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# **Wetlands Boat Tour**

We will take a short walk starting from our reception accompanied by a local guide up to the dock, where we will take a boat to begin an unforgettable journey.

The Wildlife Refuge Caño Negro is one of the most significant wetlands in Mesoamerica, included on the list of Wetlands of International Importance by the RAMSAR convention, and declared by UNESCO as the heart of the new Biosphere Reserve Water and Peace.

It has lowlands seasonally flooded areas, ponds and swamps. Its lagoon, fed by the Frio River, is a sanctuary for endangered species; there are 5 main habitats with over 300 species of plants, including trees and shrubs, herbaceous vegetation at the edges of the lagoon.

It is the habitat of more than 350 species of migratory birds and waterfowl, making it a true sanctuary; there are 78 mammals' species and 96 reptile species, among mammals species listed endangered, such as tapir, jaguar, puma and ocelot, is including the giant anteater.

There are also more common species such as howler monkeys, white-faced and spider, the Tolomucos (Eira Barbara), two-toed sloths, otters, bats, skunks and deer.

In rivers you can see alligators, iguanas, river and land turtles, also the emerald basilisk, some 30 freshwater fish species, including Gaspar (the living fossil), tarpon, etc.

Definitely a recommended tour for nature lovers.

**DURATION:** 2 Hours \$40 p/ person RATE:

SUGGESTIONS: Walking shoes, Insect Repellent, Water, Sun Screen, Confortable Cloth and

Camera.







#### "LA FINCA" Tour

We will begin the tour with a short walk of about 15 min starting from our reception, accompanied by an experienced naturalist guide native of the area.

Once we arrive in "LA FINCA", we will share with doña Ana and her family their extensive experience in organic and integrated farm. During the tour we will find agricultural crops and a wide variety of medicinal plants and fruit trees typical of the area.

Doña Ana will discuss about how everything in the farm is used and wastes become in raw material for products, as food for animals and organic fertilizers used on farm crops.

We will see how the animal wastes will used to produce Gas through a Biodigester, which is also used for family cooking.

Then we will visit a small pineapple plantation, culminating our visit to natural ponds for tilapia production.







**DURATION:** 2 Hours **RATE**: \$35 p/ person

SUGGESTIONS: Walking shoes, Water, Insect Repellent, Sun Block, Confortable Cloth and

Camera.



#### **Conservation Tour**

We will leave from our reception, accompanied by a local experienced guide, who will take us to know our project "RECATE DEL PEZ GASPAR" or "GAR FISH RESCUE".

The Gar fish is part of a unique ecosystem in the world, recognized as a living fossil because it lived with the dinosaurs and survived the last glaciation. You will have the opportunity to learn about this alligator gar fish, his characteristics, threats and sustainable management of the species.

We will continue the journey to reach our nursery whence the reforestation program "SEMBRANDO VIDA", we will be part of the cultivation, maintenance and planting of native species, destined to areas of the Wildlife Refuge Caño Negro.

We will take a short up to the dock, where we will take a boat to take us to know a community project called "**ULIMA**", whose goal is the conservation of green turtles (Trachemys Scripta); this reptile was declared endangered, encouraging a group of villagers to ensure the conservation of this species.

This tour is aimed at the conservation of nature and commitment to practice responsible tourism, not only will be enjoyed by watching, formed an active part of programs that help to preserve the environment.







**DURATION:** 2 Hours **RATE**: \$35 p/ person

SUGGESTIONS: Walking shoes, Insect Repellent, Sun Screen, Confortable Cloth and Camera.

#### **Night Tour**

Discover the wonders of the night at the Wildlife Refuge Caño Negro. We will depart from our reception, accompanied by local experienced guide.

This is your chance to experience the amazing sounds, where many animals and insects begin their day. We will go to our hotel private dock, where according to the season we would take a rowing boat or a short walk on a dry lake until we reach a farm beside the wetlands. On the trails we will see animals, insects and birds as the Common Nighthawk, Lesser Nighthawk and some day as the Trogon Black Cabesi.

The night walks are difficult to predict, but we know you will enjoy the experience of walking under the moonlight in the amazing Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge.







**DURATION:** 1 ½ to 2 hrs.

**DEPARTUR TIME:** 19:30 hrs. (After Dinner Time)

RATE: \$28 p/ person

**SUGGESTIONS:** Walking Shoes (preferred Boot), Flashlight, Insect Repellent, Long Pants

and Long Sleeve Shirt.

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### Wetlands (Observation) Tour

We will take a short walk starting from our reception, accompanied by a local experienced guide up to the dock, where we will take a boat.

Visit the most important point for observation and together discover the wonders of the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge, considered one of the richest places on the continent for bird watching.

This wetland has more than 350 species of birds, among which we find the Nicaraguan Grackle (Quiscalus Nicaraguensis), Nicaraguan endemic whose only bird population in Costa Rican is here in the Caño Negro, Northern Jacana, Neotropical Cormorant (the largest colony in the country), the Great Blue Heron and Anhinga, Roseate Spoonbill, White Ibis, Green Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Wood Storks, the Black-bellied Whistling Duck, the Jabiru Venture (endangered) and others.









**DURATION:** 3 Hours **RATE**: \$65 p/ person

**SUGGESTIONS:** Walking Shoes, Water, Insect Repellent, Sun Block, Comfortable Cloth,

Camera and Binoculars.

# **Bird Sanctuary Tour**

We will take a 20 min walk from our reception, accompanied by an experienced naturalist guide, or if you want you can go in your own vehicle.

Once in the place, we will enter to a "Secret Garden", it will allow us to discover the variety of bird species. The Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge has more than 350 species as a source of food for resident and migratory birds.

Our experienced guides will help you to identify each bird, and the recognition of their calls, to be interne in the wonderful world of ornithology.

No doubt this is a tour for bird lovers!!!







**DURATION:** 2 Hours **RATE**: \$55 p/ person

SUGGESTIONS: Walking Shoes, Water, Insect Repellent, Sun Block, Comfortable Cloth,

Camera and Binoculars.

### **Sport Fishing Tour**

Located in northern of Costa Rica, we will find a freshwater fishermen paradise, site covered by rivers and lakes, habitat of a variety of fish where we can mention some, like the Tarpon (Sábalo Real), a sea fish that lives in the Atlantic Ocean, where Costa Rica is one of the few places in the world where it can be found in fresh water and 300 miles from the sea. Also is the Snook (Róbalo), it is prized by fishermen for his combative nature; we can also mention the Rainbow Bass (Guapote) and the Garfish (Gaspar), which is considered a living fossil.

Guided by a native of the area, you will discover the best corners and sites to practice this wonderful sport, and enjoy a beautiful destination for lovers of fishing or those that are just looking to have fun in this fascinating world.

The best time to enjoy fishing in Caño Negro is from mid-December to April, you can book a 8 hours tour for those who want to enjoy a full day of adventure (4 hrs morning and 4 hrs afternoon), or if you wish you can enjoy a short 4 hrs expedition, either in the morning or afternoon.

For the enjoyment of fishermen we use fishing boats, aluminum and fiberglass Pantanal Type, with 4 and 2 stroke engines.







**DURATION:** 8 Hours \$194 p/ person

4 Hours \$110 p/ person

**SUGGESTIONS:** Walking Shoes or Sandals, Water, Insect Repellent, Sun Block, Comfortable Cloth,

Hat and Camera.



# Canoeing Caño Negro Tour

Guided by a native of the area, we will begin our adventure to discover the beauties of Wetlands Wildlife Refuge Caño Negro, one of the most outstanding areas of Mesoamerica, which has been declared of International Importance under the RAMSAR Convention and also to be the heart of the Biosphere Reserve Water and Peace.

In this great adventure discover the lowlands, seasonal floodplains, lakes and swamps, we will look for lagoons fed by the Rio Frio and we slide to the beat of our paddles through a sanctuary for over 350 species of migratory birds and waterfowl, about 78 species of mammals and 96 reptiles.

We will start our tour on the Rio Frio, getting carried away by currents, while we appreciate the wildlife, birds, reptiles, mammals, then we will continue to go down the road to some small canals that lead us to the most remote lakes, even where is impossible in motor boats, in seasons of low rainfall, we will see thousands of birds of different species, such as Roseate Spoonbill, Green kingfisher, different types of herons and the wonderful Jabirú.

Discover with us the wonders of wetlands, in this incredible paradise.

This trip is an unforgettable adventure for those who like to appreciate nature.







**DURATION:** 5 Hours \$60 p/ person

3 Hours \$40 p/ person

SUGGESTIONS: Sandals, Water, Insect Repellent, Sun Block, Comfortable Cloth, Hat and Camera.

#### **Rio Celeste Tour**

This beautiful tour involves a walk of about 4 hours through trails in the Tropical Rainforest in the Tenorio National Park Volcano.

During the tour you will observe the rich Flora and Fauna, it will take us to discover the "Teñideros", a magical place where a chemical reaction creates a natural spectacle that gives to the river a blue sky color to their waterfall and waters.

The park has thermal water springs where if you wish you can enjoy a hot bath surrounded by the natural forest. (Required Minimum 2 pax)

#### Includes:

- Lunch
- Park Entrance Fee
- Guide
- Transport from the Lodge (Additional Cost)







**TOUR DURATION:** From 7:00am to 5:00pm approx.

4 hrs approx. Walking Time // Required Moderated Physical Condition.

SUGGESTIONS: Walking shoes, Insect Repellent, Sun Screen, Confortable Cloth, Camera, Water

and Rain Jacket.

**TOUR RATE:** Ask for the different Rates Available.

