

DARIÉN

BIRDING TRIP

07 DAYS



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Fecha de Vencimiento: 31/03/2024



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COMPANY LEGAL CERTIFICATION

Presentation

About us

Kevin Ocampo

At Ocampo Expeditions, I am proud to work closely with leading organizations and establish strategic partnerships that strengthen our nature tourism offerings. As the founder of the company, I am Kevin Ocampo, a passionate professional bird photographer and law student at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Through more than 10 years of experience birding and leading independent tours, I have made valuable industry connections.

My dedication and perseverance in birdwatching have led me to gain recognition both in the birdwatching community in Colombia and abroad. I am proud to have been awarded the prize for the best bird photographer in my region, an achievement that I personally received from the Mayor of Santiago de Cali.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with government entities in bird tourism projects that focus on conservation and the promotion of responsible ecotourism in various areas of Colombia. These projects combine my passion for photography with my commitment to preserve the environment. My experience and knowledge have been valued, which has led me to lead initiatives that promote sustainable bird tourism.

Showcasing my work in multiple photography exhibitions has been a rewarding experience, as I have had the opportunity to share my best images with the public. This year, I have the honor of being the official photographer of the Colombian Bird Fair, a recognition that highlights my dedication and excellence in bird photography.

As an active member of the Valle del Cauca Ornithological Society (DACNIS), a community made up of professionals and bird enthusiasts, I collaborate with other passionate about the subject to promote the conservation and study of the species in our region.

My achievements and career have also given me the opportunity to be hired by prestigious universities, such as the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, to lead bird watching days on their campuses. These opportunities allow students to connect with nature and appreciate the biodiversity that surrounds us.

At Ocampo Expeditions, our strategic collaborations and partnerships allow us to provide high-quality experiences for our clients. Thanks to these connections, we have access to specialized local guides, reliable suppliers and the most impressive destinations in Colombia. Our commitment is to offer exceptional services and promote conservation through nature tourism.



Why Birding in the Darién, Colombia?

Introduction

Birding in the Darién

Bird watching in Darién, Colombia, is a unique experience that attracts ornithologists and nature lovers from all over the world. This region, located on the border between Colombia and Panama, offers abundant biodiversity and a variety of habitats that make it a paradise for birds and those who wish to observe them. Below, we'll explore some of the reasons why the Darien is a top destination for bird watching.

First, the Darien is home to an astonishing diversity of birds. It is estimated that more than 400 species of birds live or migrate through this region. From brilliant hummingbirds to majestic eagles and toucans, birders can enjoy a wide range of species in one place.

Another reason is the variety of habitats found in Darién. From rainforests to mangroves and wetlands, this region features a range of ecosystems that attract different types of birds. In addition, Darién is located in a strategic location on the American continent, making it a convergence point for many migratory species that travel between the north and south of the continent.

Conservation is a central concern in the Darien, and many areas are protected. This ensures that the birds and their habitat are relatively intact and that visitors can enjoy a pristine natural environment. The opportunity to contribute to the conservation of these birds and their habitats is another powerful reason to visit this region.

Last but not least is the opportunity to learn about the local culture and life in Darien. Interacting with indigenous and local communities can enrich the birding experience by providing cultural context and a deeper understanding of the relationship between people and nature in this region.

In short, bird watching in Darien, Colombia is a unique experience due to the impressive bird diversity, variety of habitats, conservation efforts, and the opportunity to immerse yourself in local culture. For nature lovers and bird watchers, Darién is a destination that never ceases to surprise and amaze.

TOUR MAP



What places will you visit?

Day 01 to 07, Darién Birding Trip

- Day 01. Arrival at Medellín Airport, Colombia / Hotel in Medellín.
- Day 02. Flight Medellín - Bahía Solano / Darién Lodge.
- Day 03. Birding along the Arditá north trail.
- Day 04. Birding around the Curiche indigenous community.
- Day 05. Birding along the Arditá south trail.
- Day 06. Flight Bahía Solano - Medellín.
- Day 07. Hotel in Medellín / Medellín Airport.

Note: the food included for each day is indicated as follows:
(B: breakfast, A: lunch, C: dinner).







Day 1 (-,-,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Arrival in Colombia

Medellín

Your exciting journey begins at Medellín Airport, where you will be greeted by one of our specialized guides with a warm welcome. Together you will go to the charming hotel selected for your rest and comfort.

In the afternoon, after settling in at the hotel, you will have free time to relax and adapt to your surroundings. Later, in the hotel lobby, our specialized guide will give an introductory talk. During this talk they will share essential information about the exciting adventure that awaits them in the coming days. They will explore the various ecosystems they will visit, the bird species they will be able to see, and the logistical details of their itinerary. This talk will not only prepare them for the adventure, but will also increase their excitement for what is to come.

In the evening, you can enjoy a relaxing dinner at the hotel or explore local cuisine at one of the nearby restaurants. This is a perfect time to rest and recharge before the exciting journey ahead.



Day 2 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Flight to Bahía Solano

Arrival in Bahía Solano

A 45-minute flight will take you from Medellín to Bahía Solano, where our staff will be eager to welcome you. Prepare to immerse yourself in the enchanting wonders of the Pacific, as an unforgettable experience awaits you at Darien Lodge, which promises the best of everything.

During the three-hour boat trip in the open sea, you will be able to enjoy the observation of various species, such as the Blue-footed Booby, the Brown Pelican, the Thick-billed Tern, the Slender-billed Phalarope, and depending on the season, the amazing humpback whales and pilot whales.

In the evening, an exciting night safari awaits you that will amaze you with the new world that begins when daylight goes away.





Day 3 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Birding in Punta Ardita North Trail

Early in the morning, we will start the day with the first approach to the birds. During this 6-hour hike in Punta Ardita, you will have the opportunity to delve into the mangrove ecosystem and witness an impressive variety of species, including the White-winged Sandpiper, Northern Barred Nuthatch, Pacific Antbird, and Grackle. Long-tailed Warbler, Northern Water Warbler and Banana Honeycreeper.

Our guide, an expert in bird watching, will carefully select the best place to enjoy lunch in the jungle, ensuring that you are surrounded by the beauty and melodious songs of the most charming bird species. It will be a unique experience to share this moment with nature and listen to the chorus of birds that surround you while you enjoy a delicious meal in the middle of this pristine environment.

The Punta Ardita hike will allow you to explore not only the avian life of the region, but also the lush beauty of the rainforest and mangrove ecosystem. This will be another exciting chapter in your adventure at Darien Lodge, where each step will bring you closer to the amazing biodiversity of this region of the Colombian Pacific. Get ready to live an unforgettable day in the middle of nature!





Day 4 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Mangrove Explore and Visit to the Curiche Community

After breakfast, we set out on a boat journey spanning 15 minutes to reach the Municipality of Jurado. Our course takes us through an expansive mangrove swamp until we reach the opening of the Curiche River.

Here we will be navigating along the Curiche River, guided by an Embera indigenous. This leg of the trip offers a fascinating glimpse of the shift from coastal terrain to dense jungle surroundings.

During our time on the river, we will have the opportunity to exchange greetings with members of the indigenous community, and as we progress, we will traverse a natural trail, where an array of bird species, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and medicinal plants come into view, creating a remarkable tapestry of biodiversity.







Day 5 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Trekking Along the Ardita's South Trail

Please make sure you have all your luggage ready for check-out before 8am.

Our day will begin with a walk along the southern trail of Punta Ardita, allowing us to once again witness the lush and vibrant nature that protects the Darien jungle. Around noon, we will return to the Lodge for lunch before making our way back to Bahía Solano.

We will make a stop at the impressive natural wonder of Cabo Marzo, a unique natural aquarium that adorns this Pacific coast. In this extraordinary place, we will participate in a snorkeling activity that will give you access to the amazing marine kingdom. Our day will end when we arrive at the Costa Choco hotel, where we will find rest and end our activities.

This day will be full of adventure and exploration, from the morning walk in the jungle to the immersion in the crystal clear waters of Cabo Marzo. It will be a unique opportunity to experience the rich terrestrial and marine diversity of this region. So make sure you're ready for an exciting day full of discovery on your trip to the Colombian Pacific coast.







Day 6 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Flight to Medellín

Early in the morning, we will check in at the Bahía Solano Hotel and our staff will take you to the airport. From there, you will take a flight from Bahía Solano to Medellín.

This last leg of your trip will mark the return from the Pacific coast to the city of Medellín. During the flight, you will be able to enjoy panoramic views of Colombia's beautiful geography, including the mountains, rivers and landscapes that make this country such a diverse and spectacular destination.

As you approach Medellín, you will take with you memories of the exciting adventure you had at Darien Lodge and on the Colombian Pacific coast. We hope that you have enjoyed every moment and that you take with you not only memorable experiences, but also a deep appreciation for the beauty and biodiversity of this region.

We wish you a safe flight from Bahía Solano to Medellín and hope you have the opportunity to return in the future to continue exploring all that Colombia has to offer. When you arrive in Medellín we will be waiting for you to go to the hotel again. See you soon!





DAY 07 (B,-,-)

Detailed Itinerary

Thank you so much!

Completion of the Tour

Dear Friends,

It has been a true pleasure to share with you this animal photography safari in Colombia. Over the past few days, we have had the opportunity to explore some of the most spectacular landscapes in this beautiful country and photograph some of the most beautiful and rare animals in the world.

We want to thank you for your participation and company on this trip. His enthusiasm and passion for photography and nature has been a source of inspiration for us. We hope this experience has been as memorable and enriching for you as it has been for us.

Additionally, we want to highlight the importance of wildlife conservation and the protection of the natural habitats of these animals. In Colombia, as in many other parts of the world, these species face constant threats due to habitat destruction and illegal hunting. We hope that the photos achieved and this experience can help raise awareness of these issues and inspire others to protect and preserve wildlife.

We would love to have you again on future animal photography safaris and explore more natural wonders together. Once again, thank you very much for participating in this trip and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Sincerely,

The Ocampo Expeditions team

WHAT DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE?

- Private transportation during the tour.
- Domestic connecting flights. (Medellín-Bahía Solano) (Bahía Solano-Medellín).
- Lodging.
- Main meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) as stipulated in this PDF document.
- Entrance fees to all reserves visited during the tour.
- Travel insurance.
- Accompaniment by a certified guide and bird expert.
- Driver.

WHAT DOES THE TOUR NOT INCLUDE?

- International flights.
- Laundry service.
- Personal hygiene items.
- Room service.
- Medical expenses that are not covered by travel insurance.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Activities not stipulated in the itinerary.
- Trip extensions due to force majeure events or unforeseeable circumstances.
- Tips.

PRICE TABLE

Price Per Person

The more people join the tour, the value per person decreases.

3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6 PAX
\$3.600 USD	\$3.500 USD	\$3.200 USD	\$3.100 USD

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Comfortable and climate-appropriate clothing:** Quick-drying clothing.
- **Appropriate Footwear:** Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes, and consider waterproof hiking boots for rough terrain.
- **Sun protection:** Wear high-factor sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat or cap to protect yourself from the sun.
- **Insect repellent:** Bring insect repellent to avoid bites.
- **Binoculars and camera:** Bring binoculars to observe animals and a camera to capture special moments.
- **Water bottle and snacks:** Stay hydrated with a water bottle and bring energy snacks.
- **Field guide to the birds of Colombia,** this will help you identify and better understand wildlife during your wildlife watching tour.

VACCINES FOR COLOMBIA

We assume you are up to date with your vaccinations. A vaccination certificate is not required when entering Colombia, however, it is important to keep these recommendations in mind:

There are no major problems with mosquitoes in most reserves. It is recommended to be vaccinated against typhoid fever and hepatitis A. Yellow fever is very rare in Colombia.

Malaria is present in many low-lying areas of Colombia. Although it is not known to exist near our reserves, it is present in some cities in the regions of the Western, Central and Eastern Andes, Magdalena, Santa Marta, Guajira and Chocó. In these areas, it is best to reduce the number of insect bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, and using insect repellent, especially at dawn and dusk.

Dengue, although not common, is also a possibility, and once again, it is recommended to reduce the risk of insect bites and be aware of the symptoms of this fever.

Leishmaniasis disease, transmitted by sand fly bites, is also a remote possibility in low-lying areas, and again, visitors should learn the symptoms. There have only been rare cases in the communities of the Magdalena Valley, but not within the reserve.

Mites are also found in long grass around the Caribbean coast, away from main routes. Cover your legs, pants, shoes and waist with insect repellent.

CANCELLATION POLICIES

We require written notification of any cancellation, which will be effective upon receipt. If you need to cancel your reservation, you must inform us immediately at **ocampo.wpe@gmail.com** and we will confirm your cancellation.

Depending on the date we receive your cancellation notice, cancellation charges per person will apply. In compliance with the above, the cancellation policies of **OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS** are set as follows:

If OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS has more than 180 days notice, deposit is forfeited unless dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

If OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS has between 179 and 91 days notice, 70% of tour costs are forfeited, unless the client can find a replacement. In which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

If OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS has less than 90 days notice, 100% of our costs are forfeited, unless the client can find a replacement in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

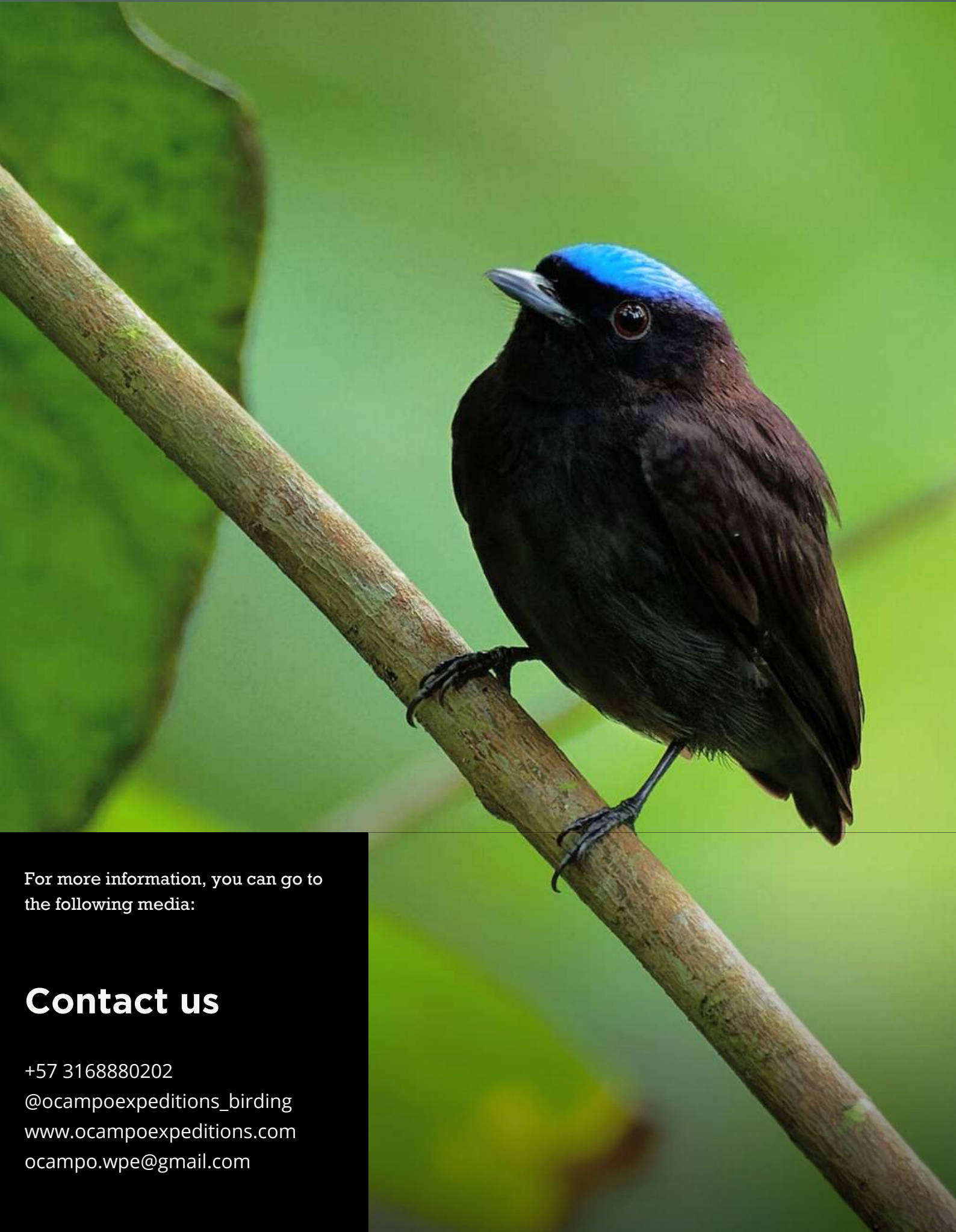
If you fail to join a tour, or join after departure, or leave prior to its completion, no reimbursement whatsoever will be made.

In the event of force majeure, fortuitous event or incapacity of the holder of the reservation or a relative in the first degree of consanguinity, the request for exoneration must be accompanied by the corresponding support (s) and submitted within 15 current days from the initial date of the trip, otherwise the established policies apply.

PRICE INCREASES

As a result of the possibility of many circumstances beyond our control, the total cost of the trip is subject to change, although this is only considered as a last resort. Participants will be notified if there are any changes to the cost of the trip. We do our best to anticipate cost increases in services in each area in which we operate, but when there are unexpected increases, we reserve the right to increase our price by 10% of the trip price. If additional increases are required, participants may withdraw from the tour without incurring cancellation penalties.

If you wish to avoid the cost of a single room (single supplement) we will try to find you a roommate, but please note that this is not always possible and if we cannot find a suitable roommate you will be asked to pay the single supplement . Please note that your accommodation preferences will be honored to the extent possible, but cannot be guaranteed. In some remote locations (e.g. at field stations) this is not always possible and arrangements must be adjusted. When we are aware of these situations, participants will always be informed before making the reservation. When an unexpected change is needed (especially in remote locations where communication is difficult), unavailability at a particular hotel or accommodation is usually not previously reported and is only discovered upon arrival. Under these circumstances, your leader will do everything possible to satisfy the group's preferences.



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