



## Caribbean Sojourn

Rain Forest, Rivers, Beaches, Wildlife, Chocolate, Culture  
Visit El Copal, Laguna Madre de Dios, then see the raptor migration in Talamanca

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Costa Rica!

An ACTUAR driver will meet your flight and take you to a charming B&B in San José.

#### Services included

Transfer to Hotel 1492  
Double room at Hotel 1492, including breakfast

### Day 2

#### To El Copal rainforest reserve!

Your bilingual naturalist guide and driver will take you through lush green mountains, by clear rushing rivers to El Copal Reserve near Turrialba. Over 380 bird species have been identified in the forests of El Copal Reserve, making it a paradise for birdwatchers. It is part of a biological corridor between Tapantí-Macizo de la Muerte National Park and La Amistad International Park.

After a hearty campesino lunch, go birding in the El Copal Reserve. It's a good place to see the Snowcap, Lovely Cotinga, Scale Antpitta, Scarlet Thighed Dacnis and White-collared Manakin. At dinner, learn about El Copal's conservation association.

#### Services included:

Bilingual naturalist guide/driver and expenses  
Double room with private bath at El Copal  
Lunch and dinner at El Copal  
Entrance to El Copal Reserve and local guide



### Day 3

#### **Birding at El Copal!**

The sun is out by 5:00 a.m. and some birds are active a bit earlier. A forest hike with your guide will be followed by breakfast and more birding. Lunch at midday and back in the forest. There's an optional trip that afternoon to Guayabo National Monument, Costa Rica's only pre-Columbian site. It's a tranquil bird-filled spot, about 75 minutes north of El Copal

#### **Services included:**

Bilingual naturalist guide/driver and expenses  
Double room with private bath at El Copal including breakfast  
Lunch and dinner at El Copal  
Entrance to El Copal Reserve  
Local guide

### Day 4

#### **To the Caribbean!**

Your guide and driver will take you to Laguna Madre de Dios, one of the only Costa Rican nesting sites of the Agami Agami, a beautiful heron. Continue on to the Talamanca region of Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, and stay at Casa Calatéas, surrounded by lush tropical greenery. Visit their observation platform, where you can see the mountains of La Amistad International Park stretching into Panamá. September and October are the months of the impressive raptor migration, when millions of migrating raptors touch down in the Talamanca area. That afternoon and evening, learn to make the famous Caribbean fish and coconut stew, *rondón*.

#### **Services included:**

Bilingual naturalist guide/driver and expenses  
Double room at Casa Calatéas, including breakfast  
Dinner and cooking lesson at Casa Calatéas  
Local guide

### Day 5

#### **Look for monkeys, birds and iguanas in Cahuita National Park!**

Hike on a shady trail along the beach with your guide in Cahuita National Park, where you can see toucans, parrots, hawks, manikins, tanagers, hummingbirds, magpies, woodpeckers, as well as birds endemic to Talamanca. The trail along the beach is also a good place to see sloths, iguanas and monkeys. Have a delicious down home Caribbean lunch in the town of Cahuita. That afternoon, visit the Sloth Sanctuary north of Cahuita. Return to Casa Calatéas for dinner.

#### **Services included**

Breakfast at Casa Calateas  
Bilingual naturalist guide/driver and expenses  
Double room at Casa Calateas  
Lunch in Cahuita  
Dinner at Casa Calateas  
Entrances to Sloth Sanctuary

### Day 6

#### **See where chocolate comes from!**

Get up early and travel with your guide to the village of Bambú where you will meet the BriBri boatmen who will take you by dugout canoe to the isolated riverside village of Yorkín. Meet the

villagers, and see how they process chocolate from their sacred tree, the *cacao*. Taste the fruit fresh from the pod, and see how it is dried, roasted and ground into hot chocolate.

The community of Yorkín raises *cacao* and bananas in harmony with nature in order to protect the huge number of migrating birds that touch down in this region. That afternoon, your guide will take you to a hotel near the beach.

**Services included:**

Breakfast at Casa Calatéas  
Bilingual naturalist guide/driver and expenses  
1-day Yorkin tour including lunch and snack  
Double room at Playa Chiquita Lodge

*Day 7*

**Enjoy the beach!**

Have fun at Playa Chiquita or have your guide take you to beautiful Punta Uva. That afternoon, return to San José.

**Services included:**

Breakfast at Playa Chiquita Lodge  
Bilingual naturalist guide/driver and expenses  
Double room at Hotel 1492 including breakfast

*Day 8*

**Come back soon!**

An ACTUAR driver will pick you up in time to get you to the airport 3 hours before your return flight..

**Services included:**

Transfer to airport 3 hours before your return flight.

NOTE: There is an exit tax of \$26 per person, payable at the airport before you check in. It can be paid in dollars, colones, a combination of the two, or with a debit card. It can also be paid with a credit card, but will be charged as a cash advance.

**To sign up for this tour, contact**

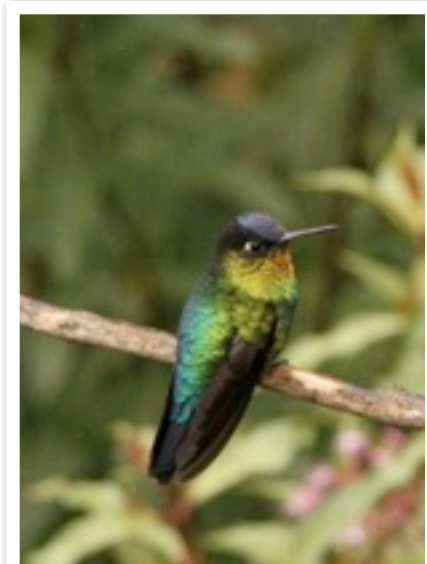
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*All of our ecotours can be customized to meet your interests, budget, and time frame.  
See next page for prices.*

## *Caribbean Sojourn for Birders*

### Prices and Family Discounts



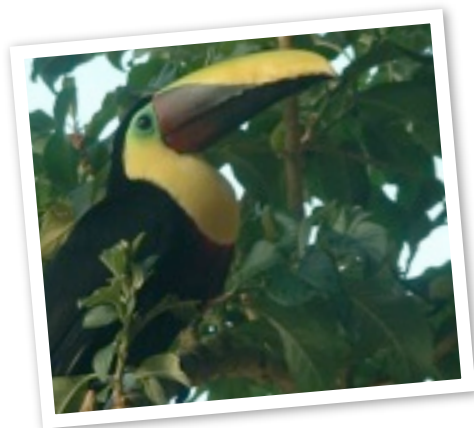
Minimum 2 adults	Price per person
In double occupancy	<b>\$1585</b>
In triple occupancy	<b>\$1200</b>
In single room	<b>\$1682</b>
With one child 5-11	<b>\$1143</b>
With two children 5-11	<b>\$923</b>

#### *Discounts for more than four*

Let us know if there are more than four people in your party. The price per person will go down.

**Prices valid through November 30, 2012, EXCEPT for travel during Christmas and Easter weeks. Contact us for repricing during those weeks.**

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#### *Your private guide/driver: an incredible value*

***Kids love them:*** Kids love our bilingual naturalist guide/drivers because of their friendly, fun-loving attitude, and parents love them because of their kindness and their ability to teach about all things Costa Rica!

***Peace of mind:*** Your family will have a guide all to yourselves for as many days as you want during your tour, so you can avoid the hassles that come with traveling with large groups of strangers. Your guide knows the ins and outs of each destination, so you'll have the peace of mind of knowing that your family is safe and well-cared for.

***Hassle-free transportation:*** Getting around can be tricky in Costa Rica, but it becomes fun and hassle-free with your private guide/driver. You can stop where you want, whenever you want, giving you more freedom to respond to needs and for off-the-beaten-path exploration.

***Flexibility:*** If you and your spouse want to walk along the beach and the kids are not interested, your guide can take them back to the hotel and keep them safe and entertained.

***Personal connection:*** Best of all, your guide is your personal connection not only to nature, but to the culture of the fascinating destination you are visiting. Our professional guides make our trips unforgettable!

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