

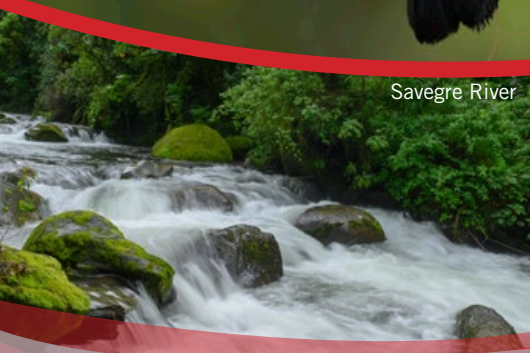
COSTA RICA

May 31st - June 14th, 2026

PHOTO EXPEDITION



Keel-billed Toucan



Savegre River



Speckled Tanager



Red-eyed Treefrog

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Leaf-footed *Diactor bilineatus*

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Hello Everyone

I just wanted to welcome you to another Costa Rica photo adventure. It's been quite some time since my first trip to this great country. On my first visit, I explored some of the most remote places in search of good opportunities to shoot wildlife. The adventure was intense. I had to take our small SUV through swollen rivers to get to our final destination, and lost few parts on the rocky road to Monteverde, but it was all fun and it opened a big door to our future travels. Over the years I've been blessed to see and meet the most incredible wildlife and people a country can hold, yet I always come back with something new. It appears that with all my visits I have not even scratched the surface of this ecologically rich country. Diversity is at its best in Costa Rica. Nowhere in the New World you can find this variety of plants and animals in such a small land mass.

By now you should have read our trip newsletter, but if not, I'm attaching it to this email. There you will also find the rooming list and a packing list. Obviously you should know what to pack when it comes to your clothing, and photo gear. Make sure to leave a copy of this document with family at home as it has a day-by-day itinerary with all the lodges and hotel information including their phone number and website.

If you have any questions about anything related to this trip, please feel free to ask me. I know some people had questions about what photo gear to bring, and my answer tends to be about the same. Make sure you cover all focal lengths, as you'll be shooting wide angle landscapes, zoomed-in birds and really tight close-ups, so don't forget your macro or your flash.

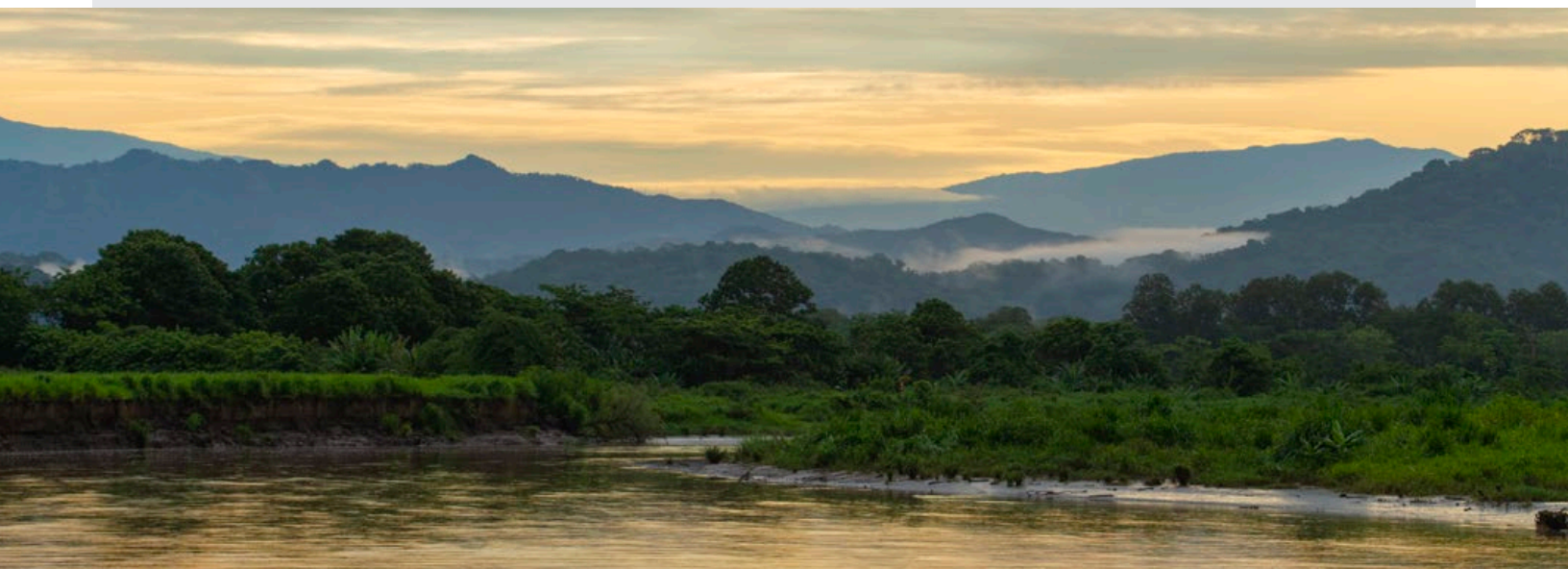
Thank you for joining us on this trip.

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Day	Itinerary	Activities
5/31	US - SJO	Arrival date: Lodging: https://www.airporthotelcostarica.com/
6/1	SJO - Chilamate	On our way to Sarapiquí, we'll go over the continental divide bordering the flanks of the Poas volcano. We'll stop at the La Paz waterfall before continuing to Cinchona to photograph some mid-elevation birds species before lunch. Get to the lodge and relax in the afternoon. We'll shoot frogs after dinner. Lodging: La Quinta de Sarapiquí http://www.hotellaquintasarapiqui.com/ Tel. 011-506-2222-3344
6/2	Chilamate	Today we'll visit the Catarata del Toro to capture some incredible vistas and our first encounter with several species of hummingbirds. We'll have time to bird around the lodge after breakfast and prior to departure. In the afternoon we will shoot some poison dart frogs and butterflies. More night photo opportunities. Lodging: La Quinta de Sarapiquí
6/3	Guapiles	After breakfast we'll embark on 1:30 minute drive to Guapiles to visit La Hoja Gardens. This place offers great opportunities to photograph birds coming to the feeding stations. We may also have a chance to see the Sun Bittern at the nearby river and perhaps find White Honduran Bats. Lodging: La Quinta de Sarapiquí
6/4	Chilamate - Pital	We will leave early in the morning to shoot macaws at Rancho Las Tres Calaveras. Here's a great opportunity to photograph Great Green Macaws in flight plus an arrangement of Scarlet Macaws that visit this breeding facility. After lunch we will start our drive to the Laguna del Lagarto Lodge in the border with Nicaragua. This isolated lodge provides endless opportunities to photograph birds, mammals and our target, the King Vulture. Lodging: Laguna del Lagarto Lodge http://www.lagarto-lodge-costa-rica.com/ Tel. 011-506-2479-9522 Lodging:
6/5	Pital	In the morning you will have a chance to shoot some very colorful birds that come to the feeders at the lodge and later we will shoot one of the most colorful raptors, the King Vulture. The shoot will take place near the lodge on a private blind. It can get hot and sticky, but you will have some amazing views of these birds. A short hike on the trails will provide endless opportunities to photograph poison dart frogs and leaf-cutter ants. It's not uncommon to find troops of coatimundis or agoutis around the lodge. Lodging: Laguna del Lagarto Lodge
6/6	Pital - Fortuna	On this morning we will have another opportunity to shoot. Aracaris, Monctezuma oropendulas and brown-hooded parrots are among the species that can be photographed near the feeders. We will travel to our next destination La Fortuna, a beautiful town on the foothills of the Arenal Volcano. Lunch will be in La Fortuna. In the afternoon we'll have a chance to photograph a variety of butterflies species in the lepidopterarium at the lodge. We will be shooting amphibians and reptiles at night. Lodging: Arenal Oasis https://www.arenaloasis.com/ Tel. 011-506-2479.9526
6/7	Fortuna	On this morning we'll head out to see one of the most unique bird species of Central America. The Agami Heron. If the sky is clear, we'll try some landscape shots of the Arenal Volcano on our way. The property around the lodge offers great opportunities to capture the real feel of the rainforest, with beautiful gardens and leaf-cutter ants, sloths and much more. More amphibian photography at night. Lodging: Arenal Oasis

6/8	Fortuna - Tarcoles	On this day we depart towards the Pacific Ocean, stopping along the way On Parque Aventuras San Luis to shoot some amazing birds. This is a great place to do zip-lining too. On arrival to our next lodge, we'll do a quick exploration to check on Scarlet Macaws and other birds that can be found around the lodge. This is a brand new lodge that was recently built and caters to birders. Lodging: Tarcoles Birding Lodge
6/9	Tarcoles - Savegre	This morning we are scheduled for an early boat tour of the Tarcoles River where many species of birds and hungry crocs can be found. Waterbirds include Jacanas, Tiger Herons as well as raptors like the Black Hawk and the Yellow-headed Caracara. After the tour we head to the lodge for breakfast and departure to our next lodge. Lodging: Savegre Lodge http://www.savegre.com Tel: 011-506-2740-1028
6/10	Savegre	After breakfast you will be taken up the mountain to shoot at Batsu Gardens, an amazing location to shoot birds such as the Red-headed Barbet, Acorn Woodpecker, Flame-colored tanagers and Chlorophonias among others. After lunch, we'll look for the Resplendent Quetzal. Lodging: Savegre Lodge
6//11	Savegre to Turrialba	After breakfast we'll leave the lodge and stop along the way to shoot some more birds. Our final destination today is Arte de Plumas a birding lodge. Lots of mid-elevation birds species including tanagers, toucans, oropendulas and the possibility of capturing the Sun Bittern on a nearby stream. Lodging: Arte de Plumas Lodge https://www.artedeplumas.com/
6/12	Turrialba	Today we have another full day to shoot at Arte de Plumas and weather permitting we may visit a nearby lodge to try capturing the Snowcap Hummingbird. Lodging: Arte de Plumas Lodge
6/13	Turrialba to Alajuela	Today we leave the mid-elevations of Turrialba to visit the Irazu Volcano on our way back to our starting point in Alajuela. The Irazu is an active volcano with a beautiful caldera. Some nice birds and mammals species can be seen around the crater. Lodging: Hotel Aeropuerto https://www.airporthotelcostarica.com/
14	San Gerardo - Alajuela	Today you will be transported to the airport for your departure to the US.



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(Lowlands/highlands)

PRICING

\$2,800 (8 participants)

* Cost does not include international airfare

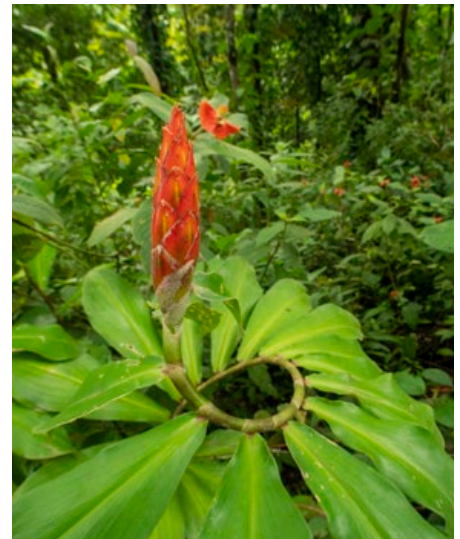
Price is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip add \$500. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure your space on the trip. This deposit is applied to your balance for the trip.

What is Included?

All meals and transportation as well as boat tours, national park entrance fees, naturalist guide and photography guide are included. Tips and international flight are not included in the above price.

To register or find out more about this trip, go to:

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