



Yellow-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos ambiguus*) by Alexander Dzib

# COSTA RICA

Hog Island Teen Camp  
Selva Verde & Arenal  
July 21-26, 2019



For young birders ages 15-19

*Spend a week with Hog Island and ABA youth leaders in Costa Rica, birding, observing local scientists at work, and exploring careers in ornithology. On this intensive 6-day, 5-night program, you'll experience the amazing birds this small but diverse country has to offer! The enthusiastic young birders on this trip will work alongside some of the country's best-known birders and ornithologists on field identification, bird ecology, and conservation science activities. A balance of rich educational content and adventure activities make this an unforgettable overseas expedition for our Hog Island family!*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- See firsthand how sustainable development positively affects local communities and habitats.
- Compare bird life in different land use areas, such as primary vs. secondary rainforest or traditional vs. organic agricultural areas.
- Meet and observe conservation scientists at work, and enjoy hands-on exploration of career opportunities in conservation science.
- Think about and discuss future careers in ornithology.
- Participate in a reforestation effort to help support the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Flights from Miami
- Bilingual naturalist guide
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Entrance fees
- In-country transportation
- Meals & beverages



Slaty-tailed Trogon (*Trogon massena*) by Sanford M. Sorkin

## ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

### JULY 21 - MIAMI

Individual arrivals in Miami. Leaders will meet and make way to hotel. *Overnight at Comfort Suites or similar.*

### JULY 22 - SARAPIQUÍ

Early flight to Costa Rica as a group. Travel to Sarapiquí this afternoon with orientation en route. Evening lecture on the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor by Willy Pineda. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

### JULY 23 - SARAPIQUÍ

Early departure for La Selva Biological Station. Meet with a researcher and explore the trails around the station. Afternoon reforestation project to help support the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. Travel to Tirimbina this evening to learn about the fascinating lives of bats. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

### JULY 24 - ARENAL

Depart for Arenal, stopping for lunch and birding at La Paz Waterfall and other locations en route. *Overnight at Arenal Paraíso. (BLD)*

### JULY 25 - ARENAL

Walk in Arenal Volcano National Park in the morning. In the afternoon, explore the trails around the lodge. *Overnight at Arenal Paraíso. (BLD)*

### JULY 26 - FAREWELL!

Early departure for the airport for the flight home. Holbrook can assist with round trip flights to Miami. (B)



## ABOUT SELVA VERDE LODGE

Selva Verde is more than a lodge and more than a rainforest reserve. It is your gateway into a magical world of towering Almendro trees, mantled howler monkeys, and Keel-billed Toucans. Immerse yourself in tropical nature as you hike through deep green forest or reflect quietly in a comfortable hammock. For over 30 years, Selva Verde has been a haven for nature enthusiasts from around the world. This rich rainforest region hosts more than 330 species of birds and is home to amazing birds such as the Sunbittern, Black-crowned Antpitta, Snowy Cotinga, Gartered and Slaty-tailed Trogons, Green Ibis, Red-throated Ant-Tanager, Song Wren, Buff-rumped Warbler, Ornate Hawk-Eagle, and three species of toucans.

## EVA MATTHEWS, HOG ISLAND INSTRUCTOR



**Eva Matthews** has a 14-year career of teaching environmental education and a particular interest in volunteer management. She has led birding trips, mostly in South Florida, for over eight years and enjoys giving community presentations on natural history. She has an MS degree in Recreation & Parks Management from Frostburg State University and a BS degree in Environmental Science from Lander University.

## PROGRAM PRICING

**\$2,170** (per person from Miami)

Includes accommodations, meals, activities, transportation, entrance fees, full-time guide, and round-trip airfare from Miami to San José, Costa Rica. If desired, Holbrook can assist with flights between your home city and Miami.

Does not include gratuities or items of a personal nature.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants traveling in 2018 or beyond. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more. Visit [holbrooktravel.com/travelprotection](http://holbrooktravel.com/travelprotection) for more details.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

## THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on 14-17 students in double occupancy; with 18 students price will be \$2,050 per person. For a single room throughout the trip, add \$225 per person. Single occupancy rooms are available for an additional \$245 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable minus a \$100 cancellation fee until April 17, 2019, at which time final non-refundable payment is due.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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