

# Guyana Birding Tour

Guyana is a small English-speaking country located on the Atlantic Coast of South America, east of Venezuela and west of Suriname. Deserving of its reputation as one of the top birding and wildlife destinations in South America, Guyana's pristine



. Birding group enjoying a great view of a Tree-toed Sloth near Atta Lodge habitats stretch from the protected shell beach and mangrove forest along the northern coast, across the vast untouched rainforest of the interior, to the wide open savannah of the Rupununi in the south. Guyana hosts more than 850 different

species of birds covering over 70 families. Perhaps the biggest attraction is the 45+ Guianan Shield endemic species that are more easily seen here than any other country in South America.

These sought-after near-endemic species include everything from the ridiculous to the sublime - from the outrageous Capuchinbird with a bizarre voice unlike any other avian species to the unbelievably stunning Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock. While the majestic Harpy Eagle is on everyone's "must-see" list, other species are not to be overlooked, such as Rufous-throated, White-plumed and Wing-barred Antbirds, Gray-winged Trumpeter, Rufous-winged Ground Cuckoo, Blood-colored Woodpecker, Rufous Crab-Hawk, Guianan Red-Cotinga, White-winged Potoo, Black Curassow, Sun Parakeet, Red Siskin, Rio-Branco Antbird, and the Dusky Purpletuft. These are just a few of the many spectacular birding highlights that can be seen in this amazing country.

Not only is Guyana a remarkable birding destination, but it also offers tourists the opportunity to observe many other unique fauna. The elusive Jaguar can sometimes be seen along trails and roadways. Several species of monkeys including Red Howler, Black Spider, Wedge-capped Capuchin, Brown Capuchin, Goldenhanded Tamarin, Brown-bearded Saki and Squirrel Monkey are frequently seen in their natural habitats. As if that isn't enough, you are nearly certain to see Capybara, Black Caiman (the largest member of the alligator family), Sloths, and Giant Otters. Other animals that are either less common or more elusive and therefore less likely but still possible to find are Tapir, Anaconda, Puma, and Giant Anteater. The largest fresh-water scaled fish in the world, the Arapaima, can be observed, along with an amazing diversity of reptiles and amphibians that will enhance your birding adventure.

# THE TOUR AT A GLANCE

Day 1	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Arrival Day
Day 2	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Mahaica River & Botanical Garden Tour
Day 3	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Georgetown to Whichabai Ranch

Day 4	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Whichabai to Manari via Sand Creek village for the Red Siskin			
Day 5	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Manari Ranch and Surroundings			
Day 6	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Manari to Caiman House Lodge via Karasabai village			
Day 7	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Caiman House and Surroundings			
Day 8	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2025	Caiman House to Surama Lodge			
Day 9	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2025	Surama Lodge and Surroundings			
Day 10	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2025	Surama Lodge and Atta Lodge			
Day 11	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Atta Lodge and Surrounding			
Day 12	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Atta Lodge and Surrounding			
Day 13	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	Atta to Georgetown			
Day 14	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2025	International Flight back home.			
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**Day 1, 14<sup>th</sup> Mar, Arrival Day:** Your tour leader or driver will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to Grand Coastal hotel in Georgetown. The drive into Georgetown can take approximately 45 minutes to 1.5 hours depending on traffic. Georgetown is located in the north of Guyana on the Atlantic coast, and about a one-third of the Country's population lives in this English speaking metropolis.

**Overnight at Grand Coastal Hotel** 

Day 2, 15<sup>th</sup> Mar, Georgetown and Surrounding: Mahaica River tour and Botanical Garden Tour.







Hoatzin

**Blood-coloured Woodpecker** 

**Rufous Crab-Hawk** 

This Morning we will leave our hotel at 5:00am and head eastward along the Atlantic coast to the Mahaica River, this is where you will have an opportunity to see and photograph Guyana's national bird, the "Hoatzin". This pre-historic bird is abundantly found along this amazing river system. We very often see the beautiful Blood-coloured Woodpecker among many other target birds as well. The rare and elusive Blood-coloured Woodpecker is a species most birdwatchers visiting Guyana wish to add to their birding list and we have a very good chance of seeing it or perhaps, taking some pictures. The Blood-colored Woodpecker is among one of the restricted species to the narrow coastal plains and is considered a Guianan shield endemic species.

On the way to Mahaica or on the return trip, we will be stopping at some of the mud-flats and mangrove forest for a chance to observe several birds. These includes the very colorful Scarlet Ibis, Little blue, Tricolored and Cocoi Heron. Larg-billed and Gull-billed Tern, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, Whimbrel, Mangrove Rail if you're lucky, Northern Scrub Flycatcher, Lesser Nighthawk at day roost, Pied Water Tyrant, Bicolored Conebill, Black-throated Mango, Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, Rufous Crab-Hawk and many other species.

## (Green-tailed Jacamar)

## (Guianan Red-Howler Monkey)





Once we arrive at the Mahaica river, we will begin the tour. Other birds we often see along the river includes, Black-collared Hawk, Black Hawk Eagle, Barred Antshrike, Black-crested Antshrike, Silvered Antbird, Striped Cuckoo, Little Cuckoo, Green-tailed Jacamar, Long-winged Harrier, Brown-throated Parakeet, Red-shoulder Macaw, Orange-winged and Yellow-crowned Parrot, Winged-barred Seedeater, Pale-breasted Spinetail, White-tailed Goldenthroat, Green-tailed Goldenthroat, White-bellied Piculet and many other species.

We will keep our eyes out for the Guianan Red Howler Monkeys as this is the best place to see and photograph them. If we see them, you will notice they are quite happy to sit around in the trees without even feeling scared of you; a clear sign that they are not hunted nor do they have any predators around this area. With good weather, this should be a trip that is well worth doing.

After Lunch we will visit the Georgetown Botanical Gardens. The Botanical Garden is a wonderful spot, despite their location in central Georgetown, there are exclusive grounds of large tropical trees, lawns and wetland provided for some exciting birding. Some of the species we are likely to see includes Great Black-Hawk, Common Black-Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, Snail Kite, Greenrumped Parrotlet, Great Horned Owl, Orange-winged and, Yellow-crowned Amazons in very good numbers and Festive Parrot. White-bellied Piculet, Wing-barred Seedeater, Wattle Jacana, White-throated Toucan, Pale-tipped Tyranulet, Red-Shoulder Macaw, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Grayish Saltator and a number of other amazing birds. Birding in the garden gives a great introduction to the birds of Guyana.

Overnight at the Grand Coastal Hotel (B)

Day 3, 16<sup>th</sup> Mar, Georgetown to Whichabai: Today will be an early start; we will leave our hotel around 5:15am and transfer to the nearby Ogle Airport to check in and continue to Lethem. The



(Red Siskin © Jonathan de Groot)

flight is approximately 1 hour. Our Rupununi team will be waiting with their 4x4s to take us on the journey to Whichabai Ranch but not before having breakfast in Lethem. From Lethem, Whichabai is approximately 90km away so we will not waste any time as the drive could take close to 3.5 hours depend on the road condition and how often we stop as well for birds etc.

Nevertheless, Whichabai is located in the south Rupununi savanna region. Along the way; we will see why this is one of the most

beautiful region in Guyana. With spectacular grasslands, mountains, and some amount of forest. We will be passing through some of the indigenous Amerindian villages, plus some of the local cattle ranches before reaching our destination.

We expect to do some birding looking out for some of our main targets including, White-naped Xenopsaris White-tailed Goldenthroat, Sharp-ailed Ibis and Finsch's Euphonia. While these birds might not be a target for the group, we should expect to see Jabiru Stork, Double-Stripped Thick-knee, Crested Bobwhite, Yellowish Pipit, Plain-breasted Ground Dove, Ferruginous-Pygmy Owl, Brazilian Teal, White-tailed Kite, South American Snipe better known as Paraguyan Snipe, Giant Snipe and much more. We hope to arrive at Whichabai ranch in time for Lunch.

Some of the birds possible around the ranch includes, the very shy **Sharp-tailed Ibis**, **Amazonian Scrub Flycatcher**, **Pale-bellied Tyrant Manakin** Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, Burrowing Owl, **Bearded Tachuri**, Yellowish Pipit, Grassland Sparrow, Aplomado Falcon, Wedgetailed Grass-finch and many other amazing birds.

# Overnight at Whichabai Ranch (B, L, D)

Day 4, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, Wichabai Ranch and Transfer to Manari; We have the entire morning to locate this very special bird. We will leave with pack breakfast departing before sun sure driving the Sand Creek Village. A fairly large population of **Red Siskin** was discovered in this region in 2003, far removed from any previously known population, and we stand a good chance of observing this strikingly plumage species. with an estimate world population of 600-6000 pairs. Our main objective will be to focus on locating the Siskin as this part of the region is the only place where this bird is found. The sooner we can find them the better. While our main focus will be on the **Red Siskin**, they are other birds that we might come across including, Pale-bellied Tyrant-

Manakin, Blue-backed Manakin, Finsch's Euphonia, White-throated Kingbird, Tufted Coquette White-barred Piculet, Bicolored Hawk, Savanna Hawk, and White-tailed Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, White-fringed Antwren, Crested Bobwhite, Rufous-winged Antwren and many more. After our time with the Siskin, we will return to the village for lunch and then continue to Manari Ranch for dinner. Along the way to Manari, we will use the opportunity do some birding along the way as the afternoon cools.

## Overnight at Manari Ranch (B,L,D)

Day 5, 18th Mar, Manari Ranch and Surrounding: Today well focus our attention on two birds



with exceedingly restricted ranges, the Hoary-throated Spinetail and the Rio **Branco Antbird**. Both species are only found in gallery forest along the Rio Branco River, Iring River and other main tributaries, all which ultimately flow of into the Amazon. Recent agricultural pressures have seriously reduced the amount of available habitat for these birds, and as a result the Spinetail is now classified as endangered, with the Rio-

#### (Hoary-throated Spinetail)

Branco Antbird treated as near-threaten. In addition, there is good news surrounding the faith of both species. The South Rupununi Conservation Society received funding from National Geographic in 2021, which would be use to carry out several bird surveys and research within the gallery forest along the Iring river and other surrounding habitats where the Rio-Branco Antbird and Hoary-throated Spinetail is found. The ultimate goal is for this area to become a new KBA or IBA area. In order to reach suitable habitat for these birds, we will travel via 4×4 through the open Savannah.

Along the way we might come across Maguari and Jabiru Storks, Black-Collared Hawk, Ring Kingfishers, and Rufous-tailed Jacamar. Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Black-chinned Antbird, Orange-backed Troupial and other species before reaching our site along a comparatively short stretch near the Iring River. We will specifically target the Hoary-throated Spinetail and the Rio Branco Antbird in this area, although other interesting species may include Pale-legged Hornero, Golden-spangle Piculet, and Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Flavescent Warbler, Bearded Tachuri, Aplomado Falcon, Nacunda Nighthawk and more. The entire morning will be spent birding in this area. After our time here, we will return to the Ranch for Lunch.

In the afternoon we will head across to the Kanuku Mountain to see if we can locate a few other target; the White Bellbird. This area has a wide range of birds including the recreantly reported Bearded Bellbird, White-bellied Antbird, Golden-Spangled Piculet and many other. We will have dinner at Manari and get ready for another very early start next day.

## Overnight at Manari Ranch (B,L,D)

Day 6, 19th Mar, Manari Ranch to Caiman House Lodge via Karasabai village This morning we



will continue on our journey to Karasabai on dirt road passing through very nice habitats such as open savanna and the Pakarima mountain range with gallery forest patches including some ponds and lakes. Here Aplomado Falcon hunts over expansive plains with Grassland Yellow-Finches mixed with a variety of seedeaters, including Gray, Plumbeous, Chestnut, Ruddy and Lined Seedeaters. We also have

## (Sun Parakeet in Karasabai village)

good chances of encountering Giant

Anteaters as they pass through the savanna. In addition, Jabiru, Wood and Maguari Stork, Buffnecked Ibis, Purple Gallinule, **Azure Gallinule**, **Pale-tipped Inezia** Least Bittern, White-faced Whistling- Duck, Black-bellied Whistling Duck and many other amazing species. Upon Arrival we will take time to visit some of the locals in order to secure official permission to bird the area. There are very few visitors here and we wish to ensure good relations and encourage ongoing conservation efforts, especially when considering that these people ultimately control the fate of the **Sun Parakeet**.

This riparian forest along the border of Brazil where we will be birding during the morning offers some interesting birding opportunities. Our primary target species will be the Sun Parakeet, but we may also have chances to observe many other birds, including Red-and-Green Macaw, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Black-and-White Hawk-Eagle, Zonetailed Hawk and Rufous-browed Peppershrike, to name a few. We will be visiting nearby forest through some local farm lands in search of the **Sun Parakeet**. Once we secure satisfying views of this bird, we will head back to the village for Lunch and soon after that, we will continue our journey to Caiman House Lodge. Depending on the time we arrive to Caiman House, our afternoon will be spent patrolling the gallery forest surrounding Caiman House in search for more target species including Spotted Puffbird, Green-tailed Jacamar, Blue-backed Manakin, Blackcrested Antshrike, Slate-headed Tody-Faycatcher, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Chestnut Woodpecker, and many other amazing birds.

## Overnight at Caiman House (B,L,D)

**Day 7, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, Caiman House and Environs:** Today we will take a packed breakfast and head out in search of many target birds and other wildlife. We will have a chance to do some birding in the Savanna and forest patches that surrounds Caiman House. We will be mainly looking for

several species of birds including the rare Crested Doradito and Bearded Tachuri. Other birds we expect to see are the Jabiru Stork, Maguari Stork, White-face Black-bellied whistling and Duck, Pinnated Bittern, White-tailed Hawk, Savanna Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Aplomado Falcon and many other species.

Meanwhile, we will keep a close eye out for Yellowish Pipit, White-tailed Goldenthroat Double striped Thick-knee, King Vulture and Orange-backed Troupial and this will be good location for birding. In addition, this will be the best time to see the very beautiful, Giant Anteater! If we're lucky enough to find one, we will enjoy the view and possibly take pictures. Eventually we will make our way back to Caiman House before lunch.

In the afternoon, we will take a boat trip on the Rupununi river. Here we are likely to find



kingfishers including both Green-and-Rufous and American Pygmy, if we are lucky, we may see the beautiful Agami Heron, Capped Heron, Sungrebe, Sunbittern, Pied Lapwings, Boat-billed Herons, Large-billed Tern, Black Skimmer, Pale-legged Hornero, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, and we may have a chance to spot the very shy Crestless Curassow. In addition, we may see both Black and Spectacled

# (Giant Anteater)

Caimans, Giant River Otter, many species of monkeys, and largest fresh-water scale-fish in the world; the Arapaima. As the sun sets we may see Band-tailed Nighthawks, Greater and Lesser Bulldog Bats flying around and above us as they get ready for the night shift. Return to Caiman House for dinner.

Overnight at Caiman House (B,L,D)

Day 8, 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, Caiman House to Surama Lodge: After an early breakfast, we will embark on our journey to Surama Lodge. The drive can take approximately 3 hours. We will use the entire



(Black-Nunbird)

morning for birding along the way. Some of the species we may see in the savannas includes Savanna Hawk, White-tailed, Zone-tailed and Black-collared Hawk. King Vulture, Lesser-yellow-headed Vulture, White-tailed Kite, White-tailed Goldenthroat, Crested Bobwhite, Pale-breasted Ground-Done, American Kestrel, Burrowing Owl, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl and many other. As we get closer to Surama, this is where we will say goodbye to the open savannahs and enter into the rainforest. From here, we expect to start seeing several different

species of birds we mainly see in the forest including, Guianan Toucanet, White-throated Toucan, Scarlet Macaw, Painted Parakeet, Golden-winged Parakeet, Guianan Red Cotinga, Spangled Cotinga, Long-tailed Tyrant, Guianan Woodpecker, Yellow-backed Tanager, Paradise Tanager and many other. Eventually when we arrive at the Lodge, we will receive a welcome by the staff and then settle into our rooms.

The Amerindian community of Surama is located in the heart of Guyana. The village is set in five square miles of savannah which is ringed by the forest-covered Mountains. Surama's inhabitants are mainly made up of the Makushi people, one of the nine indigenous people of Guyana, and they still observe many of the traditional practices of their ancestors. After lunch, will venture out into the savanna and through the forest along the Burro Burro river trail for a chance to target several bird species including the elusive Rufous-winged ground Cuckoo, Gray-winged Trumpeter, Brown-bellied Stapplethroat, Black-throated Antshrike, Rufous-bellied Antwren, Ash-winged Antwren, Spot-tailed and Todd's Antwren. If we happen to run into any ant swarm, we will most likely have a great chance of seeing the Rufous-throated Antbird. In addition, we will also be targeting Spotted Antpitta, Olive-green Tyrannulet, and if we're lucky, we may see the very difficult Ocellated Crake and many other targets.

Just before sunset, we will spend some time on the Burro Burro river trail to see if we can locate the elusive Lined-forest Falcon. It must be stress that forest falcons tend to be very shy birds and can be very difficult to locate as these birds spend most of their time sitting very quiet in the forest. Also they are mainly vocal at dawn and at dusk when the light is not great enough to see them. So keep in mind the difficulty in which it may take to get a good look of this species. The White-tailed Nightjar is often seen coming in the gardens at the Lodge, so we use the opportunity to locate this species well.

Day 9, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, Surama Lodge and Surroundings: Today we will be spending the entire morning birding the trails surrounding habitats at the Lodge. Our main focus would be to target several



species of birds including, Ocellated Crake, Black-spotted Barbet, Red-legged Tinamou, Spotted Antpitta, Fiery-tailed Awlbill, Capuchinbird, the elusive Rufous-winged ground Cuckoo, Ash-winged Antwren and Chivi Vireo. Black Nunbird, Wing-banded Antbird Rufous-throated Antbird and Black-chinned Antbird.

In addition, we will be targeting Todd's, Spot-tailed and Ash-winged Antwren

which is found more in the canopy forest flocks along with Guianan Woodcreeper,

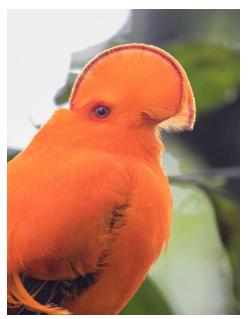
(Spotted Antpitta)

**Golden-colored Woodpecker and Red-billed Woodpecker.** Return to Surama Lodge for Lunch.

Later in the afternoon, we will join our 4x4 and head out along the main Georgetown/ Lethem road. This is another excellent area to target birds including Crimson Fruitcrow, Blue-cheeked Parrot, Black-spotted Barbet, Marail Guan, Guianan Red Cotinga, Guianan Puffbird, Guianan Toucanet, Green Aracari, Guianan Trogon, Caica Parrot, Dusky Parrot, Waved Woodpecker, Black Nunbird, Blue-chinned Sapphire and Dusky Purpletuft. After our time along the road, we will return to the Lodge for dinner.

Overnight at Surama Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 10, 23<sup>th</sup> Mar , Surama to Atta Lodge: After an early breakfast, we will begin our journey



north of Surama Lodge to Atta Lodge. Depending on what targets we might have missed in Surama; we will spend some time trying to locate them. If any of the targets can be seen throughout the rest of the trip, then we will continue to Atta Lodge. The main road however is an excellent place to focus on getting some of our main target including Purple-breasted Cotinga, Crimson Fruitcrow, Dusky Purpletuft, Caica Parrot, Painted Tody-Flycatcher, Painted Parakeet, Dusky Parrot, Todd's and Spot-tailed Antwren, Ash-winged Antwren, Guianan Toucanet, Golden-sided Euphonia, Blue-cheeked Parrot, Guianan Trogon, Guianan Puffbird, Guianan Streaked Antwren and many other targets.

(Guianan Cock-of-the Rock)

Along the way to Atta Lodge, we will have the option to visit the Guianan Cock-of-the Rock let. To access this lek, it takes about 15 minutes hiking on flat terrain in primary

forest. However the trail itself is a great area to check for other species including Rufous-winged Ground Cuckoo, Guianan Warbling-Antbird, Rufous-throated Antbird, Gray-winged Trumpeter, Rufous-bellied Antwren, Black-faced Hawk, Guianan Trogon, Brown-bellied Stipplethroat, Black-throated Antshrike and more. After this trail, we will continue birding along the way to Atta Lodge in time for latish lunch.

Upon arrival, we will settle in our accommodation, have lunch and get ready for the afternoon birding. The lodge is situated approximately 750 meters from the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway. The walkway has three platforms, the highest of which is over 30 meters above the ground. These platforms will allow us to get great looks at a range of canopy species. Among the likely Targets/highlights are Tiny-tyrant Manakin, Waved Woodpecker, Guianan Puffbird, Guianan Woodcreeper, Guianan Tyrannulet, Spot-tailed, Todd's and Ash-winged Antwrens. The walkway is also an excellent place to look for various species of Cotinga including the Dusky Purpletuft as well as Guianan-red Cotinga and Purple-breasted Cotinga. Another area where we will spend some time is the clearing at the lodge, as this is one of the best places to see the Crimson Fruitcrow. The forest edge at the lodge is also very good for us to try and locate the Red-billed Woodcreeper, Guianan Warbling Antbird, Green Aracari, Black-spotted Barbet and many other amazing birds.

About 15 minutes North of the Lodge along the main road, there is a great spot where we stand a very good chance of seeing the **White-winged Potoo**. So just before sunset, we will join our 4x4/bus and drive across to this special spot to try and locate his beautiful bird. Return to the Lodge for Dinner.

Day 11, 24th Mar, Atta Rainforest Lodge and Environs: This morning we will head out to the



walkway at first light for opportunities to spot canopy species including Blue-backed Tanager, Todd's Antwren, Spot-tailed Antwren, Tiny-tyrant Manakin, Guianan Toucanet, Painted Tody-Flycatcher, Caica Parrot, Guianan Puffbird, Dusky Purpletuft, Golden-sided Euphonia, Buff-cheeked Parrot and Black Nunbird. The entire morning will involve birding on the canopy walkway and the trails around the lodge.

Within the forest that surrounds the lodge, we can look for **Spotted Antpitta**, **Red-and-**

(Guianan Warbling Antbird)

Black Grosbeak, Grey-winged Trumpeter, Black-throated Antshrike, Spot-winged Antbird, White-throated Manakin, Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Guianan Warbling Antbird, Rufous-throated Antbird, Wing-banded Antbird, Rufous-bellied Antwren, Brown-bellied Stipplethroat many other.

After lunch, we will spend the afternoon birding on the main road through the Iwokrama Forest and also visit another nearby white sand forest to target the Pelzeln's tody-Tyrant, Guianan Red Cotinga, Bronzy Jacamar, Red-legged Tinamou, Guianan Schiffornis, Black Manakin and many other amazing birds within this forest. Return to the Lodge for Lunch.

After Lunch, depending on what birds we still have to target, we will try our best to locate them. The afternoon will either be spent along the main road or in the forest surrounding the Lodge. Perhaps we still need Blue-backed Tanager, Guianan Streaked Antwren, Ash-winged Antwren, Guianan Trogon and Blue-cheeked Parrot, these are all possibilities.

# Overnight at Atta Rainforest Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 12, 25<sup>th</sup> Mar, Atta Lodge and Surrounding: Today we will continue birding along several forest trails, the main road, and possibly the Walkway. At dawn we will rise early and begin our day spending some time around the clearing before taking the trails at the lodge. We will be mainly looking for our targets including Crimson Fruitcrow, Guianan Toucanet, Painted Tody-Flycatcher, Blue-backed Tanager, Golden-sided and Plumbeous Euphonia. We will then continue birding the trails looking for Red-and-Black Grosbeak, Royal Flycatcher, Spotted Antpitta, Graywinged Trumpeter, Tiny Tyrant-Manakin, White-throated Manakin, Red-billed, Chestnut-Rumped and Amazonian-barred Woodpecker.

Among forest flocks includes Rufous and Brown-bellied Antwren, Dusky-throated and Cinereous Antshrike, Long-winged, Gray and white-flanked Antwren, Olivaceous Flatbill, Whiskered

Flycatcher and Tawny-crowned Greenlet. The Walkway will be a good spot to look for some high canopy specialist includes Buff-cheeked Greenlet, Guianan Woodcreeper, Todd's and Spot-tailed Antwren and Guianan Puffbird. While on the walkway we will keep our eyes out for Blue-Cheeked, and Red-fan Parrot, Guianan Trogon, Painted Parakeet and the high flying and most times hard to see, Lilac-tailed and Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet and once trees are blooming we should see Fiery-tailed Awbill, Rufous-throated Sapphire, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, and possibly Crimson Topaz.

After breakfast we will spend some more time around the clearing looking for Crimson Fruitcrow, Green Aracari, Blue-backed Tanager, Guianan and Olive-green Tyrannulet and most times in the forest at the lodge, Guianan-red Cotinga and Red-billed Woodpecker. We will then head back in the trails looking for Black-throated Antshrike, Ferruginous-backed Antbird, the very hard to find Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo and keep a very close eye out for Black-face Hawk. After Lunch the entire afternoon will be spent looking for birds that we might have missed during the morning and eventually venture out and along the main road at a spot where the Crimson Topaz now holds as a favorite area. Return for Dinner.

Overnight at Atta Rainforest Lodge (B,L,D

Day 13, 26<sup>th</sup> Mar, Atta Lodge to Georgetown: This morning, we will have another opportunity to



(Black-Spotted Barbet) in Guyana.

focus on any other targets we might have missed. Perhaps it's Wing-winded Antbird, Chestnut-rumped Woodpecker, Rufous-throated Antbird, White-plumed Antbird, Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Rufous-bellied Antwren, Rufous-winged ground Cuckoo or Blue-cheeked Parrot. We will spend the entire morning trying to locate our targets. After our time birding here, we will leave Atta Lodge for Georgetown by road. The drive will take approximately 4-5 hours which included stopping of any possible target birds along the way. For this journey, participants should keep their passport handing, you may have to show it at a police checkpoint. Depending on the time we leave Atta Lodge, we may take a packed Lunch or have lunch along the way at the very popular 58-mile restraint and gas station. Our journey will end at the Grand Coastal Hotel where we would spend our final night **Day 14, 27**<sup>th</sup> **Mar, Our final departure.** This morning we will transfer to the airport to connect with your international flight back home.

# **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Tour Cost for 4 clients including 1 tour leader US\$ 5,604 per person sharing in twin/double room.

## These cost includes,

All other meals are included; from breakfast on Day 2, and from Breakfast on Day 3 to Dinner on day 13,

- \* All bottled drinking water during the tour
- \*All lodging during the tour.
- \* All Activities as mentioned in the itinerary.
- \* All ground transfer in between lodges, pick up and drop off at international Airport, all transfers for birding in Georgetown, scheduled internal flights
- \* All national park and other services entrance fees., Iwokrama forest entrance fee, Surama village fee, and Karasabai Village fee, Conservation fees for Red Siskin and conservation fee for Rio-branco Antbird and Hoary-throated Spinetail tour.
- \* All guiding services.
- \* All lodging at the lodges and hotel in Georgetown

## This does not include:

We've decided not to include any cost for meals on arrival evening because there is a high chance you will arrive too late in Guyana due to the international flights schedule. In the event that you arrive early, then we would suggest you pay for your meals on the day only. The cost for meals varies from US\$ 5,7 to US\$50. Most likely you will choose whatever you want from the menu there. You can pay either with cash or with a Credit card.

Day 1, arrival day. There is a high possibility that your international flight will arrive near midmight, so no meals will be available that late at the hotel. No meals included on departure day, day 14 because there is a high chance your international flight will leave Guyana very early in the morning. And no meals will be available at the hotel before 6:00am for example. we have decided to let clients pay for their means during their stay in Georgetown before and at the end of the trip. You can pay either with cash or with a Credit card.

All other means will be covered for at the different lodges in the interior.

- \* Alcoholic Drinks
- \* Excess weight on the internal schedule flight to Lethem
- \* Extra Activities
- \* Extra transfers
- \*Special gratuities, all phone calls and any other personal item of any nature. \*

Rates are subject to change due to currency fluctuation.

Please note: Tour prices are based on quoted costs from the lodges (in our local currency), estimated fuel costs, and the rate of exchange the time of itinerary publication. The erratic nature to global financial markets makes it difficult to predict changes in costs and foreign currency exchange rates over the long term. Since tours are priced well in advance of the actual operation of the tour, tour costs, fuel costs and exchange rates can change, sometimes drastically. Depending on the extent of such changes, it may be necessary to implement a surcharge on this tour. If a surcharge is necessary, every effort will be made to minimize the amount.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. All requests for provisional or confirmed reservations are to be made by the Guest/Tour Operator by way of e-mail.
- 2. No reservation will be deemed confirmed unless acknowledged and accepted in writing by Leon Moore Nature Experience. Leon Moore Nature Experience will respond to all reservation applications in a timely manner and will reply using the same medium of communication whereby the request was made.

### PAYMENT PROCEDURE

## **Payment Mode**

3. You are required to make a non-refundable 20% US\$1,220.2 per person deposit of the cost for the tour based on the number of clients and reservation made upon conformation of tour. And the balance US\$ 4,880.8 per person no later than 90 days of the tour start date.

All payment should be address to Leon Moore via wire transfer. Please advise journeyguyana@gmail.com when deposit is made in writing.

# **CANCELLATIONS**

Should any reservation or payment provision not be observed by the reserving party, Leon Moore Nature Experience will be entitled to cancel the respective reservation with immediate effect. This will be done by way of written notice.

## **CANCELLATION CONDITIONS**

Should a cancellation be received before 95 days prior to arrival, no cancellation fee will be charged. Should a cancellation be received 85 days prior to arrival a 50% cancellation fee will be charged. Should a cancellation be received 70 or less days prior to arrival, no refund will be given. Cancellation fees are calculated on the rate per person and on the total value of the trip. No refunds will be made for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features. All reservation amendments or cancellations are valid only if advised and accepted in writing. Leon Moore Nature Experience strongly recommend that guests consider a travel insurance policy, which may assist in offsetting any unforeseen cancellation charges. You may have the opportunity to transfer your booking to another tour or another person, provided you are unavoidably prevented from coming on the tour. In this case, you will bear any extra costs that such changes may incur.

Leon Moore Nature Experience will not be responsible for paying any bank fees or responsible for any exchange rates that may offset or affect any refund. Whatever the refund amount is, all clients will be responsible for paying those changes during the refund process. These fees will be calculated based on the amount and be deducted from your refund.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

The cost of this tour does not include the price of your international flight to and from Guyana. You are responsible for arranging these flights to and from Georgetown. I recommend that you arrive a day early to rest and adjust to the time zone.

### TRIP INSURANCE

The purchase of trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Leon Moore Nature Experience (LMNE) cannot accept liability for airline cancellations or delays or penalties incurred by the purchase of nonrefundable airline tickets or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for this tour.

On domestic Schedule flights within Guyana, passengers are allowed a total of 20Lbs or 9kg of luggage on Aircraft; if one is over the limit, he or she is charged US\$1 or GY\$ 200 Guyana dollars for every pound over weight. It is important that clients must provide his or her body and luggage weight in advance so this can be provided to the domestic airline in Guyana.

Because most of our clients comes from either north America or the UK; we know that clients would sometimes have to travel with weather clothing/extra jacket for cold weather; these and any other clothing or items he or she wish to leave within our storage, arrangements can be made to facilitate this.

\*Tipping: The cost does not include any tips however, it is totally up to you, if you feel that an individual/staff performed excellent and you wish to leave a tip please do. If you feel that your tour leader provided you with excellent service, you are free to tip him as well.

- Please Note: Guyana is generally hot and humid. We can expect all types of weather from warm and hot to cool and rainy at times. Please be prepared for this.
- On most morning we will be up and out very early to take advantage of the cooler temperature and wildlife activity.
- This tour does not require a high level of fitness but participants should be in good general health as some of the birding will be done on foot and may require walking for several hours at times but at (slow pace). Should you have any physical limitation please let us know in advance before you leave your destination.
- Accommodation is generally simple but comfortable, throughout they are no air conditioners at the interior lodges, you should not expect luxury accommodation, the lodges we use range from basic to very good, Caiman House Field Station, Surama, Atta, and Iwokrama to name a few!
- Apart from your hotel in Georgetown, none of the interior Lodges have hot shower.
- Some interior local roads can be bumpy at times based on condition.
- The vehicle we used are generally 4x4 and sometime open tops so at times we can be either sitting or standing to get a better view of possible wildlife or the forest
- None of the Interior Lodges accept Credit cards, on arrival you can change and get money from a Bank, Cambio etc.
- Mosquito nets are provided throughout the lodges, you can expect some biting insects like mosquitos, sandflies, (noseeams).
- The risk of catching Malaria is low.
- Electricity is available at all the lodges, Generator or Solar power. Although the lodges are 110V and the outlets/plugs are USA type.
- **Immigration:** Please treat immigration checks as international standards e.g. no liquid, bug spray, cream etc. etc.
- Clothing & footwear: Light material clothing that can dry quickly, long sleeve, shirt and trousers for trail walks and tour activities. No brightly colored clothing, you must bring clothing that blends with the forest. Ankle height hiking boots and sneakers, with socks.
- Trail Walks: For extended period of tour activities, we recommend that you bring
  a 3 legged stool for you to sit on. Some tour excursions include standing for long
  hours. You will find having a 3 legged stool would come in handy. So please try
  your best to bring one with you.

• Thank you for traveling with Leon Moore Experience, Birding, wildlife Spotting and Photography trips at <a href="journeyguyana.com">journeyguyana.com</a>

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