

## Tour Report Costa Rica's Wildlife Wonders 02 – 14 November 2024

Black wood turtle



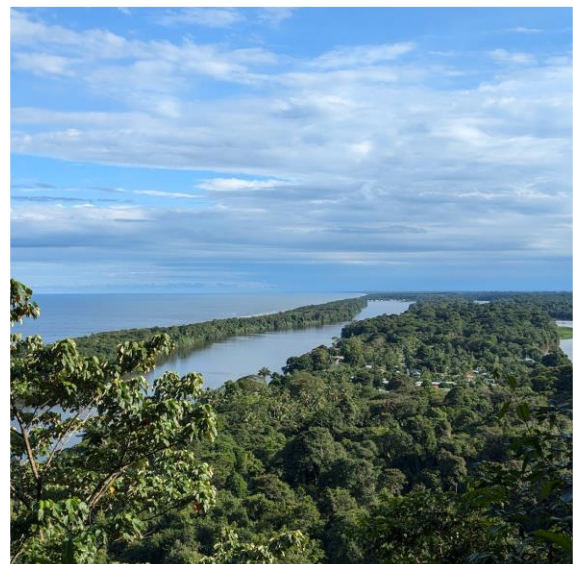
Keel-billed toucan



Resplendent quetzal



View from Tortuguero hill



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Welcome to The Isthmus of Central America!

**Day 1 & 2:**

**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November 2024**

Arrival day & next day transfer to Tortuguero

Following a delightful dinner and a good night's sleep, we began our day by exploring the passage across the continental divide on the central volcanic range. Crossing these series of volcanoes, together with the beautiful weather, let us realize how much forest exists in this Biosphere Reserve. Our main aim was the lowlands, where we could explore the wetlands and riparian forest of this hidden treasure on the northern Caribbean's coast.

During our bus ride, we had a couple of special stops along the way to watch two active brown-throated three-toed sloths in full view. The lethargic behavior of a three-toed sloth is largely a result of its unique physiology and adaptations to a low-energy existence; hence, seeing them fully active was a truly unique experience.

Finally, when we arrived in Pavona, a simple access point to the Suerte river, we boarded our boat excursion over the tranquil waters. As we entered Tortuguero National Park, we saw American crocodiles lounging on the sandbars, aningas drying their wings, and snowy egrets looking for food.

By mid-afternoon, we visited the town and beach of Tortuguero, along with the Sea Turtle Conservancy museum, where we learned about the organization's role in inspiring the Costa Rican government to establish Tortuguero National Park.

**Day 3:**

**Monday 4 November 2024**

Tortuguero National Park - Mawamba lodge

Fantastic sunlight and a clear sky throughout the day greeted our guests for a full day of exploration in the Tortuguero area. Beginning with an early bird watching session, collared aracaris, great kiskadees, and great green macaws, to name a few, added to our list of notable sightings on this activity.

Right after breakfast, our boat skipper Elias, in his "pantanera" boat, led the way to register with park authorities and enter the waterways of Tortuguero National Park. The magnificent stature of cativo and mountain almond trees, together with dangling epiphytes known as air plants, provided an ideal riparian ecosystem in order to comprehend this complex habitat.

After a short "siesta," we set out to explore the gardens, forest, and beach surrounding Mawamba Lodge. The most pleasant moments occurred in the presence of the uncommon pale-billed woodpecker, a 35-centimetre bird with a crimson head and a beautiful colored body, the keel-billed toucan with its multicolored bill, and, to top it all off, a whole group of green turtle hatchlings emerging from the nest with the assistance of volunteers from the Sea Turtle Conservancy.

**Day 4:**

**Tuesday 5 November 2024**

Tortuguero National Park - Mawamba lodge

It's daybreak! Howler monkeys helped us wake up! At 5:50 a.m, after a cup of coffee or tea, we departed to our second boat excursion to Tortuguero National Park. Our skipper, Chico, and local guide, Piero, teamed together with us to explore Caño Palma, located near Tortuguero Hill. There were many amazing moments during our adventure, but witnessing the migration of multiple turkey vultures, broad-winged hawks, and Swainson's hawks left us in awe of the beauty of continental bird migration.

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The afternoon brought us to Tortuguero Hill, the highest point on the northern Caribbean coast at 113 metres above sea level. Tortuguero Hill, a former volcanic cone built mostly of pyroclastic materials, offers breathtaking views over the area's network of rivers. During our climb over four-hundred steps a quick encounter with Central American spider monkeys and mantled howler monkeys gave us a reason to stop for a few minutes to watch them travel across the forest canopy.

A brief stop at a frog pond just after sunset, a sleeping gaudy or red-eyed leaf frog was waking up on top of a leaf, largely hidden from our view but displaying its cryptic coloration among the vegetation.

#### **Day 5:**

**Wednesday 6 November 2024**

Transfer to Savegre - Talamanca mountain range

We returned to San Jose area after a breathtaking flight across the Caribbean lowlands and a bird's-eye view of the mountains and volcanoes above the continental divide. It's been one of my most remarkable flights over this passage, taking us across Bajo la Hondura, a steep landscape with a complex system of extinct volcanoes. We took a quick sightseeing drive through our capital city to reach the eastern side of the central plateau and eventually found our way to the Talamanca mountain range via the Panamerican Highway heading toward Panama.

Our primary destination was at 2,600 metres above sea level, where we visited the Serrano family properties in Paraiso and Mirador de Quetzales. The gardens and hummingbird feeders attract at least six different varieties of hummingbirds, the most notable of which are the 14-centimetre Talamanca hummingbird and the colorful Fiery throated hummingbird, which can only be found in Costa Rica and Panama's highlands.

The rain began early in the afternoon, but one of the family members, Jason, persuaded and took us on a stroll where the wild aguacatillo tree (*Ocotea* sp.) was gathering a large number of resplendent quetzals. Once we had travelled a little way, a few male and female quetzals were demonstrating their graceful flight, picking ripe fruit from this emblematic tree located in the cloud forests. The light was limited for photographing, but we were planning another visit to a different conservation project for the following daybreak.

#### **Day 6:**

**Thursday 7 November 2024**

San Gerardo de Dota - Savegre river basin

We left Trogon Lodge at 5:30 pm, keen to find the legendary sacred Mayan bird, and drove a little distance to Casa Monge, a small farm with a beautiful primary forest and an abundance of wild aguacatillo trees. Upon arrival, a pair of female quetzals suddenly made a visit to these trees. Quetzals like to perch for a long time during the digestive process after eating an aguacatillo fruit, therefore we must locate a favorable angle in our position to acquire the best views. During the next hour and a half, both male and female quetzals emerged in front of us, some in full view and others hidden well among the branches.

During our breakfast time, we couldn't stop talking about the opportunity to see one of the world's most iconic birds. The presence of endangered quetzals has prompted the San Gerardo de Dota community to become active participants in the conservation initiative to safeguard this bird and other organisms in perpetuity.

To explore more about the Savegre river basin, we spent the rest of the morning traveling a trail next to the water. Our goal was to reach a waterfall and explore this riparian woodland teeming with epiphytes and understory vegetation. In addition to the flora, there are magnificently large rocks covered in vegetation, the majority of which fell massively during the last glaciation, sculpting this river basin.

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Following our stroll, we travelled up to a higher section of the basin for a traditional meal at Miriam's quetzals. The bird feeders, which attract Northern emerald toucanets, flame throated tanagers, mountain thrushes and acorn woodpeckers, mix with a plate of Casado—Costa Rica's iconic dish—whose colors are almost as attractive as the landscape around us. This is how Pura Vida feels: a perfect balance of cuisine, nature, and relaxation.

**Day 7:**

**Friday 8 November 2024**

Transfer to Osa Peninsula - Talamanca mountain range

On a clear day like today, the drive from Cerro de la Muerte to the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica offers stunning scenery, as you transition from high-altitude mountains to tropical coast. During our first couple of hours, we saw a distinct type of habitat so far: the paramo. The timber line in Southern Central America is little higher than 3,000 metres above sea level, allowing us to explore this unique life zone. Once again, hummingbirds are everywhere, including a nesting volcano hummingbird with an extremely unique nest design and materials.

Once we arrived at sea level, we stopped at Hermosa Beach to look for some coastal species. We discovered leaf cutter ants defying gravity by descending from a beach almond tree and carrying their valued leaves to their nests to produce a fungus that they can digest. We added a new species to our list when male and female spiny-tailed iguanas were seen trying to get some sun while resting on a log.

Late afternoon the rain arrived and we continue our scenic drive reaching the Osa peninsula. The southern pacific of Costa Rica posses an extraordinary variety of ecosystems, including rainforests, wetlands, mangroves, and coastal areas. The region offers a unique combination of natural beauty, wildlife, and conservation efforts, making it a must-see destination nature lovers and enthusiasts.

**Day 8:**

**Saturday 9 November 2024**

Osa Peninsula & Golfo Dulce - Rincon river mangroves & Danta Corcovado trails

After a rainy evening, we caught a break from it in order to explore the estuaries and mangroves surrounding the Golfo Dulce. Our boat operator, Arturo, took us to a mangrove area near the Rincon River's mouth. Costa Rica recognizes the importance of this habitat, and legislation is in place throughout the country to ensure its permanent protection. During our boat ride, we found frigatebirds, pelicans, ospreys, herons, egrets, and cormorants, as well as the exceedingly elusive common potoo and the endemic mangrove hummingbird.

As we continue our exploration of Golfo dulce in search of marine mammals, we spotted black tuna fish in a feeding frenzy. Black tunas, come together to feed on a massive concentration of baitfish. This "chaos" is typically accompanied by birds such as terns, gulls, and pelicans, which we observed swooping down to take advantage of this feeding occasion. As the rain fell, we had to return to Playa Blanca, but we were really pleased to have witnessed such a spectacular natural phenomena.

Some of our guests were not discouraged by the gloomy day, and we went on a stroll to explore the Danta Corcovado lodge paths. Gaudy leaf frogs, hourglass frogs, and snouted frogs enjoyed the rainy circumstances and appeared throughout our walk on the trail, followed by a well-deserved dinner at Danta Corcovado Lodge.

**Day 9:**

**Sunday 10 November 2024**

Transfer from Osa Peninsula to San Jose

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A couple of road closures during the night owing to inclement weather throughout the country encouraged our guests to return to our capital a day earlier. Approximately 350 millimetres of rain fell for a couple of days in the Osa peninsula. We wanted to get back to the Bougainvillea hotel and eventually closer to the international airport for their return flight home.

The drive was a pleasant one, with some interesting cultural and natural stops, including Tarcoles bridge, where we could observe the population of American crocodiles that inhabit this river basin right next to Carara National Park. We travelled to the San Jose area through the mountainous terrain on the country's western side. The Tilarán mountain range is one of the most impressive formations in the country. We arrived at the Bougainvillea hotel just before 5:00 pm, very delighted with the outcome of our decision to travel to San Jose.

**Day 10-11:**

**Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 November 2024**

Bougainvillea hotel & San José

For a couple of mornings we maximized our stay at Bougainvillea hotel and its fantastic four-hectare garden. At 1,200 metres above sea level, it is a green oasis on the suburbs of Santo Domingo of Heredia; mottled owls, lesson's motmot, tropical kingbirds and even crested caracaras make this location and the surrounding shade grown coffee farms their home.

While in the San Jose area, we sampled the amazing cuisine of Costa Rica and Latin America. Chef Orvieto welcomed us for lunch to his restaurant located in a historical house in downtown San Jose. Costa Rican gastronomy has been undergoing an exciting transformation in recent years, with chefs like Orvieto blending traditional flavors with sustainability and global influences. Back to Bougainvillea hotel during farewell dinner, we celebrated life and the incredible opportunity to experience the world's natural treasures.

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude and appreciation for choosing to visit Costa Rica. May your future travels lead you to new adventures and unique memories: Pura Vida!

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# Checklist for Costa Rica's Wildlife Wonders



	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
	<b>BIRDS</b>												
1	Great tinamou	<i>Tinamus major</i>								✓			
2	Black-bellied whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>								✓			
3	Gray-headed chachalaca	<i>Ortalis cinereiceps</i>										✓	
4	Spotted Wood-quail	<i>Odontophorus guttatus</i>					✓						
5	Pale-vented pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>		✓									
6	Red-billed pigeon	<i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>									✓		
7	Squirrel cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>									✓		
8	Lesser nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>									✓		
9	Common potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>							✓				
10	White-collared swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>										✓	
11	Lesser violetear	<i>Colibri cyanotus</i>				✓	✓						
12	Green-breasted mango	<i>Anthracothora</i> ✓ <i>prevostii</i>										✓	
13	Talamanca hummingbird	<i>Eugenes spectabilis</i>				✓	✓	✓					
14	Fiery-throated hummingbird	<i>Panterpe insignis</i>				✓	✓	✓					
15	White-throated mountain-gem	<i>Lampornis castaneiventris</i>				✓							
16	Volcano hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus flammula</i>				✓	✓	✓					
17	Rufous-tailed hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>									✓		
18	Mangrove hummingbird	<i>Chrysuronia boucardi</i>							✓				
19	Charming hummingbird	<i>Polyerata decora</i>								✓			
20	Purple gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>		✓									
21	Northern jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>		✓	✓								
22	Spotted sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓				
23	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	✓										
24	Laughing gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>							✓				
25	Franklin's gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipi</i> ✓ <i>can</i>							✓				

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26	Sandwich tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>							✓				
27	Royal tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>							✓				
28	Wood stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>								✓			
29	Magnificent frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>		✓					✓	✓			
30	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	✓	✓	✓								
31	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum brasilianum</i>							✓				
32	Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>		✓									
33	Bare-throated tiger-heron	<i>Tigrisoma mevicanum</i>		✓	✓					✓			
34	Boat-billed heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>		✓									
35	Yellow-crowned night heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>		✓					✓				
36	Little Blue heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓				
37	Snowy egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	✓	✓									
38	Green heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>		✓					✓				
39	Western cattle-egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓			
40	Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓							✓			
41	Brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>		✓					✓				
42	Black vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
43	Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓	✓	✓								
44	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		✓					✓				
45	Common black hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>					✓		✓				
46	Roadside hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>							✓				
47	Gray hawk	<i>Buteo plagiatus</i>							✓				
48	Broad-winged hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	✓	✓	✓								
49	Swainson's hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>		✓	✓								
50	Mottled owl	<i>Strivirgata</i>									✓	✓	
51	Resplendent quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus mocinno</i>					✓	✓					
52	Lesson's motmot	<i>Momotus lessonii</i>									✓		
53	Ringed kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>								✓			
54	Belted kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>			✓								
55	Northern emerald-toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>							✓				
56	Collared aracari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>		✓	✓								
57	Yellow-throated toucan	<i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i>								✓			
58	Keel-billed toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>		✓									
59	Acorn woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>					✓						

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60	Black-cheeked woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>		✓									
61	Red-crowned woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>						✓					
62	Hoffmann's woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes hoffmannii</i>									✓		
63	Pale-billed woodpecker	<i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>		✓									
64	Crested caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>								✓	✓	✓	
65	Yellow-headed caracara	<i>Daptrius chimachima</i>						✓	✓				
66	Great green macaw	<i>Ara ambiguus</i>		✓	✓								
67	Scarlet macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>							✓	✓			
68	Crimson-fronted parakeet	<i>Psittacara finschi</i>									✓		
69	Streak-headed woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>		✓									
70	Ruddy Treerunner	<i>Margarornis rubiginosus</i>					✓						
71	Olive-sided flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>			✓								
72	Black-capped flycatcher	<i>Empidonax atriceps</i>					✓	✓					
73	Great kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>		✓	✓						✓	✓	
74	Boat-billed flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>		✓									
75	Social flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>		✓	✓						✓	✓	
76	Tropical kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	✓								✓	✓	
77	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>		✓								✓	
78	Brown Jay	<i>Cyanocora morio</i>									✓		
79	Rufous-backed wren	<i>Campylorhynchus capistratus</i>									✓	✓	
80	Gray-breasted wood-wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>					✓						
81	Tropical mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>									✓		
82	Black-billed nightingale-thrush	<i>Catharus gracilirostris</i>				✓							
83	Mountain thrush	<i>Turdus plebejus</i>					✓						
84	Clay-colored thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>					✓				✓	✓	
85	Sooty thrush	<i>Turdus nigrescens</i>						✓					
86	Long-tailed silky-flycatcher	<i>Ptiliogonys caudatus</i>					✓						
87	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓									
88	Yellow-throated euphonia	<i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>									✓		
89	Sooty-capped chlorospingus	<i>Chlorospingus pileatus</i>					✓	✓					
90	Rufous-collared sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>					✓						
91	Large-footed finch	<i>Pezopetes capitalis</i>				✓	✓						
92	Yellow-thighed brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes tibialis</i>					✓						
93	Montezuma oropendola	<i>Psarocolius montezuma</i>	✓	✓	✓								

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94	Baltimore oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>									✓	✓	
95	Melodious blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>		✓		✓							
96	Great-tailed grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
97	Yellow warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>			✓								
98	Buff-rumped warbler	<i>Myiothlypis fulvicauda</i>	✓						✓				
99	Black-throated green warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>							✓				
100	Collared redstart	<i>Myioborus torquatus</i>				✓	✓						
101	Summer tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>		✓	✓							✓	
102	Flame-colored tanager	<i>Piranga bidentata</i>							✓				
103	Rose-breasted grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>			✓								
104	Scarlet-rumped tanager	<i>Ramphocelus passerinii</i>							✓				
105	Blue-gray tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>			✓								✓
106	Palm tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>			✓								
107	Variable seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>			✓								
108	Cinnamon-bellied saltator	<i>Saltator grandis</i>										✓	✓
	<b>MAMMALS</b>												
1	Mantled howler	<i>Alouatta palliata</i>		✓	✓								
2	Ornate spider monkey	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>			✓								
3	Brown-throated three-toed sloth	<i>Bradypus variegatus</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓			
4	Hoffmann's two-toed sloth	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	✓										
5	Brazilian long nosed bat	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>			✓								
6	Neotropical otter	<i>Lontra longicaudis</i>		✓									
7	Brown Tent-making Bat	<i>Uroderma magnirostrum</i>	✓										
8	Variiegated squirrel	<i>Echinosciurus variegatoides</i>									✓	✓	
9	Red-tailed squirrel	<i>Syntheosciurus granatensis</i>						✓	✓				
	<b>REPTILES &amp; AMPHIBIANS</b>												
1	Spectacled Caiman	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>		✓	✓								
2	Green turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>			✓								
3	Emerald/Green basilisk	<i>Basiliscus plumifrons</i>		✓	✓								
4	Striped basilisk	<i>Basiliscus vittatus</i>		✓	✓								
5	American crocodile	<i>Crocodylus acutus</i>	✓							✓			

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6	Black wood turtle	<i>Rhinoclemmys funerea</i>		✓									
7	Common house gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓		
8	Spiny-tailed iguana	<i>Ctenosaura similis</i>							✓				
9	Green Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	✓	✓	✓								
10	Central American ameiva	<i>Ameiva festiva</i>		✓									
11	Red-eyed leaf frog	<i>Agalychnis callidryas</i>		✓					✓				
12	Hourglass tree frog	<i>Hyla ebraccata</i>							✓				
13	Snouted tree frog	<i>Scinia</i> ✓ <i>sp.</i>							✓				
	<b>INSECTS &amp; ARACHNIDS</b>												
1	Leafcutter ants	<i>Atta sp.</i>		✓				✓					
2	Owl butterfly	<i>Caligo sp.</i>		✓									
3	Glasswing butterfly	<i>Greta sp.</i>										✓	
4	Blue morpho	<i>Morpho sp.</i>	✓	✓	✓								
5	Sulphur winged butterfly	<i>Phoebis sp.</i>	✓	✓	✓								
6	Giant red winged grasshopper	<i>Tropidacris cristata</i>		✓	✓								
7	Golden orb weaver	<i>Trichonephila clavipes</i>		✓									
8	Bromeliad spider	<i>Cupiennius sp.</i>							✓				

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