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**BRAZIL'S ROOSEVELT & ARIPUANA RIVERS:
BEYOND THE RIVER OF DOUBT**

June 10-26, 2027

June 28 – July 14, 2027



*The Manicore Warbling-Antbird is just one of many antbirds that we'll see on the tour.
Photograph by guide Bret Whitney.*

We include here information for those interested in the 2027 Field Guides Brazil's Roosevelt & Aripuanã Rivers: Beyond the River of Doubt 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 birding outings

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

- 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 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

"On February 27, 1914, shortly after midday, we started down the River of Doubt into the unknown. We were quite uncertain whether after a week we should find ourselves in the Gy-Parana, or after six weeks in the Madeira, or after three months we knew not where." So wrote Theodore Roosevelt to open Chapter VIII of his book, *Through the Brazilian Wilderness*, a remarkable diary of his experiences and survival traversing an uncharted sector of the vast Amazon basin. Over 100 years later, the Rio Roosevelt remains one of the most pristine rivers in Amazonia, coursing through hundreds of kilometers of undisturbed forest before it joins the Rio Aripuanã in southern Amazonas state. This "meeting of the waters" is the site where the *Rio da Dúvida*, the *River of Doubt*, was officially renamed in honor of Theodore Roosevelt by

Coronel Cândido Rondon, the Brazilian engineer and leader of the 1914 Rondon-Roosevelt Expedition.

Both the Rio Roosevelt and the Aripuanã are major geographic barriers within the species-rich Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium, which comprises most of central Amazonia south of the Amazon River. As such, it is important to work both banks of both the Roosevelt and the Aripuanã to have a chance of finding all of the many rare birds and mammals known from the region. Fortunately (very fortunately!), there are two relatively new pousadas – Pousada Amazon Roosevelt, right at the mouth of the Rio Roosevelt, and Pousada PiraAçu (Peer-a-aSU = giant Red-tailed Catfish), a couple of hours farther up the Rio Aripuanã – that provide ideal birding access. Both pousadas are best-known to sport (catch-and-release) fishermen, who come from around the world to angle for the dozen or so species of “river monsters” lurking in these pristine waters – but they are fast gaining fame among adventurous birders as well! There is now a beautiful system of more than a dozen trails that Bret helped design starting in 2019, and three very helpful local guides familiar with all of the wildlife. We will have one of them with us every day, carrying a backpack with cold drinks on all of our birding walks. Considering their locations in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon, these pousadas are top-notch all the way, with quiet, comfortable, air-conditioned cabins with hot-water (if you want it!) showers, and spacious, air-conditioned dining areas and bar with truly delicious meals. We’ll enjoy stays of *five nights at each of them* as we strive to get our bin’s on White-browed Hawk, Nocturnal Curassow (good chance!), Dark-winged Trumpeter, Zigzag Heron, Gould’s Toucanet, Scaled Ground-Cuckoo (really?), Long-tailed, White-winged, and Rufous potoos, Crimson-bellied and Santarem parakeets, Kawall’s Parrot, several species of macaws, Spot-throated, Mournful Long-tailed, Hoffmann’s, and Uniform woodcreepers, Tapajos Scythebill, Rondonia Bushbird (yes!), Manicore Warbling-Antbird, Aripuana Antwren, Alta Floresta Antpitta, Tapajos Antpitta, Black-bellied and Black-breasted gnateaters, Buff-cheeked Tody-Flycatcher, Snow-capped Manakin, Flame-crowned Manakin, and Klages’s Gnatcatcher. Army ant swarms on the Aripuanã may attract White-breasted Antbirds and Pale-faced Bare-eyes (yee-haww!). Big raptors could show up just about any moment, and these remote forests harbor a diverse set of primates and other beasts.



*Scaled Ground-Cuckoo is an elusive species that can be found in the forests near Pousada PiraAçu.
Photograph by local guide Wellington Nengo.*

But that’s far from all! The tour starts in Porto Velho, capital of the state of Rondonia, on the east bank of the great Rio Madeira. Thus, we’ll jump out of the blocks with three days of birding on the Madeira, longest tributary of the Amazon and a major divider of vertebrate populations in the Amazon basin. We’ll take a shot at seeing the difficult Ocellated Crake and a large number of other species that do not occur on the Rio Roosevelt, including the recently described

Predicted Antwren and Inambari Gnatcatcher, and also Bar-bellied Woodcreeper, Rondonia Warbling-Antbird, and Humaita Antbird. White-sand *campinas* along the Transamazon Highway should produce Chico's Tyrannulet as well.

To get yourself primed for this adventure, read Candice Millard's *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* (and Teddy's first-hand account, cited above, if you're really into it), then join Bret and, for our second 2027 offering, also Marcelo Barreiros for a birding journey to the Rios Roosevelt and Aripuanã that's sure to be fantastic: *beyond a shadow of a doubt!*



We'll look for the Predicted Antwren near Porto Velho. Photograph by guide Bret Whitney.

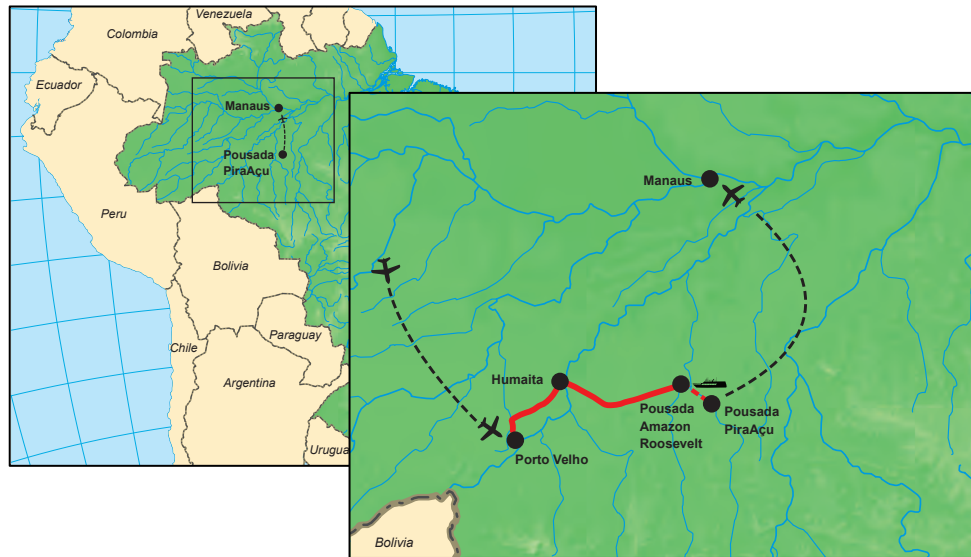
Below is a description of the physical requirements of the tour. If you are concerned about the level of difficulty, please contact us to fully explain your concerns. We want to make sure you have a wonderful time with us, so if you are uncomfortable with the requirements, just let us know and we can 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.

About the Physical Requirements & Pace:

- **TRAILS & WALKING:** Trails in forest and grasslands during the first few days of tour, along the Rio Madeira, are generally level and easy to walk. On the Rio Roosevelt, and Rio Aripuanã you'll need to climb from the boats up the steep banks to reach the trailheads, distances varying from about 10 to 50 feet; most trailheads will have steps cut in the bank with a hand-rail on one side. We'll be on our feet all morning on every day, with birding walks of about 2.5 miles (unless we are doing a boat-based outing). We will have a post-lunch rest period during the hottest part of the day, before another birding outing in the afternoon.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** We'll spend time standing and waiting for birds to come in; this can be tiring. We'll use small boats to cruise along the rivers; you will need to be able to get in and out of these boats.
- **PACE:** On every day of the tour, we will be up quite early, having breakfast before dawn and getting into the field shortly after first light. Lunch will be at the hotel or pousada almost every day, followed by some optional rest time before hitting the rivers and trails again in the afternoon.
- **ELEVATION:** Elevations are low on this tour.
- **WEATHER:** Climate in Amazonia is warm and humid; mid-day highs are in the upper 80s and low 90s F in the sun. Evenings and early mornings will be cooler (lows typically around 75), and it will feel chilly on brisk, early morning boat rides. Rain is a possibility at any time.
- **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:** There are no indoor restrooms on most of our excursions, so participants must be prepared to make comfort stops 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. Of course, this will not be possible on days when we are changing locations.



About the Birding Areas

The mighty Rio Madeira is born in the snowfields of the Bolivian Andes and courses northward to bisect the Amazon basin before joining the Rio Amazonas slightly below the mouth of the Rio Negro (where Manaus is located). It is a major barrier to gene flow among understory birds, and numerous taxa currently ranked as species or subspecies replace each other across the river; multiple taxa are endemic to the east bank across much of the interfluvium to the Rio Tapajos. We'll concentrate on finding many of these (regardless of current taxonomic rank).

Humaitá, west bank of the Madeira—Most of three days on the west bank will give us time to bird several distinctive habitats, from savannas and *cerrado*-like enclaves of woodland to forest. Some of these habitats are rare within Amazonia, and are concentrated to some extent in the Humaitá area.

Porto Velho, east bank of the Madeira—We'll have a day east of the Madeira to explore some especially poorly known forests. Much of this region is seasonally flooded (*várzea*) forest, and we'll also have good access to a tall *terra firme* (never flooded) forest with an extensive bamboo understory that certainly merits attention.

Rio Roosevelt and Rio Aripuanã—These rivers are something between clearwater and blackwater; there is enough sand in the region, eroded from the ancient Brazilian Shield, that plenty of tannin leaches out of the leaf-litter, yet weathered clays over many *terra firme* uplands contribute mostly clear run-off. The Roosevelt courses through a series of narrows and wider places, in some of the former creating significant rapids. The Rondon-Roosevelt Expedition had to portage many of these rapids before finally reaching the mouth, where it joins the Rio Aripuanã.

We'll be at the pousadas during the dry season, so some rain is likely on a few days, especially late afternoon. It's quite warm, of course, but one really doesn't feel the temperature inside the shady forest as much as the humidity. The biggest nuisances are the tiny black flies around the river and early sections of some trails; some years they're scarce, some years there are lots. They're nasty little buggers, but normal precautions (ranging from repellent to long sleeves to bug jackets) are enough to keep them at bay. Biting insects inside the forest are much less prevalent. Depending on how much rain has fallen recently, the savannas around Humaitá could be shallowly flooded with short stretches of muddy walking. Some kind of high shoe or Goretex outer is usually plenty for the small amount of semi-wet walking we may have to do.



*Gould's Toucanet is one of the specialties we'll watch for during our time in the Rio Roosevelt region.
Photograph by guide Marcelo Padua.*

Itinerary for Brazil's Roosevelt & Aripuanã Rivers: Beyond the River of Doubt

Days 1-2, 10-11 Jun or 28-29 Jun. To Manaus or São Paulo and on to Porto Velho, Rondônia. You will be met at the airport in Porto Velho and transferred to our hotel in town. Night of Day 2 in Porto Velho.

Days 3-5, 12-14 Jun or 30 Jun-2 Jul. East and west bank of the Madeira: Humaitá. The Madeira and most large rivers westward to the Andes are "whitewater" rivers, meaning that they carry a significant load of silt eroded from the Andes that is lacking in the "clearwater" and "blackwater" rivers farther east. The Madeira carries more silt than any other river in Amazonia; the amount is probably inestimable. However, a massive hydroelectric dam has recently opened on the Madeira immediately above Porto Velho. Let's keep our fingers crossed that Mother Nature doesn't like that plan, because this dam on the Madeira will soon become a disaster for seasonally flooded habitats, especially ephemeral river islands, the formation and maintenance of which depend on natural river fluctuations and course changes; there are dozens of such islands in the Madeira.

On Day 3 we will bird a road through tall forest in the morning, then bird seasonally flooded forest in the afternoon. We'll stay that night in a little family-operated pousada with great cooking. Day 4 will take us birding our way north to Humaitá. Stops at Mauritia palm swamps could produce Red-bellied Macaw, Fork-tailed Palm-Swift, Sulphury Flycatcher, and the fantastic Point-tailed Palmcreeper. We'll also make a concerted effort to actually **see** an Ocellated Crake. It won't be easy, but we'll sure give it a solid attempt. To get yourself prepared for this, practice bending over and staring at some low object, like your dog's food bowl, and try not to blink for several minutes. The good part is the bird is common over there, including around Humaitá, so we'll have no trouble hearing some to try to outsmart. And, what the heck, let's see if we can produce a Russet-crowned Crake while we're at it!

We'll also have time to bird parts of the extensive *cerrado* enclave (open, savanna-like association of grass and low, corky-barked, fire-resistant trees) around the old, Amazonian town of Humaitá. There are quite a few birds typical of the *cerrado* biome in this area, in addition to others of Amazonian origin that inhabit taller forest. Unfortunately, these open habitats around Humaitá have recently (especially the past 20 or so years) come under great pressure from farmers who are plowing them up to plant soybeans, rice, and other crops. A huge amount of land was converted to rice just in the period 2019-2021. Thus, we'll bird several habitats, seeing many species that do not occur east of the Madeira, in the Roosevelt/Aripuanã region. A few examples in tall, humid forest include Brown-banded Puffbird, Ivory-billed and Curl-crested aracaris, Golden-collared Toucanet, Gilded Barbet, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Dusky-headed Parakeet, Bar-bellied

and Inambari woodcreepers, Predicted Antwren, and Short-billed Honeycreeper. Even the rarely seen Fulvous-chinned Nunlet, Campina Jay, Inambari Gnatcatcher, Dotted Tanager, and White-bellied Dacnis are possibilities. Nights in Humaitá.



*Point-tailed Palmcreeper is found exclusively in Mauritia Palm swamps. We'll look for this specialist near Porto Velho.
Photograph by guide Bret Whitney.*

Day 6, 15 Jun or 3 Jul. Humaitá to Pousada Amazon Roosevelt. We'll have an hour or two to bird around Humaitá if necessary, then take the ferry across the Rio Madeira to drive the TransAmazon Highway (BR-230) to the Pousada Amazon Roosevelt. The Transamazon is a wide, generally good dirt road that is currently (July-October 2026) being further improved. By the time we travel it in June/July 2027, it should be in pretty good shape, and our drive time would be 4-6 hours with some birding stops. One especially important stop may produce the recently described Chico's Tyrannulet, which Bret first identified on Field Guides 2009 Rio Roosevelt tour. Night Pousada Amazon Roosevelt.

Days 7-10, 16-19 Jun or 4-7 Jul. Pousada Amazon Roosevelt. We will have four full days to bird the several excellent trails around the Pousada, which is located at the mouth of the Rio Roosevelt. We'll work both banks of the Roosevelt, especially on the left bank (because of their meandering courses, banks of Amazonian rivers are designated right or left as one descends the river, rather than "east-west/north-south"). We will also spend some time in three-person fishing boats, and we'll offer at least a couple of owling prowls. Nights Pousada Amazon Roosevelt.

Day 11, 20 Jun or 8 Jul. Pousada Amazon Roosevelt to Pousada PiraAçu. We'll check out of our rooms after breakfast, then enjoy a final morning of birding around Pousada Amazon Roosevelt. After lunch, we'll get down to the boat dock for the transfer to Pousada PiraAçu, which is about two hours up the Rio Aripuanã. We should get to PiraAçu in time for a late-afternoon walk along the airstrip. Night Pousada PiraAçu.

Days 12-15, 21-24 Jun or 9-12 Jul. Pousada PiraAçu. Another four full days of birding await us at PiraAçu, where we'll focus on locating rarities that may have eluded us thus far, such as Zigzag Heron, Nocturnal Curassow, Scaled Ground-Cuckoo, Rondonia Bushbird, and Tapajos Antpitta. Another mega-rare possibility is White-tailed Tityra, which was photographed near PiraAçu a few years ago; this one would be a lifer even for your guides! We'll also hope to find a big army ant swarm or two. Nights Pousada PiraAçu.

Day 16, 25 Jun or 13 Jul. Charter flight to Manaus. Our charter plane out to Manaus is a Cessna Grand Caravan, which seats our entire group. The wings are up over the fuselage, so all seats have good views out the (clean!) windows. The flight is about 1 hour 45 minutes, passing over a vast region of Amazonian rainforest and across the Amazon River

itself as we descend into Manaus. The plane carries a generous amount of luggage. We recommend, however, that you pack as lightly as possible for this tour because you won't need any heavy clothing (beyond a fleece or other windbreaker and maybe a wool hat for early-morning boat rides), and you can have laundry done *every day* at the pousadas (drop-off in the morning is often dry and back to you that afternoon); lighter bags are also not so hard on the backs of the guys carrying them to the rooms, etc. Night Manaus.

Day 17, 26 Jun or 14 Jul. Arrival home. Most flights arrive in the US this afternoon, allowing for connections home by late evening.

About Your Guides

Tour I and II

Bret Whitney must be *at least* half Brazilian by now. It all began when he was born, birding in the Wild Midwest, mostly in Indiana, where he was narrowly overlooked by his high school baseball team and did, in fact, graduate from Earlham College. He is known for his ability to identify birds by their calls and songs, which has led to his stumbling onto multiple species new to science. Bret is one of the founders of Field Guides, a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society, a Research Associate of the Museum of Natural Science at Louisiana State University, an Associate of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell, 2004 recipient of the ABA's Ludlow Griscom award, and an eternal optimist about everything except Ivory-billed Woodpeckers. Bret guides most of our Brazil tours and, with Brazilian colleagues, he is supposed to be producing a series of regional field guides to the birds of Brazil. When not on tour, "the Kite" attempts to stay in shape with irregular bike rides, by leaning over pool tables, and by hefting kegs of Live Oak Pilz and dumping 35-lb sacks of spicy crawfish, corn, and potatoes onto old doors covered with newspapers so his family and friends can pig out at his crawfish boils. Oh yes, and by stirring cauldrons of Brazilian *moqueca* at the Field Guides annual business meeting!

"Bret Whitney is a superb guide who knows the birds at a level I have not experienced in any other tour. His scientific expertise was a huge plus for serious birders." P.P., Brazil's Rio Roosevelt.

Tour II

Marcelo Barreiros is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who became fascinated with birds when he entered college in 2005, graduating with a degree in biology in 2009. He then moved to Manaus to work with conservation of Harpy Eagles and other large forest raptors, monitoring nests in both the Amazon and the Atlantic Forest regions. Today, Marcelo's depth of expertise in finding and identifying even the rarest species has earned him an outstanding reputation among the leading fieldmen in Amazonia and, increasingly, all of Brazil. He and his wife have recently (2015) moved back to Sao Paulo to be closer to family and the wonderful beaches and Atlantic Forest. Marcelo is a friendly, generous guide with an even temperament and ready laugh, who truly enjoys showing birds to tour participants. His English is very good and improving with his near-constant guiding of foreign birders.

Marcelo Barreiros is a natural trip leader. Aside from his mastery of the birds and environment, he projects a warm and humble confidence as well as a great sense of humor and even playfulness, which I appreciated enormously. W. M.; Rio Negro Paradise: Manaus

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/our-staff/> for a complete tour schedules for Bret and Marcelo; just click on their photo.

Financial Information

FEE: \$10,275 from Porto Velho and ending in Manaus

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$600 (Single rooms are not available at Pousada PiraAçu, and may be limited at Pousada Amazon Roosevelt. Singles will be available at all other lodgings on the tour.)

DEPOSIT: \$1000 per person

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: December 12, 2026 (Tour I); December 30, 2026 (Tour II)

LIMIT: 8

Other Things You Need to Know

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

ACCOMMODATIONS: Considering their locations in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon, these pousadas are top-notch all the way, with quiet, comfortable, air-conditioned cabins with hot-water (if you want it!) showers, and spacious, air-conditioned dining areas and bar with truly delicious meals. **Please note that single rooms are not available at Pousada PiraAçu, and may be limited to just a couple, or may be unavailable at Pousada Amazon Roosevelt.** Singles will be available at all other lodgings on the tour.

DOCUMENTS: Be sure to verify the latest entry requirements for each country you will visit or transit.

Passport: A current passport is required for international travel. It should be in good condition, valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date, and have at least one blank page for each country on your itinerary.

Visa: U.S. and Canadian citizens must obtain **an e-Visa** to enter Brazil. As of April 10, 2025, Brazil is issuing eVisas for US citizens at the following link <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>. We will provide detailed instructions once the tour is confirmed. Citizens of other countries should check with the consulates of each destination for current entry requirements.

VACCINATIONS: Yellow fever is widespread in many parts of Brazil, and we recommend all travelers to Brazil be vaccinated against the disease. Please check <https://www.cdc.gov/yellow-fever/index.html> for the current CDC information and consult with your physician about whether the vaccine is appropriate for you (there are contraindications for some individuals).

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: The tour begins in Porto Velho (Governador Jorge Teixeira de Oliveira International Airport, PVH) and ends in Manaus, Brazil (Eduardo Gomes International Airport, MAO). Please check with our office for the best schedule from your home airport.

Arrival: Porto Velho (PVH), Day 2 (Jun 11 or 29) by dinner time. You will likely need to fly through either Manaus or Sao Paulo.

Departure: Manaus (MAO), Day 17 (Jun 26 or Jul 14) anytime.

Please wait to purchase airline tickets until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate. At that time, we'll be glad to assist with your flight arrangements at no service fee.

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.

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.

TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS: **The tour fee is \$10,275 for one person in double occupancy from Porto Velho.** It includes all lodging from Day 2 through Day 16, all meals from dinner on Day 2 through dinner on Day 16, all ground transportation, flights within Brazil, 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 Porto Velho and from Manaus, airport taxes (these are now usually included on tickets issued in the US), any checked or carry-on baggage charges imposed by the airlines, any alcoholic beverages, optional tips to local drivers, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

The single supplement is \$600 for those requesting a single room. Please note that single rooms are not available at Pousada PiraAçu, and may be limited to just a couple, or may be unavailable at Pousada Amazon Roosevelt. Singles will be available at all other lodgings on the tour. 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, please contact us at fieldguides.com/contact-us/. Our office will be in touch with you by email by the next business day (Mon-Fri) with instructions on how to complete our electronic registration form and medical questionnaire. (We are no longer accepting the paper version.)

Please send your deposit of \$1000 per person, or see <https://fieldguides.com/payment-options/> for our Payment Options. **Full payment of the tour fee is due 180 days prior to departure, or by December 30, 2026.** We will bill you for the final payment at either 180 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refund of deposit and full payment, less \$100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 180 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 179 and 90 days before the departure date, 50% of the full tour fee is non-refundable, which would include the full deposit if the final payment has not yet been paid. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable and non-transferable.

Our cancellation policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour (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 that 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 airline's restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. In most such cases, full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. Note this exception, however: If you have been advised pre-tour that there is a non-refundable portion of your tour fee no matter the reason for Field Guides cancellation of the tour, that portion will not be refunded. The right is reserved to substitute in case of emergency another guide for the original one.

TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE: We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to protect your investment in case of injury or illness to you or an immediate family member before or during a trip. Because we must remit early and substantial deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer refunds for cancellations outside of our Cancellation Policy. If a participant is unable to join or continue a tour due to illness, all related expenses will be their responsibility, and no refunds can be issued for missed days. Please wait to purchase insurance until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate, as most policies are non-refundable.

For full details, visit our Trip Cancellation Insurance page at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/>.

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 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. You acknowledge and agree that Field Guides Incorporated is not responsible 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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