

HUMMINGBIRDS OF COSTA RICA

"Great diversity of habitats, geographic positioning, topography, and climate bestows Costa Rica with one of the highest levels of avian diversity in the world. 920+ bird species have been recorded in the entire country, 53 of which are hummingbirds, including 2 endemic species!. All in an area smaller than West Virginia. Costa Rica has one of the greatest density of bird species per area of any continental American country".



FIERY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

Join birding expert Mario Cordoba and Crescentia Expeditions on this remarkable Costa Rican birding adventure to experience varied ecological zones of this beautiful country.

Our trip will focus on hummingbirds but we'll have lots of opportunities to see many other species, visiting a number of habitats: Central Valley, Monteverde Cloud Forests, Central Pacific Transitional Forest & Mangroves Talamanca Mountain Range & Caribbean foothills.

Following is a general description of the 10-day trip:

DATES:
MARCH 18-27
2020

Day 1: After arrival to the International Airport, we'll check in to our hotel, conveniently located in the outskirts of San Jose, the capital city. In the afternoon a short easy walk on the hotel grounds will be offered to become familiar with some of the more common species like Rufous-tailed Hummingbird. In the evening attend an orientation meeting and welcome dinner.

Days 2-3: We'll start our drive towards the northern Tilaran Mountain Range, where Monteverde is located. Along the way we'll visit San Luis Park for Violet Sabrewing. In Monteverde we'll explore the cloud forest reserves home of Resplendent Quetzal and endemic Coppery-headed Emerald.

Day 4: Time to move down into the lowland Central Pacific Region, near Carara National Park. In this area we'll have a boat tour of the Tarcoles River and Guacalillo mangrove estuary looking for water and shore birds as well as mangrove specialties like the endemic Mangrove Hummingbird as well as birding around the dry forest areas in search of Cinnamon Hummingbird.

Days 5-6-7: Departure towards the southern highlands of Talamanca Mountain Range. For the next 3 days we'll visit different montane habitats and Paramo for several species with a very limited range like Fiery-throated Hummingbird, Talamanca Hummingbird, Magenta-throated Woodstar and many more.

Day 8-9: Return to Central Valley and field trip to Caribbean foothills visiting gardens and reserves to look for Snowcap and Black-crested Coquette. Farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 10: Transfer to international Airport for returning flights.



MAGENTA-THROATED WOODSTAR

Included:

- Professional Naturalist & Birding Guide
- Coach transportation
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Bottled Water
- All meals -All lodging
- All entrance fees and excursions
- Updated Costa Rica's Bird Check-list.

Not included:

- Airline ticket
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages & personal expenses
- Gratuities



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