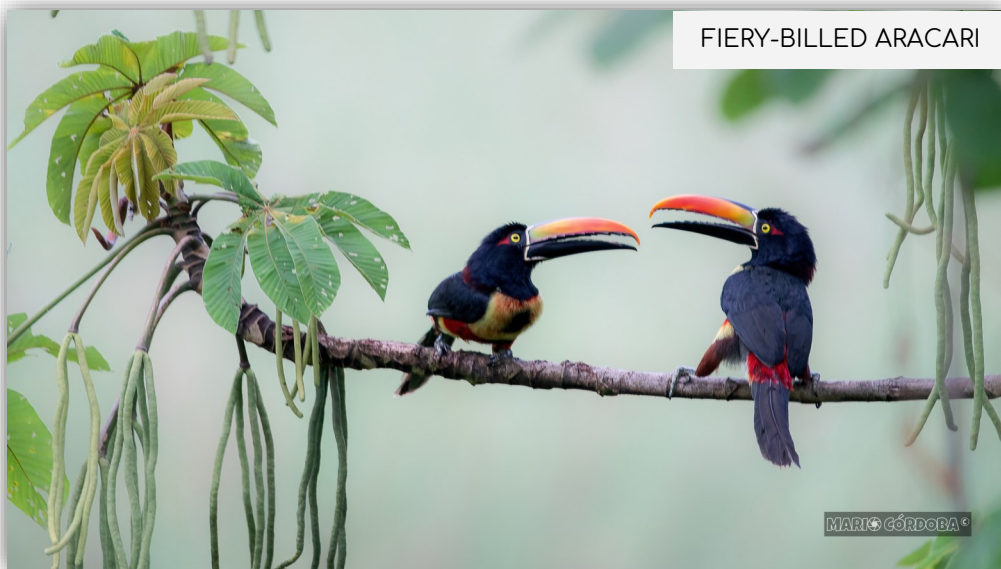


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**Day 10:** We'll start our journey towards El General Valley with multiple birding stops along the way, in one of them we'll try to find Turquoise Cotinga. Other highlights for this day include Pearl Kite, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Lesser Elaenia among others.

Arrival to the hotel in the afternoon and continue birding around the grounds.

[Overnight Hotel El Pelicano](#) - BLD -



FIERY-BILLED ARACARI

**Day 11:** Morning field trip to Los Cusingos Bird Sanctuary, former home place of Alexander Skutch, co-author of Birds of Costa Rica and prominent ornithologist and philosopher. At this site we look for Tawny-winged Woodcreeper, Bicolored Antbird, Gray-headed Tanager, Blue-crowned Manakin and Gartered Trogon. Arrival to the hotel at the end of the afternoon and enjoy our farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant.

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**Day 12:** Transfer to International Airport for returning flights and end of services.



GOLDEN-BROWED  
CHLOROPHONIA

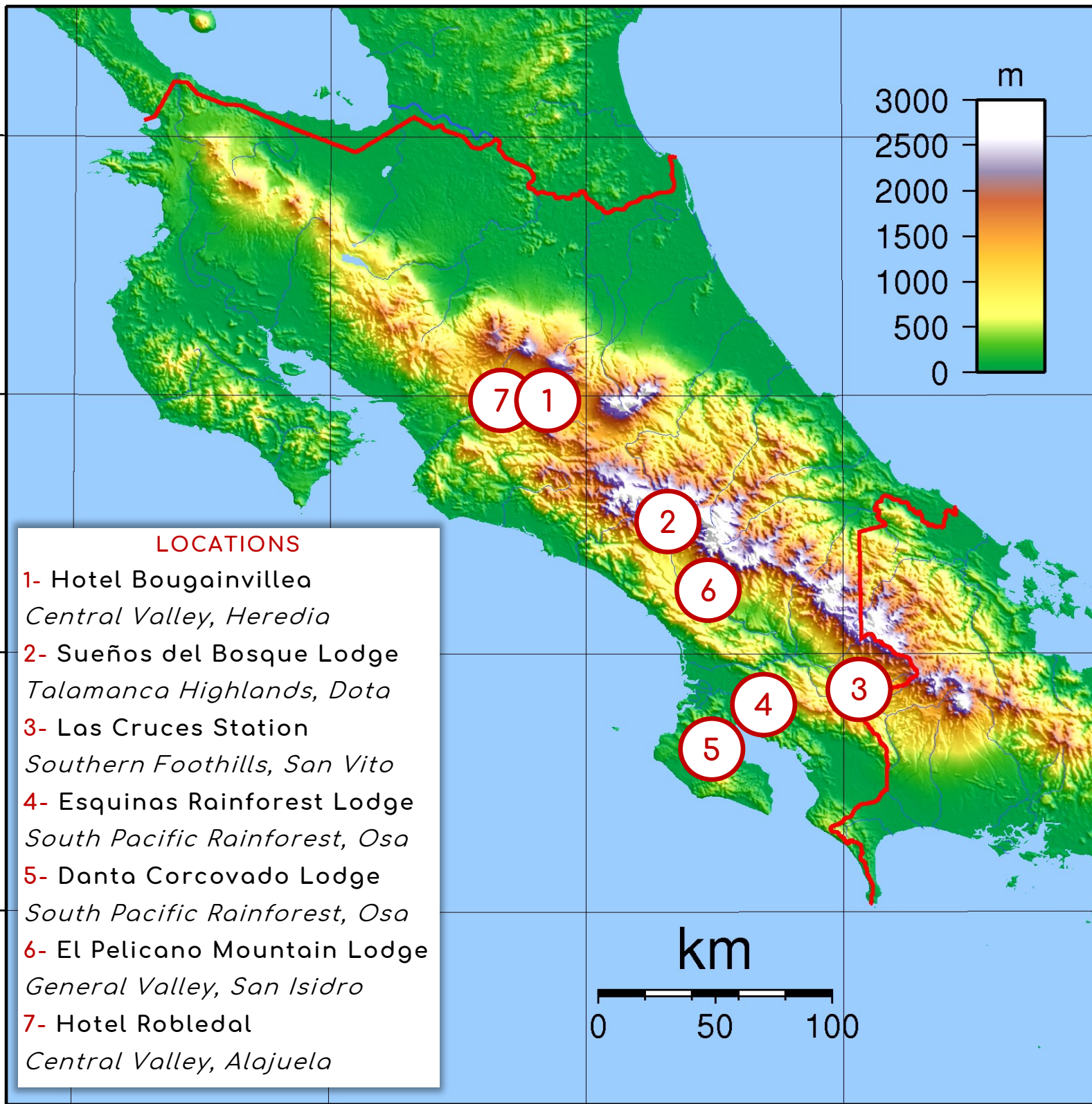
## TRIP INCLUDES:

- All lodging in comfortable eco-lodges and hotels (double occupancy; single available at extra cost).
- All meals starting with dinner on first day ending with breakfast on the final morning
- Private A/C transportation throughout the program
- Professional birding/naturalist bilingual guide
- All entrance fees to tours and excursions in the program
- Airport pickup on day 1 and drop off on departure date
- Purified water
- Updated Costa Rica Bird and Wildlife printed checklist

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Airline ticket
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Alcoholic beverages and personal expenses

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