

Suriname's Fabulous Guiana Endemics

Nov 18 - 30, 2024

Itinerary

Day 1: Mon, Nov 18 - Late evening arrival into Paramaribo International Airport

After clearing security, we will pick up our van and head to the nearby Colakreek cabins

Night at Colacreek.

Day 2: Tue, Nov 19 – Airport Savannas

We will spend the day exploring the white-sands habitat around the airport. A maze of tracks leads through this area and we will drive and walk looking for Cayenne Jay, Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Swallow-winged Puffbird and Red-breasted Meadowlark. As we continue into taller vegetation we should find Black-faced and Red-shouldered Tanagers, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, Black Manakin and many more local specialties. ***Night at Colacreek.***

Day 3: Wed, Nov 20 - Savanna morning, after lunch drive to Brownsberg

We will spend another morning birding around the airport looking for birds we missed the previous day, including Masked Water-Tyrant, Burrowing Owl, Bronzy Jacamar, Pearl Kite, Guianan Tyrannulet, Green-backed Trogon, and Ruby-topaz hummingbird. After lunch we will start our drive to Brownsberg birding along the way. ***Night at Brownsberg Reserve.***

Days 4 and 5: Thu, Nov 21 – Fri, Nov 22 - Brownsberg

We'll spend the next 2 days walking and searching for Brownsberg's very special birds. We should find Finsch's and Golden-sided Euphonia, Red-and-Black Grosbeak, White-throated and White-fronted Manakins, Grayish Mourner, Todd's Antwren, Guianan Warbling-Antbird, Red-fan Parrot, Waved and Ringed Woodpeckers, and King Vulture. A small family group of Gray-winged Trumpeter are often around the lodge, making this one of the best places in the world to see this shy and difficult to see bird. ***Nights at Brownsberg Reserve.***

Day 6: Sat, Nov 23 – Brownsberg to Fredberg

This morning is our last day in the rich forests of Brownsberg. We will walk a few of the trails looking for any species we may have missed. After lunch we will continue our drive south to Fredberg at Fred's Lodge, a new and excellent birding lodge, where we spend 4 nights. ***Night at Fred's Lodge.***

Days 7-9: Sun, Nov 24 – Tue, Nov 26 – Fred's Lodge, Fredberg

Our next 3 days will be spent birding around our lodge and environs – both Zigzag Heron and Harpy Eagle are rare, but are possible here. We should locate both White and Black-faced Hawk's, Todd's Sirystes, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Crimson Topaz, Crimson Fruitcrow, lots of antbirds, antwrens and antshrikes, four species of jacamar, Red-billed Pied Tanager, Capuchinbird, Spotted Antpitta, and Black Nunbird among many other species. Our stay here will certainly be one of the highlights of the tour! ***Nights at Fred's Lodge.***

Day 10: Wed, Nov 27 – Fredberg to Paramaribo

We'll try to pick up any target birds we've missed and then we will drive back to Paramaribo birding along the way. If we are lucky, one of the roadside spots could produce Painted Tody-Flycatcher and the beautiful Rose-breasted Chat. ***Night in Paramaribo.***

Day 11: Thu, Nov 28 – Peperpot Nature Park and Weg Naar Zee

We will spend the morning at Peperpot Nature Park searching for Guianan savannah endemics including Painted Tody-Flycatcher, Pale-tipped Tyrannulet, White-browed Antbird and Arrowhead Piculet. The small and beautiful Blood-colored Woodpecker also occurs in these coastal forests. In the afternoon we will visit some coastal mangroves and wetlands to look for the localized Rufous Crab Hawk, as well as Boat-billed Night-heron, Scarlet Ibis and a good selection of shorebirds. ***Night in Paramaribo.***

Day 12: Fri, Nov 29 – Coronie Wetlands

Today we will have a full day heading west towards Guyana. Our destination is the Coronie Wetlands along the Caribbean coastline. Again we will have a great selection of wetland species, such as American Flamingo, White-cheeked Pintail, Wattled Jacana, Magnificent Frigatebird and many waterbirds. Once we have returned to Paramaribo that afternoon, we will have a group farewell dinner. ***Night in Paramaribo***

Day 13: Sat, Nov 30 - Departures

We will probably have an very early start as the flight usually leaves Paramaribo around 6AM.