

ITINERARY
PUERTO RICO
December 5-11, 2020



The Puerto Rican Screech-Owl is one of the endemics we'll see on the island. Unlike other screech-owls, this species does not have ear-tufts. Photograph by guide Tom Johnson.

We include here information for those interested in the 2020 Field Guides Puerto Rico tour:

- a general introduction to the tour
- a description of the birding areas to be visited on the tour
- an abbreviated daily itinerary with some indication of the nature of each day's outings

Those who register for the tour will be sent this additional material:

- an annotated list of the birds recorded on a previous year's Field Guides trip to the area, with comments by guide(s) on notable species or sightings (may be downloaded from our web site)
- a detailed information bulletin with important logistical information and answers to questions regarding accommodations, air arrangements, clothing, currency, customs and immigration, documents, health precautions, and personal items
- a reference list
- a Field Guides checklist for preparing for and keeping track of the birds we see on the tour
- after the conclusion of the tour, a list of birds seen on the tour

Puerto Rico, easternmost and smallest of the Greater Antilles, is an exciting birding destination that harbors seventeen species of birds found nowhere else. Additionally, this US-associated Commonwealth features fine facilities and a good road system, making birding in Puerto Rico—from montane rainforests and elfin woods to mangrove swamps and dry coastal scrub—a comfortable and rewarding experience. We'll begin in the north and west of the island during our relocation from San Juan toward the Southwest, stopping at selected sites like Cambalache State Forest and Rio Abajo State Forest for native landbirds, at cliffs and promontories for seabirds, and at wetlands for waterbirds. Along this route, we're likely to see over half of the island's endemic species right off the bat, including Puerto Rican Flycatcher,

Adelaide's Warbler, Puerto Rican Lizard-Cuckoo, and Puerto Rican Bullfinch. If conditions and access circumstances allow, we will look for the very rare Puerto Rican Parrot at Rio Abajo – a successful, ongoing reintroduction effort has resulted in the species nesting in the wild there.

In a charming, relaxed southwestern corner of the island, we'll be based out of the seaside town of La Parguera where we can also see the Yellow-shouldered Blackbird and Puerto Rican Nightjar within just a few minutes of our hotel. A visit to Guánica State Forest might produce nice looks at Puerto Rican Emerald, Caribbean Elaenia, Puerto Rican Tody, and Mangrove Cuckoo. The highlands of Maricao State Forest host the recently (1972) described Elfin-woods Warbler, as well as many other specialties: Antillean Euphonia, Puerto Rican Tanager, Green Mango, Puerto Rican Oriole, Puerto Rican Vireo, the scarce Lesser Antillean Pewee, and the *venator* subspecies of Sharp-shinned Hawk. Outings to Cabo Rojo and Laguna Cartagena will help round out our experiences with Caribbean waterbirds and wintering shorebirds – birds like White-tailed Tropicbird, Masked Duck, and West Indian Whistling-Duck are among the birds we'll search for.

For the last stage of the tour, we will relocate to Casa Cubuy, an eco-lodge in Puerto Rico's eastern mountains on the edge of El Yunque National Forest, the only tropical rainforest in the US National Forest system. From here, we'll make a day trip to Humacao and Fajardo to search for Green-throated Carib and Antillean Crested Hummingbird, in addition to whatever other species we haven't yet found. Note – the Antillean Crested Hummingbird has become quite rare after Hurricane Maria, perhaps due to the storm's impact on flowering plants at the eastern end of Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rican birding is a delight, an easy introduction to the Greater Antillean avifauna—and a must for anyone who loves island birding anywhere.



The diminutive Puerto Rican Tody is always a favorite! These cute little endemics are one of four tody species, all of which are found in the Caribbean. Photograph by guide Tom Johnson.

This tour's objective will be to visit the island's habitats and endemic bird species at a pace suited to almost any birder, whether beginning or advanced. Because many of Puerto Rico's endemic birds are local in their distribution, we will set our priorities according to the habitat and location of the day. In general we will try to see as great a variety of birds and wildlife as time permits, though we generally do not seek out localized "exotic" species, such as Old World finches and parrots that now breed in the wild in Puerto Rico. The tour is designed to make travel time as pleasant as possible, with birding and bathroom stops along the way; there will be a few days on which we spend several hours traveling in the vehicle.

We want to be sure you are on the right tour! Below is a description of the physical requirements of the tour. If you are concerned about the difficulty, please contact us about this and be sure to fully explain your concerns. We want to make sure you have a wonderful time with us, so if you are uncomfortable with the requirements, just let us know and we can help you find a better fitting tour! Field Guides will not charge you a change or cancellation fee if you opt out within 10 days of depositing.

Physical requirements of this tour

- **TRAILS & WALKING:** Moderate amounts of walking (1-2 miles in morning, 1-2 miles in afternoon at most), mostly on roads or wide dirt trails. A few walks require going up and down a moderate grade for a short distance, with uneven terrain in a few spots.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** We will likely stand for long periods to observe birds.
- **PACE:** Early starts (5:30-6:30 a.m. breakfasts) followed by birding until lunch. On some days, there is a break after lunch and optional afternoon birding. There will be at least one nighttime excursion to look for owls and the nightjar, but this will be in the early evening (or possibly early morning).
- **WEATHER:** Temperatures range from the low 60s in the early morning to the mid-90s F later in the day. Rain is a possibility, and the climate is humid.
- **VEHICLE SEATING:** So that each participant has equal opportunity during our travel, we employ a seat rotation system on all tours. Participants will need to be flexible enough to maneuver to the back of the vehicle on occasion. Those who experience motion sickness will need to bring adequate medication for the duration of the tour, as we are not able to reserve forward seats for medical conditions.
- **BATHROOM BREAKS:** Whenever possible, we use modern, indoor restrooms, but on occasion, participants must be prepared to make a comfort stop in nature.
- **OPTING OUT:** Where we are staying multiple days in the same lodging, participants can easily opt to sit out a day or sometimes a half-day. This will not be possible on days when we are changing locations.

If you are uncertain whether this tour is a good match for your abilities, please don't hesitate to contact our office; if they cannot directly answer your queries, they will put you in touch with one of the guides.



About the Birding Areas

Guánica Forest Reserve: Puerto Rico's growing human population has cleared most of the subtropical dry coastal forest in Puerto Rico for farming and other interests. One of the last remaining patches of this threatened habitat is protected in this reserve, which is listed as a World Biosphere Reserve. It is home to many of Puerto Rico's endemic bird species, the most elusive of which is the rare and local Puerto Rican Nightjar.

Cambalache State Forest: A morning visit to this state forest could result in seeing over half of Puerto Rico's endemic bird species, including Puerto Rican Screech-Owl, Puerto Rican Oriole, Puerto Rican Flycatcher, Adelaide's Warbler, Puerto Rican Vireo, and more. This is a particularly good site for seeing Puerto Rican Lizard-Cuckoo. Regional specialities like Key West Quail-Dove can also be found in the area.

Rio Abajo State Forest: This reserve, south of Arecibo, offers us a chance of finding the Puerto Rican Parrot, one of the Caribbean's rarest birds and an ongoing conservation success story. Depending on access circumstances (**access is currently restricted as of Spring 2019 following Hurricane Maria**), we might be able to walk in an area of the forest

surrounding the core of the parrot's reintroduction, where released birds have been breeding successfully in the wild for several years now. Our 2014-17 tours met with success in finding parrots in this area, though we were unable to visit in Spring 2019. We will also look for Puerto Rican Screech-Owls, Puerto Rican Vireo, Ruddy Quail-Dove, and other specialty birds while exploring Rio Abajo.

Maricao Forest Reserve and highlands: The cool mountains of western Puerto Rico host several range-restricted endemic species, including Elfin-woods Warbler (a relatively “new” species described in 1972). This forest reserve boasts some of the best wet mountain forest and cloudforest habitat in Puerto Rico. Maricao has a good set of trails for seeking out the Elfin-woods Warbler, as well as Puerto Rican Screech-Owl, Green Mango, Puerto Rican Spindalis, Puerto Rican Tanager (now in its own family, Nesospingidae), and the endemic lizard-cuckoo, tody, and vireo. It also gives us our best chance to catch up to the rare endemic subspecies of Sharp-shinned Hawk.

El Yunque National Forest: One of the largest remaining tracts of native forest in Puerto Rico, this area in the northeast of the island is home to some of the island's least-known landbirds such as the Puerto Rican Screech-Owl and a breeding population of Black Swift (rarely seen on our tours, but always possible – look up!). A fine system of roads and trails bisects the forest and gives access to both tall, wet Caribbean rainforest on the lower slopes of this mountainous region and to the restricted elfin forest of the higher ridges. Though many of the big hardwoods of the forest were taken down by Hurricane Maria in 2017, the forest is recovering. Rain is abundant in this part of the island, and we'll be flexible in our plans to take into account the weather conditions. Most of our access will be on the southern side of El Yunque from Casa Cubuy.

The Southwestern Coast—The southwestern corner of Puerto Rico is now mostly pasture and farmland, with the immediate coastal area dominated by extensive mangrove wetlands. The latter habitat is threatened with development and is a stronghold of the endangered Yellow-shouldered Blackbird, imperiled in recent decades by Shiny Cowbird brood parasitism. We will organize outings to a few of the nearby refuges like Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge and Laguna Cartagena Wildlife Refuge. These sites host numerous wading birds, waterfowl, shorebirds and some introduced species such as Venezuelan Troupial. Specialty waterbirds of the area include Masked Duck and West Indian Whistling-Duck.

Humacao wetlands—This small refuge has a nice variety of habitats, including freshwater, brackish, and saltwater ponds and lagoons. Though known for some years as a good site for the shy, endangered West Indian Whistling-Duck and the Caribbean Coot, the refuge's diked impoundments are variable in their quality from week to week, and we have seen the whistling-ducks here only rarely. We'll stop by and see what birds are around, which should include wintering waterfowl, warblers, and Green-throated Carib, localized on the island.



*One of five hummingbird species we expect to see is the endemic Green Mango.
Photograph by guide Tom Johnson.*

Itinerary for Puerto Rico

Day 1, Sat, 5 Dec. Arrival at San Juan's International Airport. Upon arrival, please take a taxi to the **Courtyard by Marriott** (about \$15 with tip). We will meet in front of the hotel desk in the lobby at 5:00 p.m. to go to dinner and discuss the plans for the next day. For those interested in sightseeing and shopping in Old San Juan, we recommend arriving a day or more ahead of the group and perhaps taking accommodations in Old San Juan. Night in San Juan.

Day 2, Sun, 6 Dec. San Juan to La Parguera. We'll make an early morning's drive out to a birding site, either Cambalache State Forest or Rio Abajo State Forest, where we'll enjoy our first studies of Puerto Rico's endemic avifauna. Over 100 of the Critically Endangered Puerto Rican Parrots persist in the vicinity of Rio Abajo State Forest, and we plan to visit there, in hopes that the forest managers have opened access to areas where the parrots often feed. A picnic breakfast will allow us to be in the field early. We'll also visit some freshwater wetlands near Hatillo where an American Flamingo has lived for many years. Our afternoon will be spent commuting across the western end of the island. We hope to take in one or more ocean overlooks for seabirds (terns, Magnificent Frigatebird, maybe a Brown Booby, and White-tailed Tropicbirds). The day ends in the southwest corner of the island where the endangered Yellow-shouldered Blackbird can sometimes be found right on the grounds of our hotel. Night in La Parguera at Parador Villa Parguera.

Day 3, Mon, 7 Dec. Laguna Cartagena and dry forest. After breakfast at the hotel, we'll target numerous wetland species at Laguna Cartagena National Wildlife Refuge and the nearby rice country, including rarely seen waterfowl such as Masked Duck and West Indian Whistling-Duck. The walk into the wetland overlook might yield Mangrove Cuckoo, the endemic Adelaide's Warbler, and migrant wood warblers. Smooth-billed Ani, Yellow-faced Grassquit, and introduced species like waxbills and munias often crowd the entrance road.

After lunch, you might wish to take a free afternoon around La Parguera, though we will offer an optional birding outing around town where we might find Yellow-shouldered Blackbirds. After an early dinner at the hotel, we will head to the dry forest of nearby hills to look for the range-restricted Puerto Rican Nightjar. Night in La Parguera at Parador Villa Parguera.

Day 4, Tue, 8 Dec. Maricao Forest Reserve and Susúa Forest Reserve. We will rise early and drive up to the cool, wet slopes at Maricao State Forest. Here we will look for the endemic and isolated Elfin-woods Warbler and other endemic birds like Puerto Rican Tanager, Puerto Rican Oriole, and the endemic subspecies of Sharp-shinned Hawk. Our search might also yield Puerto Rican Screech-Owl, Green Mango, Puerto Rican Vireo, Antillean Euphonia, Loggerhead Kingbird, Lesser Antillean "Puerto Rican" Pewee, and maybe a migrant warbler or two as well. In the afternoon, we will undertake a vigil in the shade at Susúa Forest Reserve. Patience may be rewarded at this site with looks at Ruddy and Key West quail-doves in the late afternoon as they forage along the edge of the picnic area. Night in La Parguera at Parador Villa Parguera.

Day 5, Wed, 9 Dec. Cabo Rojo to El Yunque. We'll concentrate on shorebirds and seabirds at the Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge this morning, our last in the southwest corner of the island. The mudflats at Cabo Rojo should be covered with hundreds of Stilt Sandpipers and Semipalmated Sandpipers. We will pick through the Black-necked Stilts, Wilson's Plovers, and a mix of peeps for more unusual species. White-tailed Tropicbirds and Brown Boobies can sometimes be found at close range along the cliffs near the lighthouse. Our afternoon drive to El Yunque in the northeast might be punctuated by a detour for the range-restricted Plain Pigeon or whatever other species we have yet to find. Night in El Yunque National Forest at the Casa Cubuy Eco-lodge.

Day 6, Thu, 10 Dec. Humacao Wetlands and Fajardo. The Humacao Nature reserve can be teeming with waterbirds. We will be scanning for grebes, ducks, coots, and herons. When we turn our attention from the water to the forest, we'll hunt for Green-throated Carib and Puerto Rican Flycatcher. From Humacao, we'll head north to Fajardo for some coastal birding; scanning the ocean is likely to produce Brown Booby, several terns, and Magnificent Frigatebird. The flowering trees and shrubs at our lunch spot could draw the diminutive Antillean Crested Hummingbird or Green-throated Carib, though hummingbirds have become less common at the eastern end of the island following Hurricane Maria in 2017. We will work our way back up to Casa Cubuy for an afternoon walk in El Yunque. Night in El Yunque National Forest at the Casa Cubuy Eco-lodge.

Day 7, Fri, 11 Dec. Departures. After a good breakfast, we'll make the drive trip to the San Juan International Airport and our flights home. **Make sure to plan your flights for *after 12 noon!***

About Your Guides

Tom Johnson grew up watching birds in central Pennsylvania. Interested in science and the outdoors from a young age, he became involved in a variety of field projects throughout his school years, including banding migrant landbirds and conducting point counts for the 2nd Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas. He was fortunate to pursue undergraduate studies in biology at Cornell University, where he became even more excited to learn about systematics and migration while surrounded by the amazing ornithologists and birders of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Since graduating from college, Tom has spent much of his time studying seabirds off the east coast of North America while conducting line transect surveys from NOAA ships between Nova Scotia and the Bahamas. When he's not otherwise occupied, he loves to devote time to wandering, taking photos, and searching for vagrants and hybrid birds.

Tom has long been interested in sharing his enthusiasm for exploring bird identification, distribution, and migration dynamics; he is a regional editor for *North American Birds* magazine and writes a regular column on identification for *Birding* magazine. Perhaps most of all, he loves sharing his passion for the natural world with others out in the field, and he's excited to have the opportunity to do this while leading for Field Guides.

Cory Gregory started learning birds on flashcards at the age of three, but it wasn't until the ripe age of ten that things started to get more serious. Since then he has traveled to Central and South America, Australia, and all 50 states to try to get his fill of birding (and it hasn't worked yet!).

Cory earned a B.S. in zoology in Michigan, where he also worked for Whitefish Point Bird Observatory for several seasons. He then ventured to Iowa State University, where he earned a M.S. studying Long-billed Curlews in Nebraska. As an avid shorebird ecologist, he has handled more than 2000 shorebirds of more than 30 species.

After finishing school, Cory worked for several organizations as a shorebird ecologist and guided on St. Paul Island in the Pribilofs of Alaska for the 2014 and 2015 seasons. It was on St. Paul that his dream of stumbling on a first North American record was finally fulfilled. Cory is currently based out of Missouri where, when not on tour, he pursues his interest in birds, butterflies, and dragonflies with abandon.

Cory has co-led Field Guides groups to Arizona, Cape May, Texas, Peru, and Australia and has a busy and wide-ranging schedule coming up --from the US and Canada to Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and Peru.

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/guides> for complete tour schedules for Tom and Cory; just click on their photos.

“Tom Johnson has an amazing knowledge of birds and the natural world. His enthusiasm and professionalism comes through so much. He kept us on schedule - yet allowed for some great diversions that showed up. Field Guides is so fortunate to have him guiding.”
L.T., *Arizona Nightbirds & More*

“Cory Gregory ... is a world-class birder with exceptional sight, hearing, and bird knowledge. His personality is fantastic: very friendly, funny, witty, helpful.” C. B., *Maine.*

Financial Information

FEE: \$2575 from San Juan

DEPOSIT: \$250 per person

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 7, 2020

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$475

LIMIT: 14

Other Things You Need to Know

TOUR MANAGER: The manager for this tour is Caroline Lewis. Caroline will be happy to assist you in preparing for the tour. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call her!

DOCUMENTS: US citizens need only a government issued photo ID to travel to Puerto Rico. If you are not a US citizen, please check with the US consulate nearest you for entry requirements. Information about consulates and entry

requirements is generally available online or you can contact us and we will be happy to look this up for you. Passports should have an adequate number of blank pages for the entire journey. Some countries require a blank page for their stamp and as a precaution it is best to have one blank page per country you will visit or transit.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Please arrive in San Juan on December 5th in time for dinner at 5:00pm. You can depart after 12pm on December 11th. Field Guides is a full service travel agency and your tour manager will be happy to assist you with flights to join this tour. Field Guides does not charge a service fee for these services to clients booking a tour. However, we understand that tech-savvy clients often prefer to shop online or that you may wish to use mileage to purchase tickets. Regardless of which method you choose, your tour manager will be happy to provide assistance regarding ticket prices and schedules, along with rental cars and extra hotel nights as needed.

Please be sure to check with your tour manager prior to purchasing your ticket to make sure the flights you have chosen will work well with the tour itinerary and that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate. Once purchased, most airline tickets are non-refundable and carry a penalty to change. Field Guides cannot be responsible for these fees.

Also, it is imperative that we receive a copy of your comprehensive flight itinerary—including any and all flights not covered in the tour fee—so that we may track you in the event of missed connections, delays, or other mishaps.

LUGGAGE: Please be aware that many airlines have recently modified their luggage policies and are charging additional fees for checked bags. Updates could easily occur before your departure, so you may wish to contact your airline to verify the policy. Additional charges for bags on any flights, whether these are covered by the tour fee or not, will be the client's responsibility.

TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS: The **tour fee** is \$2575 for one person in double occupancy from San Juan. It includes all lodging from Day 1 through Day 6, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on Day 7, all ground transportation, entrance fees, and the guide services of the tour leader(s). Tipping at group meals and for drivers, porters, and local guides is included in your tour fee and will be handled for the group by your Field Guides leader(s). However, if you would like to recognize your Field Guides leader(s) or any local guide(s) for exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip. We emphasize that such tips are optional and not expected.

The above fee does not include your airfare to and from Puerto Rico, airport taxes, visa fees, any checked or carry-on baggage charges imposed by the airlines, any alcoholic beverages, phone calls, or other items of a personal nature.

The **single supplement** for the tour is \$475. If you do not have a roommate but wish to share, we will try to pair you with a roommate from the tour; but if none is available, you will be billed for the single supplement. Our tour fees are based on double occupancy; one-half the cost of a double room is priced into the tour fee. The single supplement is calculated by taking the actual cost of a single room and subtracting one-half the cost of a double room (plus any applicable taxes).

TOUR REGISTRATION: To register for this tour, complete the Registration/Release and Indemnity form and return it with a **deposit of \$250** per person. If registering by phone, a deposit must be received within fourteen days, or the space will be released. **Full payment** of the tour fee is due 120 days prior to departure, or **by August 7, 2020. We will bill you for the final payment at either 120 days or when the tour has reached sufficient subscription to operate, whichever date comes later.** Since the cost of your trip insurance and airline tickets is generally non-refundable, please do not finalize these purchases until you have received final billing for the tour or have been advised that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate by your tour manager.

SMOKING: Almost all of our clients prefer a smoke-free environment. If you smoke, please be sensitive to the group and refrain from smoking at meals, in vehicles, and in proximity to the group on trails and elsewhere.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refund of deposit and payment, less \$100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 120 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 70 days before the departure date, 50% of the tour fee is refundable. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable.

This policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour fees (and any services included in those fees). Airline tickets not included in the tour fee and purchased separately often carry penalties for cancellation or change, or are sometimes totally non-refundable. Additionally, if you take out trip insurance the cost of the insurance is not refundable so it is best to purchase the policy just prior to making full payment for the tour or at the time you purchase airline tickets, depending upon the airlines restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. The right is reserved to substitute in case of emergency another guide for the original one.

TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE: We strongly recommend you consider purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to cover your investment in case of injury or illness to you or your family prior to or during a trip. Because we must remit early (and substantial) tour deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer any refund when cancellation occurs within 70 days of departure, and only a partial refund from 70 to 119 days prior to departure (see CANCELLATION POLICY). In addition, the Department of State strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and if it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. US medical insurance plans seldom cover health costs incurred outside the United States unless supplemental coverage is purchased. Furthermore, US Medicare and Medicaid programs do not provide payment for medical services outside the United States.

When making a decision regarding health insurance, Americans should consider that many foreign doctors and hospitals require payment in cash prior to providing service and that a medical evacuation to the United States may cost well in excess of \$50,000. Uninsured travelers who require medical care overseas often face extreme difficulties. When consulting with your insurer prior to your trip, please ascertain whether payment will be made to the overseas healthcare provider or whether you will be reimbursed later for expenses that you incur.

US citizens will receive from us a brochure regarding optional tour cancellation/emergency medical insurance. Our agent, CSA, will insure for trip cancellation and interruption, medical coverage, travel delay, baggage loss and delay, and emergency medical transportation. If you purchase the insurance prior to, or within 24 hours of making final payment for the tour, and cover all non-refundable parts of the trip (including any non-refundable flights and in some cases, other arrangements), pre-existing conditions are covered. The CSA brochure includes a contact number; you may also purchase your CSA policy on-line by visiting our website at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/> and clicking the link to CSA. **Currently we are unable to offer CSA insurance policies to residents of New York and Hawaii.** We have had clients provide positive feedback after acquiring insurance thru InsureMyTrip (<https://www.insuremytrip.com/>) in the past, and would suggest that company as an alternative. When purchasing insurance with a company other than CSA, you will want to understand whether the timing of your purchase will affect coverage before paying your first deposit. Insurance purchase requirements can vary from company to company, and such requirements could limit your options if you do not look into this until making your final payment for your tour. Please let us know if you have any questions about this. Please note, once the insurance is purchased it is non-refundable, so please check with your tour manager prior to making the purchase to assure the tour will operate as scheduled. Citizens of other countries are urged to consult their insurance broker.

RESPONSIBILITY: For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant and each parent or legal guardian of a tour participant who is under 18 agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Field Guides Incorporated, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release and Indemnity Agreement on the reverse side of the registration form. Field Guides Incorporated acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motorcoach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. Field Guides Incorporated accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the detailed itinerary, the information bulletin, and other pertinent matter provided by Field Guides. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in our bulletins.

THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT AND EACH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A TOUR PARTICIPANT WHO IS UNDER 18 SHALL SIGN AND DELIVER THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

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