Pasco Audubon Goes to Costa Rica

with Holbrook Travel's Introduction to Neotropical Birding

February 16-23, 2025





Clay-colored Thrush by Joanne Chamberlain

Alright Amigos!

"Life is all about choices" Jorge Monge

Our Guide



Jorge Monge

In-Country Guide

Jorge Monge is a Costa Rican biologist and certified naturalist group leader. In addition to majoring

in tropical biology (with an emphasis on ornithology) he also studied business administration. His academic background, interpretive skills, and friendly disposition lent themselves perfectly to a career in ecotourism. Jorge began leading educational groups in 1999. He particularly enjoys leading birding and natural history groups, though he also does general history and culture programs. Jorge believes that the interesting people he meets during each program are the key to keeping his work fresh and exciting after all these years. Since his job requires him to travel frequently, he likes to spend most of his free time with family. Jorge has traveled quite extensively throughout the Americas, including: Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Cuba.

Our Group

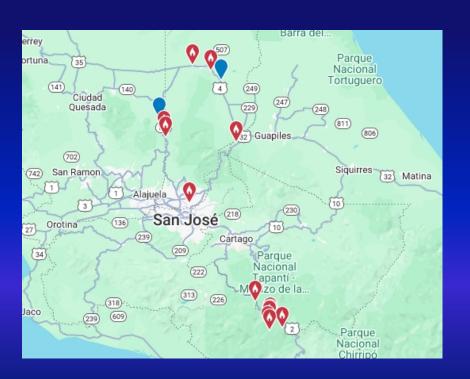
- Noriko Buckles
- Joanne and Rick Chamberlain
- Mitch and Susan Dormont
- Don Fraser
- Jeff and Pat Goldberg
- Anthony Marella and Christine Rowland
- Gail Norwood
- Lilian Saul
- Kimberly Snaric

A Holbrook Travel Adventure

Costa Rica

Our Route

- Day 1 Arrive San Jose
- Day 2 San Jose to Selva Verde
- Day 3 Selva Verde
- Day 4 Selva Verde
- Day 5 Selva Verde to Trogon Lodge
- Day 6 Trogon Lodge and Surrounds
- Day 7 Trogon Lodge to San Jose
- Day 8 San Jose and Home



Costa Rica

Our Route



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Hotel Bougainvillea

Arrival Day 1 and Morning Day 2

• San Jose Elevation: 3,100 feet Habitat: Urban gardens



By Noriko Buckles



by Noriko Buckles



Mottled Owl by Noriko Buckles



Social Flycatcher by Kimberly Snaric



Red-billed Pigeon by Pat Goldberg



Bicolored Hawk by Christine Rowland



Boat-billed Flycatcher by Joanne Chamberlain



Crimson-fronted Parakeets by Patricia Goldberg



Masked Tityra by Anthony Marella



Group in Hotel Bougainvillea Gardens by Kimberly Snaric



Rufous-tailed Hummingbird by Pat Goldberg



Lesson's Motmot by Noriko Buckles

Butterflies by Don Fraser



Chestnut-marked Skipper



Actinote anteas



Mexican Fritillary



Crimson Patch



Nikko Skipper



Actinote anteas



Purple-washed Eyed-Metalmark



Perching Saliana



Dusky-Blue Groundstreak

La Paz Waterfall Gardens

Day 2

• Near Cinchona Elevation: 6,200 feet Habitat: Gardens and rehabilitation facility



Keel-billed Toucan by Noriko Buckles (Aviary)



Scarlet Macaw by Patricia Goldberg (Aviary)



Bay-headed Tanager by Lilian Saul



Red-headed Barbet by Anthony Marella



Slate-throated Redstart by Anthony Marella



Bananaquit by Kimberly Snaric



Coppery-headed Emerald by Christine Rowland



Violet Sabrewing by Noriko Buckles



Green-crowned Brilliant (female) by Noriko Buckles



Purple-throated Mountain-Gem by Christine Rowland



Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush by Anthony Marella



Olive-streaked Flycatcher by Patricia Goldberg

Galeria de Colibri y Soda Cinchona

Day 2



Photograph by Kimberly Snaric



Northern Emerald Toucanet by Kimberly Snaric



Green-crowned Brilliant (male) by Noriko Buckles



Green-crowned Brilliant (Immature Male)by Patricia Goldberg



Silver-throated Tanagers by Kimberly Snaric



Common Chlorospingus by Christine Rowland



Blue-gray Tanager by Kimberly Snaric



Red-headed Barbet and Silver-throated Tanagers by Christine Rowland

Selva Verde Lodge (Holbrook)

Days 2-5

 Sarapiqui Elevation – 225 feet, Habitat – Lowland Tropical Rainforest (Primary and Secondary)



Walkway by Gail Norwood



Selva Verde by Patricia Goldberg



Selva Verde Lodge by Patricia Goldberg

Selva Verde Lodge

Feeders at Restaurant



Feeders at Selva Verde by Joanne Chamberlain



Collared Aracari by Kimberly Snaric



Crimson-collared Tanager by Patricia Goldberg



Red-throated Ant-Tanager by Noriko Buckles



Shining Honeycreeper by Anthony Marella



Red-legged Honeycreeper by Noriko Buckles



Green Honeycreeper (male) by Noriko Buckles



Green Honeycreeper (female) by Joanne Chamberlain



Yellow-throated Euphonia by Pat Goldberg



Stripe-throated Hermit by Noriko Buckles



Orange-billed Sparrow by Pat Goldberg



Green Iguana by Patricia Goldberg

Sarapiqui - Along the River



Sunbittern by Kimberly Snaric



Bare-throated Tiger-Heron by Christine Rowland



Tropical Kingbird by Noriko Buckles



Black Phoebe by Kimberly Snaric



Great Green Macaws by Noriko Buckles



Ringed Kingfisher by Noriko Buckles



White Hawk by Patricia Goldberg



Rufous Motmot by Patricia Goldberg



Eye-ringed Flatbill by Christine Rowland



Streak-headed Woodcreeper by Joanne Chamberlain



Green Basilisk by Christine Rowland

Selva Verde - Botanical Gardens



Red-lored Amazon by Patricia Goldberg



Golden-hooded Tanager by Kimberly Snaric



Broad-billed Motmot by Christine Rowland



Slaty-tailed Trogon by Joanne Chamberlain



by Christine Rowland



Variable Seedeater by Lilian Saul



White-faced Capuchin by Kimberly Snaric



Spider Monkey by Kimberly Snaric

Selva Verde Lodge

Primary Forest



Photo by Pat Goldberg



Hairy-headed Leafcutters Ant by Patricia Goldberg



Banded Peacock



A Geometer Moth



Barnes' Metalmark



Orizaba Silkmoth



Plain Longtail



A Flea Beetle



Red-faced Dragonlet



Mimosa Yellow

Selva Verde After Dark



Red-eyed Tree Frog by Anthony Marella



Strawberry Poison Dart Frog by Anthony Marella



Emerald Glass Frog by Anthony Marella

Tirimbina Field Station









La Selva Biological Station

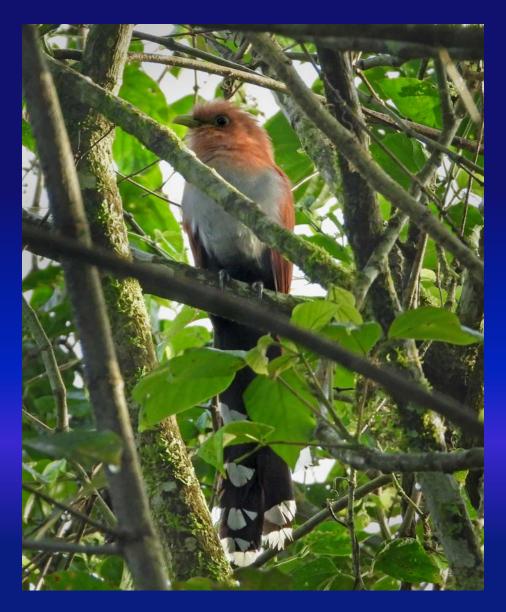
Day 4



By Pat Goldberg



Rufous-tailed Jacamar by Anthony Marella



Squirrel Cuckoo by Jeff Goldberg



Gartered Trogon by Joanne Chamberlain



Scarlet Macaw by Kimberly Snaric



Snowy Cotinga by Patricia Goldberg



Keel-billed Toucan by Anthony Marella



Howler Monkeys by Kimberly Snaric



Howler Monkey by Noriko Buckles



Howler Monkey by Kimberly Snaric



Crested Owl by Anthony Marella



Northern Black-throated Trogon by Joanne Chamberlain



Northern Black-throated Trogon - F by Anthony Marella



by Noriko Buckles



Black-cowled Oriole by Patricia Goldberg



Crested Guan by Anthony Marella



Great Curassow by Christine Rowland

Nectar and Pollen Reserve

Day 5



Crowned Woodnymph by Patricia Goldberg



Yellow-throated Toucan by Noriko Buckles



Montezuma's Oropendola by Anthony Marella



Chestnut-headed Oropendola by Anthony Marella



Rufous-tailed Hummingbird by Anthony Marella



Scarlet-rumped Tanager (female) by Joanne Chamberlain



Black-cheeked Woodpecker by Patricia Goldberg



Great Kiskadee by Anthony Marella



Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer by Noriko Buckles



Blue-chested Hummingbird by Patricia Goldberg



Buff-throated Saltator by Kimberly Snaric



Palm Tanagers by Anthony Marella

Trogon Lodge

Day 5-7

• San Gerardo De Dota Elevation: 7,220 feet Habitat: Mountain Cloud Forest



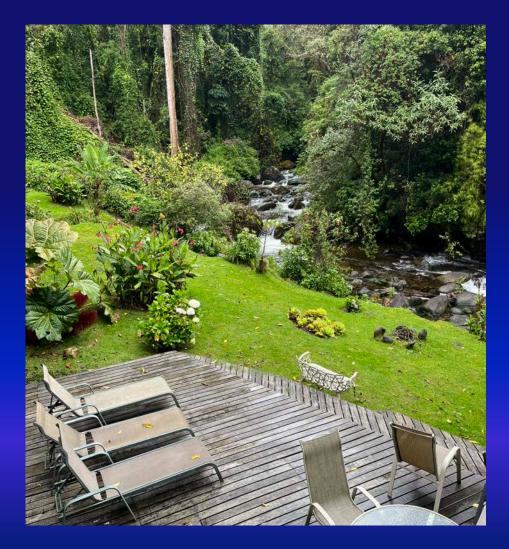
By Noriko Buckles



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Sunrise at Trogon Lodge by Mitch Dormont



Rufous-collared Sparrow by Anthony Marella



by Anthony Marella



Talamanca Hummingbird by Noriko Buckles



Sooty-capped Chlorospingus by Kimberly Snaric



Celebrating Noriko's Birthday



Resplendent Quetzal by Noriko Buckles



American Dipper by Joanne Chamberlain



Torrent Tyrannulet by Christine Rowland

Savegre Trails

Day 6



Up to the trails above Savegre Lodge by Pat Goldberg



Wilson's Warbler by Anthony Marella



by Christine Rowland



Yellowish Flycatcher by Anthony Marella



Black-faced Solitaire by Patricia Goldberg



Flame-throated Warbler by Christine Rowland



Yellow-thighed Brushfinch by Patricia Goldberg



Resplendent Quetzal (Female) by Christine Rowland



Sulphur-winged Amazons by Patricia Goldberg

Miriam's Restaurant

Day 6



Talamanca Hummingbird by Noriko Buckles



Acorn Woodpecker by Noriko Buckles



Lesser Violetear by Kimberly Snaric



Large-footed Finch by Pat Goldberg



Volcano Hummingbird by Christine Rowland



Flame-colored Tanager by Noriko Buckles



Buff-fronted Quail-Dove by Joanne Chamberlain



Slaty Flowerpiercer by Anthony Marella



Slaty Flowerpiercer by Noriko Buckles

Cerro Buenavista: Paramo

Day 7

■ Elevation – 11,000+ feet Habitat – High elevation scrub



By Anthony Marella



Volcano Junco by Kimberly Snaric



Black-cheeked Warbler by Patricia Goldberg



Black-capped Flycatcher by Anthony Marella

Paraiso Quetzales

Day 7



Fiery-throated Hummingbird by Noriko Buckles



Fiery-throated Hummingbird by Pat Goldberg



Volcano Hummingbirds by Gail Norwood



Black-thighed Grosbeak by Patricia Goldberg



Long-tailed Silky Flycatcher by Anthony Marella



Golden-browed Chlorophonia by Patricia Goldberg

Costa Rica

"La Pura Vida"



By the Numbers...

- 232 Bird Species
- 21 Hummingbirds
- 38 Endemics
- 200 Photographed Bird Species
- 13 Species with audio

Check out our full trip report and all photos at https://ebird.org/tripreport/335264

Group 2: March 2-9

- Tom Butler
- Joe and Maryellen Colontonio
- Gail and Chris Knight
- Valerie LaRocco
- Mic McCarty and Lynn Mitchell
- Etienne Pracht
- Ann Ruben
- Jeanine Thomason
- Lars Wernars



Prong-billed Barbet by Joe Colontonio



Common Tody-Flycatcher by Joe Colontonio



Chestnut-colored Woodpecker by Joe Colontonio



Barred Antshrike by Joe Colontonio



Black Hawk-Eagle by Joe Colontonio



White-fronted Amazon by Joe Colontonio



Eyelash Pit Viper by Joe Colontonio



Two-toed Sloth by Joe Colontonio

Pasco Audubon International Trips 2026

- Birding the Central Andes (Colombia) March 8-16, 2026
- Birding Southern Costa Rica April 16-26, 2026

 Interested? Add your name and email to the contact list at the front desk or email president@pascoaudubon.com