

ITINERARY
Brazil Roraima Adventure
Birding the Sky Islands of the Amazon
March 31 – April 11, 2021



Virua National Park is perhaps the best place in the world to see Crestless Curassow. On our 2019 tour, this one crossed the road right in front of our van and allowed us to watch it for several minutes. Photo by guide Micah Riegner.

We include here information for those interested in the 2021 Brazil Roraima Adventure: Birding the Sky Islands of the Amazon 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:

- 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

This adventure brings us to Roraima, the northernmost state in Brazil, nestled between Venezuela, Guyana, and the state of Amazonas. From majestic Amazonian lowlands to cloudforest-cloaked *tepui*s, and from palm-ribboned savannas to vast white-sand forests, the state boasts a fabulous diversity of habitats that ultimately translates into a staggering number of birds—goodies such as Hoary-throated Spinetail, Rio Branco Antbird, Crestless Curassow, Capuchinbird, and Amazonian Umbrellabird. Roraima is also great for raptors. We'll check up on a Harpy Eagle nest near Boa Vista and keep our eyes peeled for other rarities like Orange-breasted Falcon. For those who like mammals, we'll have a great shot at Giant Anteater, Neotropic Otter, Crab-eating Fox, Amazon River Dolphin, and numerous range-restricted primates.

We begin in Boa Vista, capital of Roraima and home to Yellow Oriole, Bicolored Wren, and White-bellied Piculet. From there we bird our way north to Serra do Tepequem, a mountaintop supporting an unusual mix of Tepui and Amazonian avifauna. It's the best place in Brazil to see Tepui Swift, Green-bellied Hummingbird, White-chested Emerald, Sooty-capped Hermit, and Finsch's Euphonia at their southern outpost, not to mention the tough-to-see Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet and abundant Red-shouldered Macaw. The views from Tepequem are spectacular: picture endless miles of forested mountains as far as the eye can see. From Tepequem we'll drive south to Virua National Park, crossing expansive stretches of grassland home to the bizarre Sharp-tailed Ibis and the diminutive Bearded Tachuri.

Virua contains a complex assortment of habitats from white-sand *campinas* to tall, hardwood forests. We'll bird the Estrada Perdida (the "Lost Highway") an abandoned roadway through some gorgeous white-sand communities where we'll look for Crestless Curassow (often on the road), Crested Bobwhite, White-naped Seedeater, Pale-bellied Mourner, Large-billed Seed Finch, and the rare and local Yapacana Antbird. Gray-legged Tinamou also occurs here although it is much more easily heard than seen. The forest trails at Virua are productive, too. Here we may run into Black Curassow, Gray-winged Trumpeter, Black-headed Parrot, Cayenne Jay, and the exquisite Ferruginous-backed Antbird. Nightbirding in Virua is always exciting. At dusk, Least and Band-tailed nighthawks take flight over the campinas, accompanied by White-tailed Nightjars doing their explosive wing-popping display—you have to see it to believe it. And along the forest trails we'll try our luck at Black-banded Owl, Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, and other nocturnal critters.

To wrap up the tour we'll board a live-aboard river boat and explore (truly explore!) the mighty Rio Branco, the most important biogeographic barrier in this part of Brazil and home to Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant, Amazonian Umbrellabird, and Orinoco Goose. We'll canoe through remote side-channels where few birders go, so who knows what else we'll find! And with an assortment of freshly caught fish, sizzling *churrasco* (Brazilian barbeque), traditional manioc dishes, and refreshing tropical fruits, we can assure that you won't go hungry.

This is a lovely and little-visited corner of Brazil—we look forward to sharing it with you!

Harpy Eagle Nest! On our last tour in Oct. 2019, we stopped to see a mother Harpy incubating on a nest outside of Boa Vista. If she's nesting again this year, then we'll certainly plan to stop and visit the nest. There's a Capuchinbird lek nearby, so we'll certainly visit that too.



Fresh fish and delicious breakfasts will be the norm on this tour. Photo by local guide Paulo Gois.

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:** There will be a moderate amount of walking (1-3 miles per day) along roads and trails, some of which are steep, uneven, and muddy, with obstacles such as tree roots, buttresses, and fallen branches. Roraima is one of the more mountainous regions in Brazil, so be prepared for some ups and downs. Walking sticks can be useful.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** There will be several long travel days (4+ hours in vehicles), and road conditions vary from excellent to very bumpy. We have scheduled a night on a live-aboard river boat on the Rio Branco—a rare opportunity to explore this poorly known river system. In order to reach the cabins, which have bunk beds and shared bathrooms, one must be able to ascend a narrow ladder with handrails to get to the upper deck.
- **PACE:** After breakfast (usually at 5:00 a.m.), we bird until lunch time. Normally, weather permitting, we bird again in the afternoon following a siesta. On several evenings, we'll also try for nocturnal birds, perhaps staying out until about 10:00 p.m. (optional).
- **WEATHER:** Temperatures will range from the 60s F at night to the 90s during the day. Rain showers are possible at any time of year, so you must always have rain gear when we go out in the field.
- **ELEVATION:** The highest elevation we'll reach is 1000 meters (3300 feet) at Serra do Tepequem.
- **BATHROOM BREAKS:** Participants should be prepared to make comfort stops in nature as there are no other options when away from our lodging.
- **OPTING OUT:** Participants may easily opt to sit out a day or sometimes a half-day except on travel days.

If you are uncertain about 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 for the tour.

About the Birding Areas



Boa Vista, the capital of Roraima, is quite birdy as far as cities go. We'll bird the outskirts of the city in some gallery woodland the first day of the tour where we'll look for Rio Branco Antbird, Pale-tipped Tyrannulet, and Yellow Oriole. Speaking of yellow, there's an established population of Sun Parakeets that have made Boa Vista their home. We may see them as we drive to and from our birding spots. The BR-174 is the main road leading north out of Boa Vista. It goes through some fabulous grasslands where we might encounter Bearded Tachuri and Crested Doradito, two scarce inhabitants of Northern South America.

Serra do Tepequem is one of the southernmost tepuis (flat-topped mountains, remnants of a widespread sandstone uplift) jutting majestically out of the savannas of northern Roraima. Located only 225 km north of Boa Vista, it is one of the most convenient access points for some of the tepui avifauna. Its highest point is 1100 meters, and its foothills are cloaked in

submontane forests with goodies such as Tepui Swift, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Finsch's Euphonia, Green-bellied Hummingbird, White-chested Emerald, and Tufted Coquette. And the views from atop the plateau are just spectacular!

The **Rio Branco** is a fascinating river biogeographically. It is the only “whitewater” river that does not originate in the Andes, and it harbors disjunct populations of several whitewater birds such as Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant and White-bellied Spinetail that are mostly associated with the main channel of the Amazon. It is also home to the Rio Branco Antbird and White-bellied Piculet. The Branco is also an incredibly important barrier separating sister-species of *terra firme* (never-flooded forest) birds, such as Dwarf and Tiny tyrant-manakins, Guianan and Tawny-tufted toucanets, and Black-spotted and Gilded barbets. We’ll have a live-aboard boat to explore some of the islands and side channels of this poorly known river system.

The **Rio Uraricoera** is a tributary of the Branco. It’s a great place to see the Hoary-throated Spinetail, Slate-headed Tody-tyrant, and other riverine species. We’ll stop here on our way up to Tepequem.

Virua National Park is a 227,000-hectare reserve encompassing a massive swath of southern Roraima. The park is a heterogeneous mixture of *campina* (open shrubby vegetation on nutrient-poor white sand), *campinarana* (stunted forests on white sand that usually ring campinas), tall terra firme forest, and seasonally flooded varzea in the floodplain of the Rio Branco. There are several good trails at the park headquarters and some roadways that we will bird over the course of our stay. The “Estrada Perdida” (“Lost Road”) was the original path of the BR-174 that was constructed to connect Boa Vista to Manaus. After 50 km of the road were constructed, the project was abandoned because equipment was lost in impenetrable campinas! How nice is that?! The elevated causeway is now a fabulous, elevated birding road that runs through campina and campinarana vegetation types. Birds like Crestless Curassow, Yapacana Antbird, Cayenne Jay, White-naped Seedeater, and Large-billed Seed Finch can be seen along the road. Gray-legged Tinamou is found here too, but it is certainly more easily heard than seen. The park also contains a grid system of forest trails, where it’s possible to see Gray-winged Trumpeter, Black Curassow, Black-headed Parrot, and primates large and small.

Outside the park near the town of **Caracarai** there are numerous good birding trails in both white-sand campinas and tall terra firme forest where we’ll look for Pale-bellied Mourner, Cherrie’s Antwren, and Swainson’s Flycatcher.



*Red-shouldered Macaws are easy to see at Serra do Tepequem when they come down to feed on fruits.
Photo by guide Micah Riegner*

Itinerary for Brazil Roraima Adventure

Day 1, Wed, 31 Mar. Arrival in Manaus, Brazil. Generally the most convenient flights from the US (and most other places) to Manaus are on American Airlines from Miami. Whenever you plan to arrive in Manaus (if we don’t book your flights, be sure to let us know), our driver will meet you outside customs and take you to the hotel. Night in Manaus.

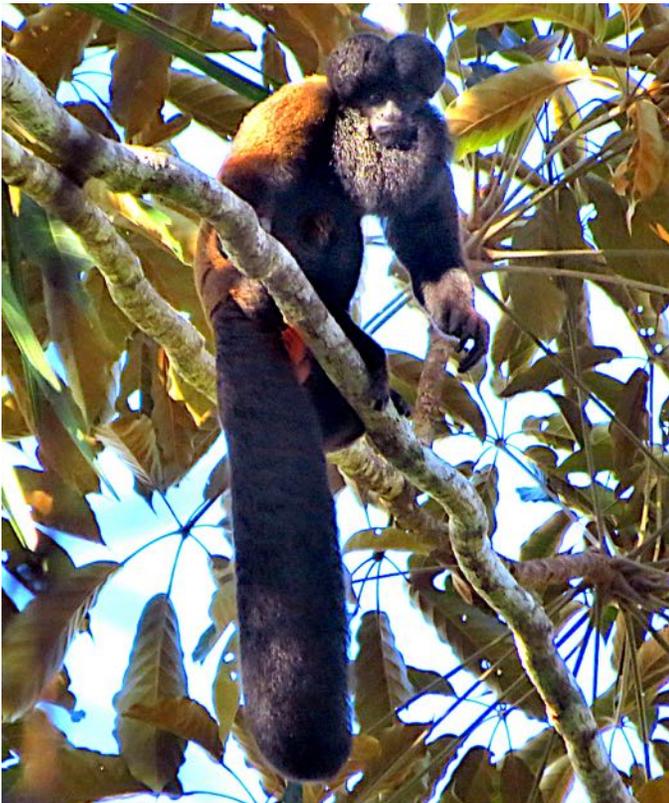
Day 2, Thu, 1 Apr. Fly from Manaus to Boa Vista. We'll take the 1:55 p.m. flight from Manaus (Azul Airlines), arriving in Boa Vista at 3:15 p.m. (flight schedule subject to change). We'll drop our luggage at our hotel, then let the birding begin! We'll bird the outskirts of Boa Vista and have our first shots at seeing Bicolored Wren, Yellow Oriole, Pale-legged Hornero, and Pale-tipped Tyrannulet. Night in Boa Vista.

Day 3, Fri, 2 Apr. Boa Vista to Serra do Tepequem. We'll get up early and drive north to Serra do Tepequem on the BR-174, a drive that takes 3 hours non-stop, but we'll take our time to bird some savannas and wetlands along the way. We'll pull over to bird the open grasslands in search of Bearded Tachuri, and gallery forests along the Rio Uraricoeira where we'll search for the Hoary-throated Spinetail. Lunch will be at a Brazilian "por kilo" restaurant on the way to Tepequem. We'll arrive at our lodging in time for some late-afternoon birding and maybe some owling after dinner. Night near Serra do Tepequem.

Day 4, Sat, 3 Apr. Birding around Tepequem. We'll spend the day birding trails around Serra do Tepequem, visiting some fabulous viewpoints where we can see Tepui Swifts circling overhead and several kinds of macaws flying below. We will be on the lookout for Finsch's Euphonia, Green-bellied Hummingbird, White-chested Emerald, and Orange-breasted Falcons. Night near Serra do Tepequem.

Day 5, Sun, 4 Apr. Tepequem to Boa Vista. We'll bird around Tepequem in the morning, then make our way down to Boa Vista, stopping for Sharp-tailed Ibis and Giant Anteaters along the way. Night in Boa Vista.

Day 6, Mon, 5 Apr. Boa Vista Harpy Nest to Caracarai. We'll have an early breakfast and head out to check on a Harpy Eagle nest outside of Boa Vista if it is active. If all goes well (fingers crossed!), there will be a well-grown chick in or near the nest by the end of April. Micah will be getting updates from the local guide in Boa Vista to ensure the birds will be around. We'll also visit a site for Capuchinbird, which we saw well on the 2019 tour. After that, we'll have lunch in Boa Vista and then continue Caracarai in the late afternoon. We'll check into our hotel in Caracarai, and drive some of the roads outside of town at dusk in hopes of seeing Least Nighthawk flying through campinas. Night in Caracarai.



*Guianan Bearded Sakis are fairly common at Virua National Park.
Photo by guide Micah Riegner*

Day 7, Tue, 6 Apr. Virua National Park: "Estrada Perdida." We'll spend the day birding along the "Estrada Perdida," which goes through some nice, stunted white-sand forest, in search of the little-known Yapacana Antbird (might be the only chance to see this bird on any Field Guides tour!), Black Manakin, White-naped Seedeater, and other white-sand forest birds. Night in Caracarai.

Day 8, Wed, 7 Apr. Boat trip on the Rio Branco! We will bird around Caracarai in the early morning before boarding the *Dom Alfredon*, our live-aboard boat (similar to those used on our Manaus tour) to head downstream on the Rio Branco, stopping to bird river islands along the way. There are a number of "white water" birds we'll look for including Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant, White-bellied Spinetail, and White-bellied Piculet. We will spend the afternoon/evening birding some remote side channels via canoe. Depending on weather, we may do some night birding in search of potoos, owls, and other night things. Night on the boat.

Important Note on Boat Trip: We will be spending a night on the *Dom Alfredon*, a classic Brazilian river boat on the Rio Branco. In order to reach the cabins, which have bunk beds and shared bathrooms, one must ascend a narrow ladder to reach the upper deck.

Day 9, Thu, 8 Apr. Boat trip on the Rio Branco. We'll have the full day to explore (truly explore!) the Rio Branco and its tributaries before heading back to Caracarai. Night in Caracarai.

Day 10, Fri, 9 Apr. Virua: terra firme trails. We'll bird the trails around the park headquarters in tall, terra firme forest where we could stumble upon any number of good birds such as Black Curassow, Gray-winged Trumpeter, and Black-headed Parrot. In the evening we may return to the park for some night birding. The Estrada Perdida is particularly good for nightjars--Least Nighthawk, Band-tailed Nighthawk, and White-tailed Nightjars are the most common species. Night in Caracarai.

Day 11, Sat, 10 Apr. Caracarai to Boa Vista to Manaus. We'll have one more morning of birding around Caracarai before we drive back to Boa Vista for the afternoon flight back to Manaus, and, after dinner, the evening flight to Miami. We will have a day room in Manaus for folks to shower and repack for the flight home.

Day 12, Sun, 11 Apr. Arrival in Miami.

About Your Guides

Micah Riegner grew up exploring the Central Arizona Highlands and was fortunate to have parents who took him along on college field courses ranging from the coast of Mexico to the mountains of Costa Rica, where encounters with tinamous, barbets, and jacamars launched him into the birding world at a young age. During his time at Prescott College, he made annual pilgrimages to Amazonia, where he worked as a guide and participated in expeditions, mostly in Brazil. For his master's he studied the foraging ecology of Amazonian woodcreepers. When he's not in the field, he tries to make time to paint birds and other creatures that spark his interest.

*"Micah Riegner was a delightful addition to the tour with Bret Whitney and Tom Johnson, and he added tremendous value. He was attentive to everyone and performed as though he'd worked together with Bret and Tom for years.... terrific!"
D. R.; Great Rivers of the Amazon II*

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/our-staff/> for Micah's complete tour schedule; just click on his photo.

Financial Information

FEE: \$3950 from Manaus

DEPOSIT: \$400 per person

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: December 1, 2020

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$395 (*Depending on group composition, singles may not be available for our night on the boat, Day 8.*)

LIMIT: 8

Special Note: Tour fees may be subject to change due to the global economic effects of COVID-19.

We have published the itinerary and price for this tour with the understanding that during these uncertain times we are likely to encounter unforeseen changes. Travel and hospitality companies all over the world have been adversely affected by the pandemic, and there is no guarantee that all of the lodging and transportation we have booked for this tour will still be available at the time of departure. We hope to maintain our services as indicated in our itinerary as well as our published tour fee. However, if changes are required we will make every effort to maintain the quality of the itinerary as it is published with the most appropriate substitutions available. Should any necessary changes result in an increase in service rates to us, we reserve the right to pass on those increases in fees to the tour participant.

Other Things You Need to Know

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

DOCUMENTS: A current passport is necessary for US citizens to enter Brazil. We recommend that your passport be valid for at least 6 months beyond the dates of your visit, as regulations vary from country to country, and are subject to

change. 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.

VACCINATIONS: It is quite possible (albeit unlikely) to contract malaria in the area that this tour will visit. Please consult [https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2020/preparing-international-travelers/yellow-fever-vaccine-and-malaria-prophylaxis-information-by-country/brazil - seldyfm879](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2020/preparing-international-travelers/yellow-fever-vaccine-and-malaria-prophylaxis-information-by-country/brazil-seldyfm879) and other sources of information, and consult with your physician about the most appropriate prophylaxis for you, should you opt to take one. Likewise, Yellow Fever is widespread in many parts of Brazil, including the Amazon basin, and we recommend all travelers to Brazil be vaccinated against the disease. Please check <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/yellow-fever-brazil> 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: 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 \$3950 for one person in double occupancy from Manaus. It includes all lodging from Day 1 through Day 10, all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through dinner on Day 11, all ground transportation, entrance fees, tips for baggage handling and meal service, 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 Manaus, airport taxes, visa fees, 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** for the tour is \$395 (*singles may not be available for our night on the boat*). 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 \$400** 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 December 1, 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.

Field Guides reserves the right 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, you acknowledge and agree that we will not issue a 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 information from us 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. You may purchase your CSA policy on-line by visiting our website at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/> and clicking the link to CSA. The CSA webpage also includes a contact number.

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. 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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