

# Birding Northern Costa Rica



## IN SEARCH OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES



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**Crescentia Expeditions** presents the Northern 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 hotel. This evening we'll gather for an orientation meeting and welcome dinner. The hotel grounds offers great opportunities like Lesson's Motmot, Blue-and-White Swallow, Rufous-naped Wren, Hoffmann's Woodpecker and others. This evening we'll get together for an orientation meeting and welcome dinner.

[Overnight Hotel Bouganvillea \(or similar\) - D](#)

**Day 2:** Morning departure towards Tortuguero located on the North Caribbean coast. Along the way we'll have the chance to see banana plantations as well as mixed landscapes including lush cloud forests as we drive through Braulio Carrillo National Park.

At the end of the road we'll take a covered motor boat that will take us down the different waterways right into the town of Tortuguero. Arrival to the lodge for lunch and the birding around the gardens in the afternoon. This day we'll get a chance to see mainly water birds like Anhinga, Amazon Kingfisher and land birds like Montezuma Oropendola and more.

[Overnight Evergreen Lodge \(or similar\) - BLD](#)

**Day 3:** We'll spend the day exploring Tortuguero National Park's complex network of waterways, which include rivers, lagoons and canals.

We are going on both morning and afternoon boat tours.

Some of the target species for this day include the endangered Great Green Macaw, Great Curassow, Gray-headed Kite, Sungrebe, and the very elusive and beautiful Agami Heron.

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TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

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**Day 4:** Departure after breakfast for Sarapiquí Region, located on the north eastern Caribbean lowlands. Lunch will be along the way and we'll visit Casa de Cope, a local nature artist and researcher who has created in their home a true oasis attracting many species like White-tipped Sicklebill, and also Crested Owl. We'll arrive to the lodge in the afternoon and birding on the grounds where we can find Collared Aracari, White-collared Manakin, Red-throated Ant-Tanager among others. Dinner at the lodge.

[Overnight Selva Verde Lodge](#) - BLD -

**Day 5:** Full day at La Selva Biological Station birding the road, grounds and trails. Here we look for highly endangered Great Green Macaw as well as Snowy Cotinga, Rufous Motmot, Pied Puffbird, Great Curassow, Chestnut-colored Woodpecker, Fasciated Antshrike, Plain-colored Tanager and more. La Selva is one of the most renowned tropical research facilities in the world. Return at the end of the day to the lodge for dinner.

[Overnight Selva Verde Lodge](#) - BLD -

**Day 6:** Early morning departure for Caño Negro area, with a visit to Medio Queso wetlands, a very important marsh that is home of some rare species like Pinnated Bittern, Yellow-breasted Croke, Nicaraguan Seed-Finch and more. We will continue our way to the lodge birding along the road for other local specialties like Red-breasted Meadowlark and Harris's Hawk.

[Overnight Caño Negro Natural Lodge](#) - BLD -

**Day 7:** Full day of birding on Río Frío and Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge. This important system of wetlands declared a Ramsar site protects one of the main feeding grounds for both resident and migratory species. Here special birds include Nicaraguan Grackle, Spot-breasted Wren, Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher, Black-collared Hawk, Gray-headed Dove, Olivaceous Piculet, and one of our most endangered birds: Jabiru, although rare, there are regular reports in that area.

[Overnight Caño Negro Natural Lodge](#) - BLD -

**Day 8:** Departure this morning after breakfast towards Bijagua which sits close to the continental divide between Tenorio and Miravalles volcanoes. Once we arrive to the lodge, we'll have the opportunity to bird around the gardens and trails hoping to see Black-crested Coquette, Collared Aracari, Emerald Tanager, Slate-colored Grosbeak and others. Dinner at the lodge.

[Overnight Heliconias Lodge](#) - BLD -



CAÑO NEGRO WETLANDS

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**Day 9:** Early this morning we walk the forest trails part of the lodge's private reserve. Here we have a good chance to find some highly sought after species like Tody Motmot, Snowcap and Black-eared Wood-Quail. We will visit various locations around the area hoping to find other species in this birding area known as Caribbean Foothills which include Yellow-eared Toucanet, Rufous-winged Tanager, Lattice-tailed Trogon and many more.

**Overnight Heliconias Lodge - BLD -**

SNOWCAP

**Day 10:** . After breakfast we'll start our drive towards the North Pacific area, on the way there we'll visit Lomas de Barbudal Biological Reserve to explore dry and gallery forests. Here we look Long-tailed Manakin, Elegant Trogon, Blue-vented Hummingbird, etc. Arrival to the lodge in the afternoon then explore the area for dry forest species like Brown-crested Flycatcher, Scrub Euphonia, Banded Wren, Black-headed Trogon, and Lesser Ground-Cuckoo.

**Overnight La Ensenada Lodge - BLD -**



**Day 11:** Early morning boat ride to Abangares river mangrove estuary to look for resident specialties like Rufous-necked Wood-Rail, Mangrove Hummingbird, Mangrove Vireo, Panama Flycatcher and more. Return to the lodge and after a break continue birding around the lodges grounds and trails for Long-tailed Manakin, Yellow-naped Parrot, Pacific Screech-Owl among many more. After enjoying our lunch we'll begin our drive back to the Central Valley. Upon arrival we'll settled into the rooms and the get together for our farewell dinner.

**Hotel Robledal - BLD -**

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

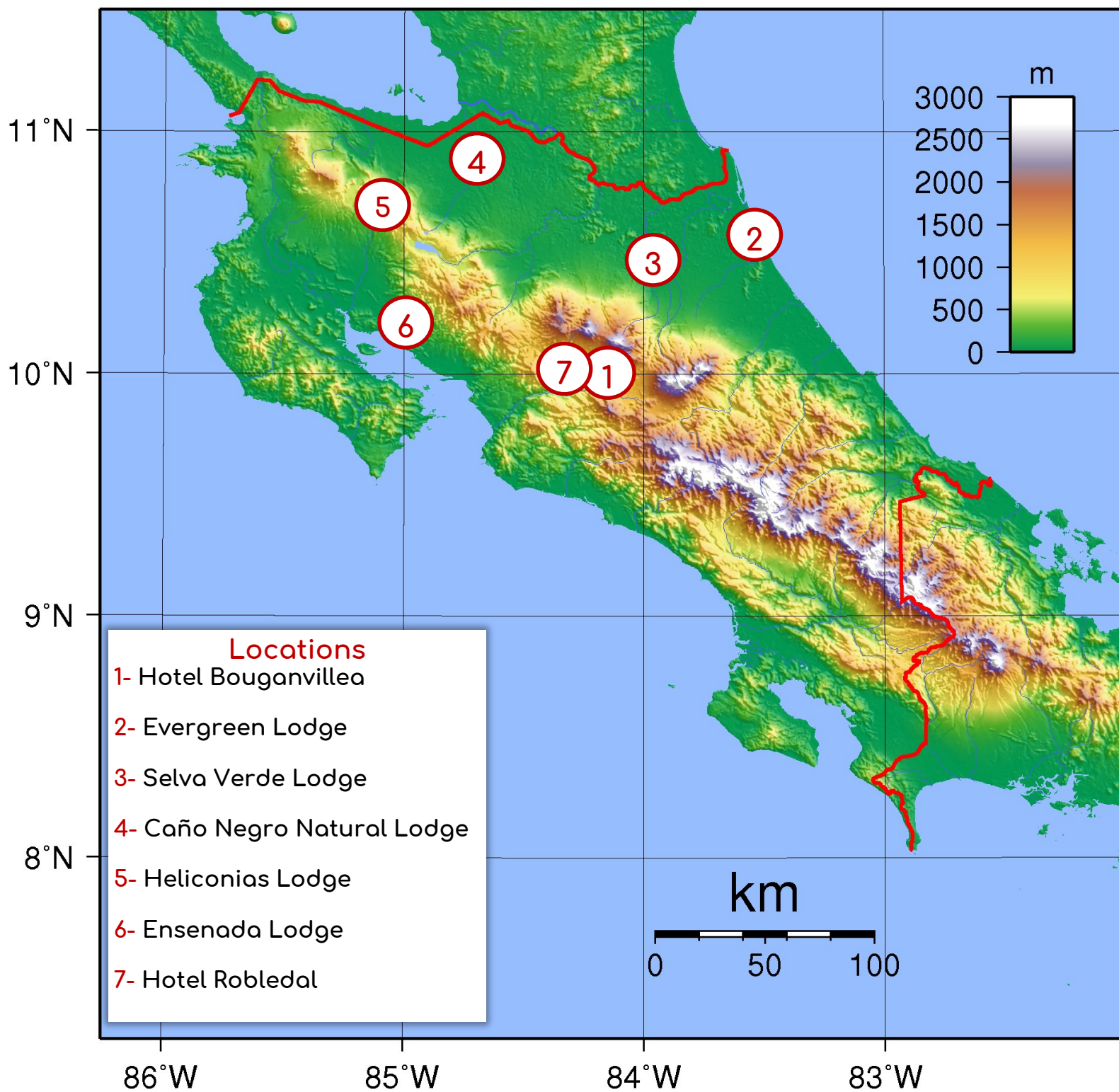
## TRIP INCLUDES:

- 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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