Advanced Birding in Belize: North, Central Belize and Caye Caulker (10 days, 9 nights)

 Client can see between 250 to 300 species of birds on this Belize itinerary

**US$2,749.00** per person, double occupancy

**US $ 3,249.00** Single supplement

**Belize Birding package Includes*:*** *All transportation, tours, guides, park fees, lodging and meals as stated B,L,D. Breakfast lunch and dinners*

***We are offering a 10% discount on tours booked in June as a father's day special on tours between now and April 2020!***

Day 1: ARRIVAL – BELIZE INT’L AIRPORT / CROOKED TREE

After clearing immigration and customs you are met by your guide and travel the Northern Highway to Crooked tree village inside the wildlife sanctuary and check into your accommodations in time for dinner. There will be areas to stop for birding along the way. *Dinner & Overnight Bird’s Eye View Lodge*

Day 2: CROOKED TREE
We will spend most of the day birding on the Crooked Tree Reserve trails and along the lagoon side. Some of the birds we may see include Purple Gallinule, and array of Kingfishers, Snail kites, Savannah Vultures, Spotted Sand pipers Solitary Sandpipers, Vermillion Flycatchers, Social flycatchers, Kingbirds, Yucatan Jay, Rufous browed Peppershrike, Bobwhites, Yucatan Woodpeckers and more. Night tour in search of Yucatan poorwill, Northern Pottoos, Owls and more *Breakfast Lunch, Dinner & Overnight Bird’s Eye View Lodge*

Day 3: CROOKED TREE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY/ LA MILPA

We will do early morning birding by boat on the lagoon of Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary. Water birds will be the main target with special emphasis on finding the Jabiru, Sungrebe and Agami herons, Boat-billed herons and more. Depart for la Milpa as we drive through savannahs, open farmland and later hardwood forest. Some of the birds we can expect to see on the drive to la Milpa are Short-tailed Hawk, Gray hawk, Laughing Falcon, Fork-tailed flycatchers just to name a few. *Breakfast in Crooked Tree lunch on the drive, Dinner and overnight la Milpa*

Day 4 BIRDING AT LA MILPA

[The La Milpa Lodge](http://www.pfbelize.org/tourism/) lies nestled deep in the forests of northwestern Belize.  It is located only three miles from the third largest archaeological site in Belize.  The La Milpa Archaeological Site is only one of at least sixty other archaeological sites found on the Rio Bravo area

 We will bird throughout the day on the many trails as we look for green honeycreepers, an array of wrens, Turkey Vulture, Ocellated Turkeys, Great Curassow, Tinamous, Ornate Hawk-Eagles, Barred Forest-Falcons, Crane Hawks, Scaled Pigeon, Buff-throated Foliage Gleaner, barred Woodcreeper Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Chestnut collared woodpecker, Green shrike vireo just to name a few.

Day 5 LA MILPA LODGE/ CRYTSAL PARADISE

Early birding on the grounds as we enjoy a number of hummingbirds such as the Purple-crown Fairy, Long-billed Hermits and many other birds.

Depart after a late breakfast and drive through the rainforest on the backroads instead of the highway as we make our way from northern to western Belize. On the drive we can have a chance and hope to see other wildlife such as Jaguars, Margays, Pumas, Red brocket deer, Peccaries and more. A number of birds such as the laughing Falcon, Crested Guans, Black Hawk-Eagle, Black and white Hawk-Eagle, Brown- hooded parrots, Meally and more. We will have a pack lunch along for the drive so we can make the best of the birding along the way. *Dinner and overnight Crystal Paradise*

Day 6: MOUNTAIN PINE RIDGE

Early departure to the Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve. Here we have the opportunity to see yellow faced Grassquits, Rufous-capped Warblers, Acorn Woodpeckers, Yellow-backed Orioles and Golden-hooded Tanagers. Black headed Siskins can often I’d rather be seen flying in flocks. There is a strong possibility of seeing the orange-breasted falcons and king vultures by The 1,000 Ft. Falls (Hidden Valley). We have seen the Lovely Cotinga 8 out of 10 trips other birds include Ornate hawk Eagle, Black and White Hawk eagle and the Stygian Owl. *Breakfast, packed lunches, Dinner and overnight Crystal Paradise*

Day 7: FREE DAY

There is a list of activities to choose from or you can take it easy for the day and photograph birds on the grounds. Another option would be to spend some time at the Green Hills Butterfly Ranch you can easily photograph at least 8 species of hummingbirds alone. Book additional activities at own expense such as Belize Caving, Maya ruins, or explore the nearby town. *Breakfast, Dinner and overnight Crystal Paradise*

Day 8 BLUE HOLE NATIONAL PARK / CAYE CAULKER

We will depart in the morning for a stop at the Blue Hole National Park. The Blue Hole has a number of trails to hike within the park. Some of the unusual birds known to this area include White Hawks, Spotted-Wood Quails, Emerald toucanet, Crested Guans, Keel-Billed Toucans, Red-Legged Honey Creepers, and Slaty-tailed Trogons, Cinnamon and Rose-throated Becards, Northern Royal Flycatcher, Sulphur-rumped flycatcher, Great Antshrike, Orange-billed sparrows green backed Sparrows just to name a few. *Breakfast, packed lunches and* . *Overnight Seaside cabanas or Pura Vida Inn in Caye Caulker*

Day 9: CAYE CAULKER BIRDING- SNORKEL AT CORAL GARDENS

Pre-breakfast bird walk on the reserve there as we look for the Cinnamon Hummingbird, Whimbrels, Black Catbird, Bananaquit, Yucatan Vireos, Rufous-necked Woodrail and more. Magnificent Frigate-birds and Brown Pelicans are commonly seen flying over the sea. Snorkeling tour departs at 10:30 to the Belize Barrier reef Reserve. Belize is home to the second largest barrier reef and is teeming with marine life. We can swim in crystal clear waters with the sharks and Rays as we enjoy the many colorful fishes, turtles and other marine life. *Overnight Seaside cabanas or Pura Vida Inn in Caye Caulker*

Day 10: CAYE CAULKER TO BELIZE INT’L AIRPORT

Boat transfer Caye Caulker to Belize City Marine terminal and a short drive to BZE Int’l airport. Getting you there two hrs prior to your flight home after a fun filled birding vacation in Belize.

Things to pack for your Belize birding tour.

• Personal medication & Basic first-aid

• Insect repellent and sun-screen

• Binoculars, sunglasses, Camera and batteries

• Back pack for day trips

• Water bottles (as we have 5 gals purified water you can refill from creating less garbage)

• Rain poncho, long sleeve shirts, lomg sleeve pants

• Casual clothing, hat, Comfortable shoes or hiking boots

• Sandals or water shoes

• Flashlights, and Underwater disposable camera