Costa Rica

May 30th - June 13th, 2027

PHOTO EXPEDITION



Blue and Gold Tanager



Savegre River



Fiery-throated Hummer



Cream-spotted Tigerwing

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Great Green Macaw

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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
May 30	US - SJO	Arrival date: Lodging: https://www.airporthotelcostarica.com/
May 31	SJO - Chilamate	On our way to Sarapiqui, we'll go over the continental divide bordering the flanks of the Poas volcano. We'll stop at the La Paz waterfall, followed by a stop to shoot birds at La Cinchona. We'll shoot frogs after dinner. Lodging: La Quinta de Sarapiqui http://www.hotellaquintasarapiqui.com/ Tel. 011-506-2222-3344
June 1	Chilamate	Today we'll embark on an adventure to shoot the secretive Agami Heron at remote rookery. In the afternoon we will shoot some poison dart frogs and butterflies. More night photo opportunities. Lodging: La Quinta de Sarapiqui
June 2	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:
June 3	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
June 4	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. We will be shooting amphibians and reptiles at night. Lodging: Arenal Oasis https://www.arenaloasis.com/ Tel. 011-506-2479.9526
June 5	Fortuna	Today you have the chance to shoot many bird species at a feeding station. Expect tanagers, aracaris, parrots and honeycreepers. Those of you interested in doing zipline, white water rafting, hot springs or horseback riding, La Fortuna is the right place to enjoy any of these activities. If the sky is clear, we'll try some landscape shots of the Arenal Volcano. 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
June 6	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: TBA

June 7	**Tarcoles**	This morning we are scheduled for a boat tour of the Tarcoles River where many species of birds and hungry crocs can be found. Macaws visit the almond trees in a nearby beach providing amazing opportunities to capture them in flight. The road that leads to the river is good for trogons, kingfishers, hawks and iguanas. In the afternoon, we will shoot macaws as they fly back to their roost. Lodging: TBA
June 8	**Tarcoles - Quepos**	Today we'll be heading to Quepos, but not before stopping along the way to take some pictures of the Pacific Ocean. Lunch will be on arrival to Quepos. Then, we will go to Playa Espadilla for an afternoon of relaxation by the pool or the beach. Lodging: Cabinas Espadilla http://espadilla.com/ Tel: 011-506-2777-2113
June 9	**Quepos**	This morning we'll visit the Manuel Antonio National Park in search of white-faced capuchins and squirrel monkeys. The park is the crown jewel of the national parks in Costa Rica offering great landscapes and wildlife opportunities. Lodging: Cabinas Espadilla
June 10	**Quepos - San Gerardo**	This morning, after breakfast, we'll start our drive to the high mountains of Savegre. For lunch, we'll make a stop at La Georgina, a mountain lodge and restaurant full of hummingbirds. At nearly 10,000 feet, this mountain paradise hosts many bird species, but nothing more spectacular than the Fiery-throated Hummingbird. After lunch, we will continue to Savegre Lodge, a most amazing lodge wedged in a valley cut by the swift Savegre river and home to the Resplendent Quetzal. Dinner will be served in their beautiful restaurant. Lodging: Savegre Lodge http://www.savegre.com Tel: 011-506-2740-1028
June 11	**San Gerardo**	After breakfast you will be taken up the mountain to shoot at Batsu Gardens, an amazing lcoation 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
June 12	**San Gerardo - Alajuela**	After breakfast, you'll have some time to shoot around the gardens before we start our trip back to San Jose. Lunch will be at a restaurant along the way. Then, we will drive through San Jose as we returned to our first hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel. Lodging: Hotel Aeropuerto https://www.airporthotelcostarica.com/
June 13	**SJO - MCO**	Today you will be transported to the airport for your departure to the US.



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(Lowlands/highlands)

PRICING

$2,999 (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?

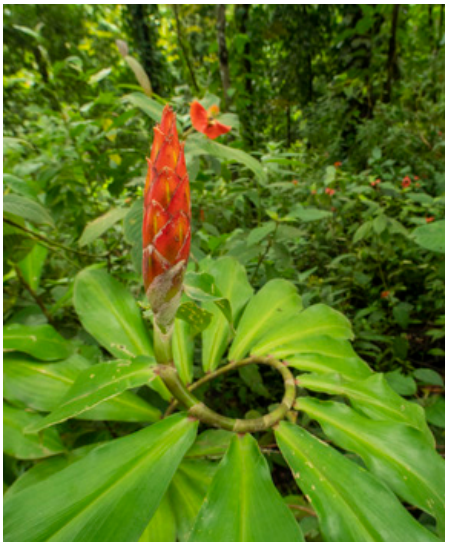
All meals and transportation as well as boat tours, national park entrance fees, naturalist guide and photography guide are included. Tips and international flight are not included in the above price.

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