

TRIP 2: MARCH 4-10

Osa Peninsula Spring Birdathon

ABOUT THE TRIP

Guests on Osa Conservation's Spring Birding Tour stay at the Greg Gund Conservation Center and spend two nights at Bosque del Rio Tigre Lodge. For more information and photos of our facilities please click [here](#). Meals are eaten family style and prepared by Emelia, our wonderful Costa Rican chef who will introduce you to the traditional fare. Accommodations at [Bosque del Rio Tigre Lodge](#) are designed for rustic luxury and are surrounded by a 31 acre private wildlife reserve on the Tigre River bordering Corcovado National Park. This is a birders paradise! Most days will involve moderately strenuous but rewarding hikes through primary and secondary forest, wetlands, mangroves and coastal habitat. Throughout the week local biologists will give evening presentations of their research and you will have the opportunity to learn about the important scientific and conservation work being carried out at the stations and throughout the Peninsula.

Join us in the Osa for a spectacular week of jungle, birds, beach and wildlife.



SPRING BIRDING ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday, March 3

Afternoon pickup from Puerto Jimenez airport
Drive to Cerro Osa for sunset, dinner and welcome orientation
Evening birds you may expect to see or hear: Chestnut-mandibled Toucan, Common Pauraque, Red-lored Parrot and Little Tinamou

Day 2 – Sunday, March 4

AM birding at Cerro Osa
PM birding hike to Bamboo Platform overlooking the Pacific
Evening Talk/Presentation (optional)
Birds you may expect to see or hear: Blue-crowned Motmot, Blue-crowned Manakin, any one of four trogon species and Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager

Day 3 – Monday, March 5

AM birding walk from Cerro Osa to Piro Research Center
PM forest/beach birding
Evening Talk/Presentation (optional)
Birds you may expect to see or hear: Fiery-billed Aracari, Puffbirds, Antbirds, various Tanagers, and coastal birds such as Brown Pelican, Gulls, Terns and Sandpipers

Day 4 – Tuesday, March 6

AM birding around Piro Research Center on OBC trails
PM birding around Carbonera and Matapalo
Evening Talk/Presentation (optional)
Birds you may expect to see or hear: Orioles, Tanagers, Hawks, and Great Curassows

Day 5 – Wednesday, March 7

AM birding at Luna Lodge and brunch buffet
PM birding along Osa Biodiversity Center Trails
Evening Talk/Presentation (optional)
Birds you may expect to see or hear: Turquoise Cotinga, Cuckoos, Tanagers, Woodpeckers and White Hawk

Day 6 – Thursday, March 8

AM drive to Rincon mangroves and transfer to Bosque del Rio Tigre Lodge (BDRT)
Lunch at BDRT
PM birding at BDRT
Evening Talk/Presentation (optional)
Birds you may expect to see or hear: Yellow-billed Cotinga, Mangrove Hummingbird, Masked Tityra, Three-wattled Bellbird

Day 7 – Friday, March 9

AM birding on BDRT trails
PM birding on BDRT trails
Birds you may expect to see or hear: Orange-collared Manakin, Yellow-billed Cotinga, Gray-necked Woodrail

Day 8 – Saturday, March 10

AM birding and breakfast at BDRT
7am Depart to Puerto Jimenez for flights to San Jose. Please do not book return flights to San Jose earlier than 9am.

Group size: 4 person minimum/10 person maximum

Price includes lodging, 3 meals per day, local transportation, professionally guided tours, and daily conservation presentations.

Price does not include international or domestic flights or \$26 departure tax from San Jose international airport.

Please plan on arriving to Puerto Jimenez by 4pm on the first day of your trip, where you will be met by your trip leader Karen Leavelle. Information for travel to and from the Osa from San Jose can be found on our visitor information site <http://osaconservation.org/VisitorInformation.html>

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