

ITINERARY

**SUCCINCT SURINAME: COTINGAS & TRUMPETERS**

*January 18-29, 2020*



*The Gray-winged Trumpeter is found in mature lowland forests north of the Amazon from the Guianas to northern Peru, but the best place to see this species well might be Suriname. Photograph by guide Bret Whitney.*

*We include here information for those interested in the 2020 Field Guides Succinct Suriname 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 reading 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

**S**uriname lies in the heart of one of the greatest wilderness regions of tropical South America. Its sparse population (only about 750,000 people) is settled almost entirely near the coast, leaving the vast interior in a wild, unspoiled state. Formerly Dutch Guiana, Suriname has been a sovereign, democratic nation since 1975. It's a delight to travel in Suriname—things generally go at a relaxed, even-keeled pace. Field Guides has operated many tours to Suriname in the recent past, and we're delighted to be going back to Suriname with this revised, succinct itinerary visiting several bird-rich venues.

Isolated from both the Amazon basin to the south and the northern Andes to the west, Suriname maintains a flavor all its own, both in its natural history and in its people. Its population reflects a rich mixture of cultures and religions, from Javanese, East Indian, European, Chinese, African, and Amerindian to Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian. Add to this Suriname's Dutch heritage, and you have a country distinctly different from any other in South America. Infrastructure within the country continues to improve, and a growing number of good birding sites have become accessible.

The bird life here is also quite distinctive. Rufous Crab Hawk, Gray-winged Trumpeter (here, probably the easiest trumpeters anywhere in the world), Caica and Red-fan parrots, Green-throated Mango, Crimson Topaz, Guianan Toucanet, Blood-colored Woodpecker, Arrowhead (Guianan) Piculet, Black-throated and Band-tailed antshrikes, Dusky Purpletuff, Crimson Fruitcrow, Capuchinbird, White Bellbird, Guianan Red-Cotinga, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, White-fronted and Black manakins, White-throated Pewee, Pale-bellied Mourner, Glossy-backed Becard, Rose-breasted Chat, Blue-backed Tanager, Finsch's Euphonia, and Red-and-black Grosbeak are just a few of the many specialties birders come to Suriname hoping to see.

With vast areas away from the coast still untouched by humans, Suriname offers an outstanding lowland rainforest experience, and this will be the primary focus of our tour. Taking advantage of the country's extensive nature reserve system—particularly at Brownsberg Nature Park—we'll spend a considerable portion of our tour birding in the very heart of the forest. We'll have simple but adequate accommodations in the park and at a new lodge to the southwest of Brownsberg with some great birding trails literally at our doorstep. On daytrips out of the capital city of Paramaribo and nearby Zanderij, we'll also visit Suriname's grassy savannas, marshes, remnant coastal plain forest, and coastal mangrove swamps.

We can expect to tally about 375 species of birds on this tour, all of which are well illustrated in the new Suriname field guide (Brill). Many of the typical Neotropical bird families are well-represented, including the following cross section: 5 species of macaws, 25 hummingbirds, 6 jacamars, 8 puffbirds, 40 antbirds, 10 manakins, 11 cotingas, 70 flycatchers, and 30 species of raptors! Join us for this fabulous tropical birding experience to Suriname!



*The Rufous Crab Hawk is a coastal resident, found from Venezuela south to the coast of NE Brazil. As the name implies, it feeds almost entirely on crabs, which it hunts by diving from perches in mangroves and other swampy habitats. Photograph by guide Dave Stejskal.*

**About the Physical Requirements & Pace:** The pace on this tour will be rather typical of most of the Neotropical tours that we run, with early morning starts, breaks at midday, and birding again late in the afternoon. Some of our birding will be along little-used dirt roads in mostly flat terrain (hillier in the Brownsberg region, but nothing terribly difficult), but the majority of our time will be spent on trails through the forest. Almost all of these trails are wide and easy to follow, and they all traverse undulating terrain with a few narrow stream crossings, so there are short, steep sections on each that can be slippery underfoot. Climate is typically tropical with high heat and humidity in the lowlands. An occasional late-afternoon thunderstorm will cool the surroundings in time for dinner and a comfortable night's rest.

Participants on this tour must be able to walk well and for a few hours at a slow pace (we will likely never be walking briskly) under the warm, humid conditions of the rainforest interior. We'll be on our feet for most of the day on a couple of days, sometimes standing fairly still for many minutes at a time as we try to see some of the shy birds of the undergrowth, at ant swarms or as we pick out canopy flock species, so stamina and a good sense of balance are the main requirements for trail birding here.

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.

## About the Birding Areas

**Paramaribo area**—Several areas within a relatively short drive of the city offer some fine birding opportunities in habitats we will not find in the interior, including coastal mangroves, coastal swamp forest, and freshwater marshes. Coastal mangroves are home to the attractive Rufous Crab Hawk, while coastal swamp forest in the Meerzorg area is the haunt of Blood-colored Woodpecker, Arrowhead (Guianan) Piculet, Slender-billed Kite, Spotted Puffbird, Blackish Antbird (now split from Riparian Antbird), Crimson-hooded Manakin, Cinnamon Attila, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Wing-barred Seedeater,

and numerous others. Freshwater marsh species range from Ash-throated and Gray-breasted crakes to Long-winged Harrier and Black-collared Hawk.



**Zanderij and Colakreek** — The two white sand savanna habitats, characterized by scattered *Curatella* trees and *Clusia* bushes interspersed throughout coarse grassland in ‘low-bush’ savanna and denser, taller (though rather stunted compared to the tall forests of the interior) woodland patches (‘high-bush’ savanna) bordering the grassy savanna habitats, are often very rewarding. In these distinctive habitats near the International Airport in Zanderij, the avifauna includes the likes of Crested Bobwhite, Russet-crowned Crake, Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, Tufted Coquette, Bronzy Jacamar, Northern Slaty-Antshrike, Black-headed Antbird, White-fringed Antwren, Black Manakin, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Pale-bellied Mourner (rare), Olivaceous Shiffornis, Cayenne Jay, Finsch’s and Plumbeous euphonias, and Black-faced Tanager, among many others. Our basic, but comfortable lodging at Colakreek on Day 2 and on the final two days of the tour gives easy access to many of these savanna habitats.

**Brownsberg Nature Park**—This large park to the south of the capital city is certainly among the premier birding spots in South America. Brownsberg’s main topographic feature is the 1500-foot-high Mazaroni Plateau, the highest area we’ll visit during our tour. By walking trails and a couple of good dirt roads (which are virtually unused beyond the main compound), we’ll have a chance to explore much of the forest here. Some of it is tall and open, while other areas support lower trees with a tangled undergrowth of vines and shrubs. The higher elevation of this area supports a noticeably distinct avifauna. While some of the birds we’ll see at Brownsberg will be similar to those at Fredberg, others will be seen only here or will be difficult to find elsewhere. Specialties of the plateau and adjacent slopes include the following: Black Curassow, Foothill Screech-Owl, Wing-banded Antbird, Black-throated Antshrike, White-fronted and White-throated manakins (the former now split from Orange-bellied (Tepui) Manakin of eastern Venezuela and Guyana), White Bellbird, with its loud, sharp “kong-kay” calls, Glossy-backed Becard (seldom seen anywhere), Sharpbill, the rare White-throated Pewee (known from only a handful of locations but regular here), Red-and-black Grosbeak, and Blue-backed Tanager, one of the largest and showiest of its family in Suriname. The park also features some interesting mammals, especially monkeys. With luck, we may see one of Suriname’s most striking species, the Guianan (White-faced) Saki. Oh – and the strange Gray-winged Trumpeter is a reliable visitor to the main compound here!

All of the birding at Brownsberg will be on foot. Our accommodations will be simple, with shared bathrooms and no hot water. The main compound overlooks the Brokoondo Reservoir far below, created to power the Suralco aluminum plant at Paranam. The overlook is a good place to watch for passing raptors, especially the Ornate Hawk-Eagle which seems to frequent the lodge area.

**Fredberg** — This is a new lodge located in the expansive lowland rainforest to the southwest of Brownsberg. We were able to visit this exciting new site in 2018 for the first time and came away impressed with the extent of undisturbed lowland forest habitat and the fine variety of birds that it hosted, especially the variety of cotingas. Our local tour operator has raved about it as a new and important birding destination in the country and we couldn’t agree more! Many of the forest birds that we used to find only at Palumeu far to the south (like Crimson Fruitcrow) or at Raleigh Falls to the west (Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock) are found regularly here, and there’s no need for an internal flight to get here – it’s an easy drive from Brownsberg via good paved highway and a good dirt logging road. Our birding here will be along a good trail system and along the roadside of little-used dirt logging roads with very few steep or difficult sections. Lodging here is simple, but comfortable with two private cabins with three beds each and private toilets, and a larger dorm-style room that sleeps up to ten guests. Shower facilities are shared and are in a separate building and meals are prepared buffet-style in the main building.



*We'll see a variety of cotingas, including the wonderful Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock. Photograph by guide Dave Stejskal.*

## Itinerary for Succinct Suriname

**Day 1, Sat, 18 Jan. Departure from Miami.** Currently, Surinam Airway's direct flights from Miami departs in the late afternoon, arriving in Paramaribo (after a stop in Georgetown, Guyana) at around 11:15pm. After clearing immigration and customs, you'll transfer to our hotel in Paramaribo, about 45 minutes away. Night (well, what's left of it) in Paramaribo.

**Day 2, Sun, 19 Jan. Meerzorg area; afternoon near Weg-naar-Zee.** After sleeping in a bit after our late flight, and after breakfast this morning at our hotel, we'll drive across the bridge over the Suriname River to the community of Meerzorg. Just a few miles away we'll visit two main habitats: remnant plantation forest and seasonally flooded coastal forest. This coastal area used to be a maze of plantations and is still crisscrossed by numerous manmade canals and ditches. Much of it is now tall second-growth forest and is home to a number of special birds, foremost among them a duo of endemic Guianan woodpeckers: Arrowhead (Guianan) Piculet and Blood-colored Woodpecker. Trails may be muddy and overgrown today, so bring along appropriate footwear. After lunch and a short break, we'll have a late afternoon outing to an area northwest of Paramaribo. Here we'll look for birds of the coastal mangrove forest, such as Scarlet Ibis, Rufous Crab Hawk, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, Pale-tipped Tyrannulet, and Yellow-breasted Flycatcher. Several marsh species, such as Ash-throated and Gray-breasted crakes (almost never actually seen), Black-capped Donacobius, Masked Yellowthroat, and Yellow-hooded Blackbird are also possible. The timing of our visit to the coastal mangroves is dependent upon the local tides, so we may reverse the order that we bird these two sites today. After our birding in the coastal environs, we'll drive inland toward the International Airport and check into our bungalows at Colakreek. Night at Colakreek.

**Day 3, Mon, 20 Jan. Kraka-Zanderij road and Colakreek area; to Brownsberg Nature Park.** Our main destination this morning will be the extensive areas of 'low-bush' and 'high-bush' savannas and adjacent savanna border forest in the vicinity of the Zanderij International Airport, just minutes from our lodging at Colakreek. We'll leave after an early breakfast to reach our first stop near dawn, when bird activity is highest and temperatures in the open are still comfortable. The two main savanna habitats here are home to a specialized avifauna that favors the scattered clumps of small trees in the low-bush savanna and the more densely packed *Clusia* bushes and trees in the high-bush areas. Trails through the adjacent woodland will allow us to escape the midday sun and to look for flocks. *Mauritia* palm groves in the area attract such species as Red-bellied and Red-shouldered macaws, Sulphury Flycatcher, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, and Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole. By mid-afternoon, and after lunch at our lodge, we'll continue southward to Brownsberg Nature Park. After settling into our rooms, we'll spend the remainder of the afternoon birding in the park near our accommodations. Night at Brownsberg.



*The Red-shouldered Macaw is the smallest of the macaws that we might see; it is found in savanna habitats, and nests in palm groves. We'll watch for them near Brownsberg. Photograph by guide Micah Riegner.*

**Days 4-6, Tue-Thu, 21-23 Jan. Brownsberg Nature Park.** We'll have three full days to explore the park and nearby areas. Most of our birding will be along forest trails or the park roads on foot. On one or more nights, we'll want to do some owling near our cabins. All of our meals will be at a new restaurant near our accommodations during our stay. One of our big targets for this tour, the Gray-winged Trumpeter, is a regular visitor to the edge of the main clearing here at the reserve and will be a major focus while we're here – until we see it, of course, which might be on that first afternoon that we arrive! After the trumpeter is in the bag, we'll have the balance of our time here to explore the few roads and trails emanating from the main compound in search of a number of seldom-seen prizes. Nights at Brownsberg.

**Day 7, Fri, 24 Jan. To Fredberg Lodge.** Following a morning of birding along the Brownsberg entrance road and lunch at our usual restaurant, we'll drive to Fredberg Lodge to the southwest of Brownsberg. After arriving at the lodge and getting settled into our accommodations, we'll make our first venture into the nearby forest with our local guides. Night at Fredberg Lodge.

**Days 8-9, Sat-Sun, 25-26 Jan. Fredberg Lodge.** We have two full days to bird the various trails of this remote area. Breakfast will be early at the lodge, and we'll then hit the nearby trails in search of the many fabulous forest birds that this area has recently produced. The list for this site is just getting started, but it already exceeds 300 species! Just about every scarce and special bird of the Guianan Shield lowlands has either already been recorded here, or is a real possibility. It should be fun adding to the accruing knowledge of this area and getting to know its diverse avifauna! Nights at Fredberg Lodge.

**Day 10, Mon, 27 Jan. Morning birding at Fredberg; afternoon drive to Colakreek.** We have one more morning to bird the nearby trails before our post-lunch drive back to Colakreek. After a short break, we'll offer the option to head back out into the field to track down any target birds in the Colakreek/Zanderij area that we may not have seen or seen as well as we'd like. This is also a nice afternoon to just take some time off at the bungalows. Night in Colakreek.

**Day 11, Tue, 28 Jan. Colakreek and savanna habitats.** We'll have a full day to explore the grounds and nearby areas. Most of our birding will be along forest trails or the nearby savanna roads on foot. On one night here, we'll want to do some owling near our cabins. All of our meals will be at our lodge or at a nearby restaurant. Night at Colakreek.

**Day 12, Wed, 29 Jan. Departure for Miami.** We will head to nearby Zanderij Airport early this morning for our return flight home. Have a safe journey!

## About Your Guides

**Dave Stejskal's** love of birds and birding began at the age of nine near his childhood home in Phoenix. After teenage years consumed by birding and basketball, he went on to graduate with a degree in biology from the University of Arizona in Tucson, the desert city he and his wife, Julie Hecimovich, call home. Dave was co-editor for the Southwest Region report in *American Birds/Audubon Field Notes* for nearly 12 years, has served for many years on the Arizona Bird Records Committee, and has a solid reputation as one of the outstanding field birders in the Southwest and elsewhere. Dave is particularly skilled at identifying birds by their songs and calls and is eager to share his knowledge with others. Since guiding his first professional birding tour with Field Guides in 1985, his more than 400 tours have taken him north to arctic Alaska, south to Tierra del Fuego (guiding tours in nearly every country in between), to Madagascar, and across the Pacific to Southeast Asia and New Guinea, and his enthusiasm for finding and watching birds has proven to be contagious. Dave has led many of Field Guides' previous Suriname tours.

*"Dave was unflappable in the face of the inevitable logistical problems, and his knowledge of bird calls and behavior is astounding." M.B., Northwestern Argentina*

**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 started him birding at a young age. After graduating from high school, he made annual pilgrimages to Amazonia where he worked as a bird guide and participated in expeditions, mostly in Brazil, and he served as a field assistant following mixed-species flocks in Peru. He studied ecology and scientific illustration (some of his bird art has been published in ornithological journals, and he regularly sketches birds in the field) at Prescott College and is currently working toward a master's degree on the foraging ecology of Amazonian woodcreepers.

*"Micah finds birds so fast and is patient, thoughtful and personable. Great guide!" R.F. Roraima Adventure.*

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

Dave and Micah will be accompanied throughout the tour by our local guide and tour operator, Sean Dilrosun.

## Financial Information

**FEE:** \$4125 from Paramaribo

**DEPOSIT:** \$415 per person

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE:** September 20, 2019

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional):** \$275 (Paramaribo only)

**LIMIT:** 8

## Other Things You Need to Know

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

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** While our hotel in Paramaribo is a comfortable and modern one, accommodations at Fredberg and Brownsberg will be much simpler. Brownsberg is managed by STINASU, Suriname's Foundation for Nature Preservation, and the facilities for visitors generally comprise simple, shared rooms with bunk beds and shared bathing facilities with cold water showers. At Fredberg Lodge, shower facilities are shared, but the two available private cabins with three beds in each have private toilet facilities. The shared sleeping dorm (where most of us will be sleeping) above the dining room shares multiple toilet facilities in the same area as the shared showers a very short walk away. All beds at Fredberg have mosquito netting, though mosquitoes here are quite scarce. The rooms at Colakreek are simple but are air-conditioned and completely screened, and each of the five duplex cabins share toilet/shower facilities (i.e. – two rooms sharing a toilet/shower in each duplex bungalow).

**DOCUMENTS:** A current **passport valid for six months beyond the dates of travel and a visa** are necessary for US citizens to enter Suriname. If you are not a US citizen, please check with the Suriname 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:** 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.**

**TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS:** The **tour fee** is \$4125 for one person in double occupancy from Paramaribo. It includes all lodging from Day 1 through Day 11, 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.

The above fee does not include your airfare to and from Suriname, visa fees, any alcoholic beverages, optional tips to local drivers, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature. 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 **single supplement** for the tour is \$275 (Paramaribo only). 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 \$415** 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 September 20, 2019. 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 another guide for the original one. Where this is necessary, notification will be given to tour members, and they will have the right to cancel their participation and receive a full refund.

**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. **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 with InsureMyTrip ([www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com)) in the past, and would suggest that company as an alternative. Please let us know if you have any questions about this. If you purchase the insurance within 24 hours of making final payment for the tour, and cover all non-refundable parts of the trip (including any non-refundable flights), 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/travelinsurance.html> and clicking the link to CSA. 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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