



SELVA VERDE LODGE: SARAPIQUI BIRDING SAFARI
COSTA RICA
2010



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Sarapiquí Birding Safari is based at Selva Verde Lodge, located in the lowland tropical rainforest of Costa Rica. Founded by the Holbrook family, Selva Verde's own private reserve and grounds are more than 500 acres in total and are rich in biodiversity offering some 350 species (resident and migratory) that have been sighted at the Lodge
- The Safari includes at least three sites that are on the Costa Rica Bird Route (CRBR) – an innovative tourism project designed to promote habitat conservation throughout Sarapiquí. Opened in April 2008, it is the first of its kind in Central America
- This program is fully guided with expert local birder and all transportation, meals, and activities are included as specified in the program



Day 1 : Arrive at Selva Verde Lodge from San José. If time allows (depending on arrival time) you will enjoy a guided walk at Tirimbina Rainforest Reserve. (D)

Day 2 : This morning enjoy a guided bird walk with Selva Verde's resident naturalist. Protecting 500 acres of rainforest, Selva Verde offers many covered walks, birding trails, and lookout points. Selva Verde provides opportunities to see species such as the Keel-billed Toucan, Great Green Macaw, White-winged Becard, Sunbittern, Acadian Flycatcher, and Wood Thrush. After a late breakfast, have some time to relax on your hammock outside your rooms or enjoy any number of optional activities. In the afternoon, spot wildlife on a two hour boat ride on the Puerto Viejo River. Located a ten minute drive from Selva Verde Lodge, you will glide in a covered boat with an outboard motor to spot wildlife and birdlife. Return to the Lodge for evening refreshment at the Selvita Bar overlooking the Sarapiquí River and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3 : After breakfast you will venture to the magnificent Braulio Carrillo National Park for an exploration of the Puesto de Quebrada Gonzalez ravine area. Frequent bird sightings include the Black-crowned Antpitta, Snowcap Hummingbird, Lattice-tailed Trogon, White-crowned Manakin and the Bat Falcon. After lunch at the lodge you will have time to rest before a late afternoon guided hike on the trails of Selva Verde's reserve. The reserve is home to one of the largest almond trees in all of Central America, which provides habitat for the endangered Great Green Macaw. In the evening you will enjoy another dinner delicious local dinner at the lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 4 : The morning will be spent touring the Organization for Tropical Studies' La Selva Biological Station. La Selva is world renowned for their scientific research on rainforest ecosystems. Be on the lookout for the Ornate Hawk-Eagle, Crested Guan, Great Tinamou, Pied Puffbird and Spectacled Owl as possible sightings. In the afternoon, test out your Sarapiquí birding skills by scoping out avian visitors in Selva Verde's Botanical Garden area. Later this afternoon around 4:00 PM, enjoy a guided birdwatching hike or by taking in the river views from our patio overlooking the Sarapiquí River. (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Enjoy your last morning at Selva Verde with another tour of the secondary trails in search of Red-capped Manakin, Spectacled Antpitta, Semiplumbeus Hawk or the American Pygmy-kingfisher (if time allows) before returning to the airport. Farewell and safe travels to San José! (B)

\$599.00 per person High Season
\$549.00 per person Green Season

Pricing is per person double occupancy based on minimum 2 participants

Includes: Transportation, guided tours, entrance fees, meals and accommodations