

ITINERARY

Brazil: Atlantic Forest Getaway

October 22-November 1, 2026



*The Brassy-breasted Tanager is one of many brilliant tanagers we'll see.
Photograph by participant François Grenon.*

We include here information for those interested in the 2026 Field Guides Brazil: Atlantic Forest Getaway 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

These additional materials will be made available to those who register for the tour:

- 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 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

Less than three hours from Rio de Janeiro, in that exciting zone of endemism known as the Atlantic Forest, lies the 113,000-acre Tres Picos State Park. Situated within this enormous park—itself less than an hour from “The Finger of God,” jutting skyward out of Serra dos Orgaos National Park—is a lovely lodge located at about 3000 feet, an ideal location to immerse ourselves in the fantastic avifauna of southeastern Brazil. Some 150 species to date have been recorded *on the grounds* of this lodge, many of them Atlantic Forest endemics! The montane vistas, the fruiting and flowering vegetation—especially orchids and bromeliads, are inescapably appealing, such that taking the liberty of an afternoon nap or a swim in the natural pool requires little resolve.

Nestled in between steep forested mountains, Mariza lodge will be our base from which we'll bird for more than a week, exploring a range of elevations (from below 200 feet up to 7000 feet) and habitats (from lowland forest to native

bamboo, from high-altitude grassland to foothill forest, from wetland to open country). This translates into the possibility for a number of exciting endemics, from Saw-billed Hermit and Black-billed Scythebill to Large-tailed Antshrike and Ochre-rumped Antbird, from Black-and-gold Cotinga and *even* Gray-winged Cotinga, to Itatiaia Spinetail, Brazilian Laniisoma, and Long-trained Nightjar. If we miss some of these, there will be others like bellbirds and berryeaters, antshrikes and antvireos, tanagers and toucans, puffbirds and plovercrests aplenty to pleasantly appease us—and tongue-tie us, you bet!

One look at the checklist will convince you that, although we won't see it all, we will not have gone south with the spring—for a short time—in vain. During our week of birding the vicinity, expect about 100 endemics. As is apparent from our triplists over the past seven years, our short tour stresses quality (a robust 97-119 endemics) rather than quantity (a modest 250-300 total species). A couple of our afternoons will be spent birding the rich lodge grounds, the remainder will be spent off-grounds at a series of sites from 30 minutes to a bit more than an hour away. On several of the days, we'll return after lunch for some time off before birding trails on the grounds or photographing birds from the veranda; the other half will be full days of rich but relaxed birding, with delicious lunches in the comfortable temperate climate of this remarkably beautiful landscape. Staying at one location only embellishes the appeal of this short tour. For those who wish to enjoy Rio before the tour, our office will gladly help you arrange it.

We have been running this tour in the same area since 2005, but in 2020 we have decided to switch the tour to a different lodge, as this will put us closer to our birding sites and offer us more flexibility. The tour remains essentially the same, but we have changed the name of the tour to avoid any confusion with the previous lodge. This change will not have any impact on our birding as we will be birding the same sites and in fact will result in a more comfortable tour at a lower cost. This tour is designed to target specialties of southeastern Brazil, and we plan to orchestrate our activities to maximize our chances of finding and seeing these species. This does *not* mean that there is no time for the more common and widespread species; indeed, even in southeastern Brazil, one still sees more widespread species than endemics.



*The Brazilian Laniisoma is endemic to the Atlantic Forest region. This species was formerly thought to be a cotinga, but has been recognized as a tyritid. It is rather uncommon, but we've been able to see it on our tour.
Photograph by guide Marcelo Padua.*

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:** Good amounts of walking (2-4 miles per day) along trails, most of which will be on even ground, but some of which involve varying degrees steepness, with the hike on Pico da Caledonia being the most steep.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** Hiking at altitude may be difficult for some; it is possible to stay back at the lodge on the day we go to the higher elevations. We may spend time standing and waiting for birds to appear.
- **PACE:** After breakfast (usually at 6:00-6:30 a.m.), we bird until lunch time and we'll return to the lodge after lunch on most days. Normally, weather permitting, we bird again after lunch. On some days, we'll have a short siesta after lunch. On at least one evening, we'll do some owling on our hotel grounds.
- **WEATHER:** Temperatures will range from the 60s at night to the 90s F during the day. Rain showers are likely, but weather is highly variable.
- **ELEVATION:** Sea level to 7000 feet; the lodge is located at 3000 feet.
- **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.



About the Birding Area

Rio de Janeiro—Although it is one of the smallest states in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro boasts one of the richest avifaunas. During our stay here we will be birding a diverse array of habitats in Rio, ranging from Atlantic Forest to remnant semi-arid woodland to grassland near 7000 feet on Pico da Caledonia.

And there is no better place in Brazil to enjoy a few days of birding than the beautiful Serra dos Orgaos, home to most of the species of birds endemic to montane southeastern Brazil. We'll have a full week to bird this beautiful area with all the pleasures inherent in one-site lodging! This is especially important for those who can't take the long vacation required for our two-part SPECTACULAR SOUTHEAST BRAZIL tour. The climate in these parts is generally just about perfect, but as with all the coastal mountains of the Atlantic Forest, Tres Picos State Park can be quite wet even during this relatively dry season.

Seven-and-a-half days of birding out of the lodge will permit us to become familiar with most of the common birds of southeastern Brazil, and we'll see many of the rarities and montane specialties this area has to offer.



The Black-billed Scythebill is an unmistakable woodcreeper found in the humid Atlantic forest. There are several sites where we have a chance to see this unique bird. Photograph by guide Marcelo Padua.

Itinerary for Brazil: Atlantic Forest Getaway

Day 1, Thu, 22 Oct. Flight to Rio. Flights depart this evening (usually from Houston, Miami, or Atlanta), overnight to Rio de Janeiro.

Day 2, Fri, 23 Oct. Rio to Nova Friburgo. Please arrange your flight to arrive into Rio de Janeiro no later than 9:30 a.m. Participants will clear customs in Rio de Janeiro early this morning, then be met by Marcelo and our transportation for a drive of about two-and-a-half hours to Nova Friburgo, then only 12 minutes on to the lodge. After we've settled into our rooms and had lunch, we'll take some time off to recover from our all-night flights and enjoy birding the grounds.

The grounds and the trails around the lodge provide excellent birding opportunities. We'll want to spend at least one morning on the trails, but most of our birding on the grounds will be done coming and going and in the afternoons, since we will want to spend other mornings further afield. Among the birds we expect to see during our time off, perhaps right around our rooms or during afternoon hikes up the trails include Plain and Maroon-bellied parakeets, White-throated Hummingbird, Brazilian Ruby, Surucua Trogon, White-browed, Buff-fronted, and White-collared foliage-gleaners, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Bare-throated Bellbird, Mantled Hawk, Half-collared Sparrow and White-shouldered Fire-eye to name a few. *The first of eight nights at our lodge!*

Days 3-9, Sat-Fri. 24-30 Oct. Although our daily schedule will depend on weather conditions and other local factors, we are planning to bird the following areas, if not necessarily in the order discussed below. Fortunately, many of the birds mentioned can be seen in several areas we'll bird; consequently some species, especially the endemics, are sometimes repeated for different excursions. The birds mentioned here should give you a good idea of what we may see in a given area and help you prepare the previous evening, once the plans for the following day are announced.

Theodoro Trail—The head of the Theodoro Trail is a short drive from the lodge. Commencing at 3600 feet, the entire length of this gradually descending track used to be part of the old Cachoeiras-Nova Friburgo road and remains surfaced with asphalt. Running through secondary and primary forest, this trail holds the following possibilities: Mantled Hawk, Scale-throated Hermit, White-throated Hummingbird, Brazilian Ruby, Black-throated and Surucua trogons, Spot-billed Toucanet, White-browed Woodpecker, Rufous-capped Spinetail, White-browed and Black-capped foliage-gleaners, Scaled Woodcreeper, Variable Antshrike, Ferruginous Antbird, Brazilian and Short-tailed anthrushes, Variegated Antpitta, Bare-throated Bellbird, Brazilian Laniisoma (*L. e. elegans*), Pin-tailed Manakin, Greenish Schiffornis, and Brassy-breasted Tanager. We'll be back to the lodge after lunch.

Cedae Trail—The beginning of the Cedae track is a 40-minute drive onto the other side of the pass from our lodge. Here we hope to see, among others: Mantled Hawk, Black-throated and Surucua trogons, Rufous-capped Motmot, Buff-bellied and Crescent-chested puffbirds, Spot-billed Toucanet, Channel-billed Toucan, White-barred Piculet, Yellow-eared and White-browed woodpeckers, Rufous-capped Spinetail, White-browed, Black-capped, Ochre-breasted, and White-eyed foliage-gleaners, Pale-browed Treehunter, Lesser and Planalto woodcreepers, Spot-backed Antshrike, Spot-breasted and Plain antvireos, Streak-capped Antwren, White-shouldered Fire-eye, Black-cheeked Gnateater, Gray-hooded Flycatcher, Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Eared Pygmy-Tyrant, Rufous-headed, Yellow-backed, Olive-green, Flame-crested, Ruby-crowned, Black-goggled, Green-headed, Red-necked, and Brassy-breasted tanagers, and Black-throated Grosbeak. This is a good track for White-tufted-ear Marmoset. We'll be back to the lodge after lunch.



*The beautiful Surucua Trogon is a near-endemic that we'll watch for along the Cedae track.
Photograph by guide Marcelo Padua.*

Sumidouro and Duas Barras—This excursion requires a full day, since our main objective, the very local and endemic Three-toed Jacamar, is to be found a good distance away. However, in order to get to the site and back, we'll bird several habitats that will be new—and very productive—for us. Species to be watched for include Whistling and Capped herons, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Savanna and White-tailed hawks, Laughing and Aplomado falcons, Red-legged Seriema, Blue-winged Macaw, White-eyed Parakeet, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Planalto Hermit, Glittering-bellied and Sapphire-spangled emeralds, Amethyst Woodstar, White-eared Puffbird, Black-necked Aracari, White Woodpecker, Tail-banded Hornero, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Scaled and Narrow-billed woodcreepers, Tufted Antshrike, Serra Antwren (*F. serrana interposita*), Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Gray and White-rumped Monjita, the marvelous Streamer-tailed, Yellow-browed, and Long-tailed tyrants, Green-backed Becard, White-rumped and Tawny-headed swallows, Black-capped Donacobius, Long-billed Wren, Curl-crested Jay, Magpie, Orange-headed, Hooded, and Gilt-edged tanagers. With some luck, we may see Crowned Eagle.

Pico da Caledonia Road—This will be a full day. Our targets will be the endemics that exist above a mile high! We'll head off from Nova Friburgo for a 30-minute drive before our first stop. In another half-hour we'll be in position to drive as high as possible towards 7000 feet in elevation.

On the slope of Pico da Caledonia, in the small stunted trees surrounded by bamboo and other low vegetation, we should see Plovercrest, White-throated Hummingbird, Large-tailed and Rufous-capped antshrikes, Rufous-tailed Antbird, Rufous-backed Antvireo, Rufous-capped and Pallid spinetails, Serra do Mar Tapaculo, Serra do Mar Tyrannulet, the magnificent Black-and-gold Cotinga, Shear-tailed Gray-Tyrant, Blue-billed and Velvety black-tyrants, Diademed Tanager, Bay-chested Warbling-Finch, and Green-winged and Thick-billed saltators. Our highest hopes for the day, however, will

be focused on the endemic Gray-winged Cotinga. This Vulnerable and elusive bird (there still exists only a single specimen), was first described to science in 1980, based on the female specimen collected but misidentified as a female Black-and-gold Cotinga in 1942. It lives only in the stunted forests below treeline in the *serras* surrounding dos Orgaos. It's one of the least known of all South American birds, and darned few people have ever laid eyes on it; indeed, many have failed in the attempt. Our chance of success is reasonably good (we had wonderful scope views in 2007 and 2008; in 2009 we had it within 20 feet; in 2011 we had a pair in chase; in 2012 and 2013 we had long, fantastic scope views of a close bird sitting up and singing; in 2014 we had it at about 20 feet eating fruit until we walked away!); and in 2015 we had great views of two males, one so close that it embarrassed the guides; again, a lot will depend on the weather. We'll make the trek rain or shine because in these coastal mountains a nasty start to the day is no reliable forecast of what may happen a few hours later (especially on the other side of the mountain or at a higher elevation). The grassland almost at the summit is home to the endemic, Asthenes-like Itatiaia Spinetail. After lunch, we will visit a nearby area at lower elevation where we can add additional species including Red-legged Seriema, Swallow-tailed Cotinga, and Highland Elaenia.



*The Swallow-tailed Cotinga is one of three cotinga species we'll watch for.
Photograph by participant Tristan Jobin.*

Sitio Virtuoso—This private property sits 20 minutes away from our lodge and features a variety of feeders giving us ample opportunities to observe in detail many species of hummingbirds, Tanagers and even the occasional Toucanet.). Depending on the weather, we may also opt to take a trail within the property for a long morning. Some of the birds we aim to see include Mantled Hawk, Spot-winged Wood-Quail, Plumbeous Pigeon, White-throated Hummingbird, Brazilian Ruby, Surucua and Atlantic Black-throated trogons, Saffron Toucanet, White-browed Woodpecker, Pallid Spinetail, Sharp-billed Treehunter, Scaled Woodcreeper, Black-billed Scythebill, Black-capped Foliage-gleaner, Giant and Tufted antshrikes, Bertoni's, Rufous-tailed, and Ochre-rumped antbirds, Rufous Gnateater, Sharpbill, Swallow-tailed and Pin-tailed manakins, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, Brown, Azure-shouldered, Fawn-breasted, and Brassy-breasted tanagers, and Green-winged Saltators.

Macaé de Cima—After a 20-minute drive from the lodge, we arrive at the beginning of the track towards Macaé de Cima. Birds we'll be on the lookout for include Barred Forest-Falcon, Plumbeous Pigeon, Scale-throated Hermit, Plovercrest, White-throated Hummingbird, Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Pallid Spinetail, Sharp-billed Treehunter, Buff-browed and White-collared foliage-gleaners, Black-billed Scythebill, Tufted and White-bearded antshrikes, Ochre-rumped Antbird, Rufous Gnateater, Bamboowren, Rufous-tailed Antthrush, Bare-throated Bellbird, Pin-tailed Manakin, Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin, Drab-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant, and Chestnut-headed Tanager. We will have lunch at a lodge where we will be able to enjoy some birds at the feeders before heading back to our own lodge.

Guapi Acu—On one morning we'll visit a local nature reserve—Reserva Ecologica de Guapi Acu. Established in 2002, this large wetland restoration project has been very successful in the number of species it has attracted over just a few years. REGUA also protects a large amount of forest within the local area and employs rangers to ensure that species on the reserve are safeguarded. Some of the species we may see at one of the two wetland areas on the reserve include Whistling, Capped, and Rufescent Tiger- herons, Brazilian Teal, Wing-banded Hornero, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Yellowish Pipit, and Chestnut-capped Blackbird.

However, we will spend little time in the open wetland area because surrounding the wetland are fragments of lowland Atlantic Forest, a habitat that has been almost wholly destroyed. We venture into this forest in hopes of finding species such as White-necked Hawk, Crescent-chested Puffbird, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, White-bibbed and Scaled antbirds, White-flanked (*Icthyophaga*), Unicolored, and Rufous-winged antwrens, some of which do not occur in montane Atlantic Forest. These birds will be our main targets for the day. Lunch plans to be announced.

Day 10, Sat, 31 Oct. Atlantic Forest; to Rio. We'll spend one last morning birding somewhere in the Atlantic Forest, perhaps the lodge grounds, exactly where to be determined with our previous week's birding in mind. After a final lunch and a chance to clean up and settle up, we'll head for the airport to check in for our international flights. Please make plans to depart no earlier than 7:00 p.m. from Rio de Janeiro.

Day 11, Sun, 1 Nov. Arrival home. International flights arrive in the US early this morning, allowing plenty of time for connecting flights home.

About Your Guide

Marcelo Padua was born in Belem at the mouth of the Amazon River. Growing up he spent his free time at his uncle's farm in an Amazon rainforest reserve observing everything from insects to mammals and birds. Marcelo began studying English at an early age and attended high school in Middletown, Pennsylvania in a student-exchange program. He is remarkably fluent and even taught English for a couple of years back home in Brazil. Following university in Rio de Janeiro, Marcelo transferred to law school in Cuiaba, but working as an English-speaking naturalist guide during school holidays soon made it clear to him that birding was much more than a hobby! With just a year to go for his bar exam, he turned his back on the law to hang out his shingle as a birding guide.

Marcelo met Bret Whitney in 2005 and embarked on a full-time guiding career with Field Guides in 2010. With his great sense of humor, impeccable organizational skills, and love of seeing birds, Marcelo has quickly become a reference for birding in Brazil, spending over 200 days each year in the field. A warning: Watch out if he sees displaying manakins of any kind! Marcelo makes his nest at the crossroads of the Pantanal and the Amazon in Cuiaba with his wife, Ana.

*"Marcelo Padua was the best feature of the tour. He is an expert at his profession, a diplomat, and his obvious enthusiasm for what he does is much appreciated. Marcelo is second to none and heads above most other guides with whom we have traveled."
J. & M.V., Jaguar Spotting*

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/our-staff/> for the guides' complete tour schedules; just click on a photo.

Financial Information

FEE: \$4150 from Rio de Janeiro
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$700
DEPOSIT: \$400 per person
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: April 25, 2026
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 call her!

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

Passport: A current **passport** valid six months beyond the date of your return is necessary for US citizens to enter Brazil. 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.

Visa: US citizens must obtain a **visa** to enter Brazil. As of April 10, 2025, Brazil is issuing eVisas for US citizens at the following link <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>. Our office will forward more detailed visa application instructions closer to the tour dates.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS:

Note: the tour begins and ends in Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro–Galeão International Airport (GIG).

Arrival: Rio de Janeiro (GIG) by Friday, October 23, by 9:30 AM. If you're traveling from the US, you will need to leave on Friday, October 22., in order to arrive in Rio by the morning of October 23.

Departure: Saturday, Rio de Janeiro, October 31, after 7:00 PM.

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 may charge additional fees for checked bags. Updates could easily occur before your departure, so you may wish to contact your airline to verify its policy. Additional charges for bags on any flights 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 \$4150 for one person in double occupancy from Rio de Janeiro.** It includes all lodging from Day 2 through Day 9, all meals from lunch on Day 2 through lunch on Day 10, all ground transportation, entrance fees, and the guide services of the tour leader(s). Tipping at group meals and for drivers, porters, and local guides is included in your tour fee and will be handled for the group by your Field Guides leader(s). However, if you would like to recognize your Field Guides leader(s) or any local guide(s) for exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip. We emphasize that such tips are optional and not expected.

The above fee does not include your airfare to and from Brazil, 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 \$700 for those requesting a single room.** 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 \$400 per person; 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 April 25, 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.

TOUR LIMITS: Our limits are firm and we don't exceed the limit by one to accommodate a couple when only one space remains open. However, on occasion, we will send along a guide in training on a tour. In these cases one seat in the van or bus will be taken by the guide in training. Our guides will have a rotation system within the vehicle so that clients share the inconvenience equally. We hope this minor inconvenience will be more than offset by the advantages of having another guide along.

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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