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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 spotting wildlife in the Orinoco, Colombia?

Introduction

Unique biodiversity

Spotting wildlife in the Colombian Orinoco is a unique and exciting experience that attracts nature lovers and adventurers from all over the world. This region offers a wide range of opportunities to observe wildlife in their natural habitat, and there are several reasons why it is such an attractive destination for biodiversity lovers.

One of the main reasons to visit the Colombian Orinoco is the high possibility of seeing emblematic species such as the Orinoco crocodile. This giant reptile is one of the largest species of crocodile in the world and is in danger of extinction. In the Orinoco, you have the unique opportunity to see these impressive animals in their natural habitat, which is an unforgettable experience.

In addition to the Orinoco crocodiles, another gem of fauna that you can find in this region is the Amazon pink dolphin. These dolphins, with their distinctive pink color, are one of the rarest and most beautiful river dolphin species in the world. Watching them swim and play in the Orinoco is a spectacle that connects you directly with the beauty and fragility of nature.

The Colombian Orinoco is also home to an amazing diversity of other aquatic species, such as river rays and turtles. Stingrays, with their unique and elegant shapes, are fascinating creatures to watch as they glide through the river waters. The turtles, on the other hand, are a reminder of the antiquity of this region and its importance as a refuge for wildlife.

In addition to aquatic species, the Colombian Orinoco is a paradise for bird lovers. The region is home to a wide variety of birds, from waterfowl such as herons and ospreys to colorful endemic birds such as the toucan. Bird watchers can spend hours enjoying the diversity and beauty of the birds that call this area home.

Last but not least, the Colombian Orinoco is also home to an abundant diversity of amphibians. From brightly colored poison frogs to salamanders and toads, the region offers a window into the lives of these fascinating and often elusive animals.

In short, spotting wildlife in the Colombian Orinoco is a unique experience that allows you to connect with nature in its most primitive and vibrant form. From the majestic Orinoco crocodiles to the enchanting pink dolphins, passing through the various birds, turtles, rays and amphibians, this region offers you the opportunity to witness biodiversity in all its splendor and understand the importance of conserving these unique ecosystems for the future generations.

TOUR MAP





Detailed Itinerary

What places will you visit?

Day 01 to 08, Orinoco Wildlife Trip

- Day 01. Arrival at El Dorado Airport, in Bogotá, Colombia /Hotel in Bogotá.
- Day 02. Flight Bogotá - Puerto Carreño / Orinoco Lodge.
- Day 03. Tomo River Tour.
- Day 04. Visit to Pedro Camejo Island and the Maipures rapids.
- Day 05. Tour of the savannahs of the plain and Rancho Baru.
- Day 06. Bird Watching at Tuparro River/Puerto Careño.
- Day 07. Flight back to Bogotá.
- Day 08. Hotel in Bogotá / El Dorado Airport, in Bogotá, Colombia.

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

Bogotá

Your exciting journey begins at Bogotá's El Dorado Airport, where you will be greeted by one of our specialized guides with a warm welcome. Together, you will head 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 adjust 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 diverse 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 the local cuisine at one of the nearby restaurants. This is a perfect time to rest and recharge before the exciting journey that awaits you.





Day 2 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Flight to Puerto Carreño

Arrival in Puerto Carreño, Vichada

Our exciting journey begins with a flight from Bogotá to Puerto Carreño, the gateway to a truly memorable adventure. Once we landed in this picturesque city, we found ourselves on the edge of the abyss of exploration, ready to discover the treasures hidden in the most remote corners of nature.

The next chapter of our adventure unfolds as we embark on a captivating 3-hour expedition aboard rugged 4x4 trucks. These vehicles are prepared to take us through challenging terrain, where the roads are little more than footprints in the earth, challenging any other vehicle that dares to venture into these territories. Here, nature is the master, and we make our way along untamed paths, cutting through the extensive natural savannah that remains intact and unexploited.

As we advance, the landscape unfolds before our eyes, revealing the unspoilt beauty of the region. Arriving at Garcitas, we will stop to enjoy the impressive views of the majestic Orinoco River. Its mighty and serene waters offer us a hypnotizing natural spectacle. But the adventure has not yet reached its climax.

Our next step is to board skiff boats, small boats ideal for navigating the meanders and tributaries of the Orinoco. These boats will take us to the heart of the experience: the Orinoco Lodge. Here, surrounded by the exuberant beauty of the tropical jungle, we will find a cozy refuge that will be our home during this unforgettable journey. From this point, our adventure in the heart of nature continues, with the promise of exciting discoveries and unforgettable experiences as we explore the wonders that the Orinoco has in store for us. Get ready for an adventure like no other!









Day 3 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Tomo River Tour

Our exciting day begins with a nutritious early breakfast, which will provide us with the necessary energy for the adventures that await us. After filling ourselves with energy, we will embark on an exciting journey along the majestic Orinoco River.

The navigation will take us through the calm waters of the Orinoco for approximately 30 minutes, until we reach the confluence of the Tomo River. This is just the beginning of our exciting journey.

As we continue upstream, we will make fascinating stops at various red sand beaches that stretch along the shore. These beaches are natural treasures and havens for wildlife. Here, you will have the unique opportunity to observe and record extraordinary species such as the imposing Curassows, the elusive Tapirs and the mysterious Eastern Alligators. Don't forget to have your camera and binoculars on hand, as these stops will be precious moments for photography and wildlife observation.

After an exciting morning of exploration, we will stop to enjoy lunch with a stunning panoramic view of Caño Peinillas. This is a truly heavenly place, where you can delight in delicious food while admiring the natural beauty that surrounds you. In addition, you will have the opportunity to cool off and relax in the crystal clear waters of the river or simply enjoy the serenity of the surroundings.

This trip promises to be an unforgettable experience, full of discoveries, natural beauty and unforgettable moments in the majesty of nature.







Day 4 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Visit to Pedro Camejo Island and the Maipures rapids.

In the early hours of the day, we will embark on an exciting adventure that will take us to explore the magical streams of Maipures. With the company of an expert indigenous guide, we will explore different trails that wind through the lush riverine forest of the Amazon, offering us a unique experience in contact with nature.

As we enter this impressive natural environment, we will marvel at the diversity of flora and fauna species that live here. Macaws will fill the sky with their vibrant colors and energetic squawks, while chestnuts and peccaries, with their distinctive appearance and social behavior, will remind us of the wealth of wildlife that thrives in this region.

Along our route, we might be lucky enough to spot the cunning foxes, which glide stealthily through the dense vegetation, or perhaps we will even see majestic iguanas sunbathing on the branches of the trees. The birds will also provide us with an unforgettable spectacle, with the melodious song of the orioles and the striking beauty of the cock-of-the-rock, with its brilliant plumage and its distinctive mating ritual.

This excursion promises to immerse us in the wonder of the Amazon jungle, offering us the opportunity to connect with nature in its purest state while we explore the hidden treasures of the Maipures streams. It will be an experience that will last in our memory forever.





Day 5 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Tour of the savannahs of the plain and Rancho Baru

We will begin our exciting adventure at dawn, when the sun barely appears over the horizon, silently sailing through the serene waters of the majestic Orinoco River. The fresh morning breeze and the sounds of the jungle will accompany us as we advance towards Puerto de Garcitas, our starting point on the mainland.

Once in Puerto de Garcitas, we will board sturdy 4x4 vehicles that will take us through the impressive natural savanna that stretches before us. This vast landscape, dominated by the immensity of the sky and lush vegetation, is home to a surprising variety of wildlife.

During our land journey, our senses will be dazzled by the diversity of species that inhabit this region. We will be able to observe in amazement the grace of the deer, the friendliness of the capybaras, the majesty of the curlews, the uniqueness of the anteaters and the cunning of the foxes. Each sighting will be an exciting encounter with nature in its wildest state.

Our journey will finally take us to the Mesetas River, where we will take a well-deserved break. Here, in an environment of serene beauty, we will have the opportunity to taste a typical lunch, prepared with local ingredients that capture the essence of regional cuisine. While we savor these culinary delights, we can also immerse ourselves in the crystalline and refreshing waters of the Mesetas River. The feeling of immersing yourself in these pristine waters while enjoying the company of new friends will be an indelible memory of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

This adventure through the Orinoco, the savannah and the Mesetas River will give us the opportunity to connect deeply with nature and appreciate the wonderful biodiversity that characterizes this region of Venezuela. It will be a day full of excitement, discovery and relaxation in the middle of an incomparable natural environment.





Day 6 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Bird Watching at Tuparro River

In the early hours of the cool morning, we will excitedly prepare to embark on a 40-minute adventure along the majestic Orinoco River, passing through the entrance to the Tuparro River. As we progress on our journey, we will take moments to strategically pause at various points along the way. These stops will not only allow us to fully appreciate the unparalleled natural beauty that surrounds us, but will also provide us with the opportunity to connect with the exuberant wildlife that inhabits this region, from exotic birds to unique aquatic species.

Our next experience will be an unforgettable lunch in the idyllic surroundings of Caño Tuparrito. While we savor delicious local food, surrounded by lush vegetation and the quiet murmur of the river, we will enjoy a panoramic view that seems straight out of a dream. This meal will not only be a delight for our palates, but also for our senses.

After this sublime meal, our day will continue with a visit to a nearby indigenous community. Here, we will have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the rich culture of the people who have lived in harmony with this land for generations. We will witness their traditions, crafts and unique ways of life. This enriching experience will allow us to better understand the deep connection that exists between people and nature in this region.

At the end of our day full of discoveries and adventures, we will transfer to Puerto Carreño in the afternoon. There, in the comfort of our accommodation, we can relax and reflect on the wonders we have witnessed on this unique day. The time spent in Puerto Carreño will allow us to properly prepare for our return flight and, at the same time, enjoy the local hospitality and culture before saying goodbye to this wonderful region.







Day 7 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Returning day to Bogotá

With the first light of the morning, we prepare to check out at our accommodation in Puerto Carreño. This moment marks the end of an unforgettable adventure amidst the exuberant nature and beauty of the region. As we pack our memories and experiences into our suitcases, we reflect on the countless exciting moments and wildlife sightings we have enjoyed during this trip.

We head to the Puerto Carreño airport, where the next stage of our trip awaits us: the flight back to Bogotá. As we leave behind the sights and sounds of the Orinoco region, we will carry with us the vivid memories of the wildlife, majestic rivers, and local hospitality we have experienced on this adventure.

This day, although it marks the end of our journey, is also a moment of reflection and gratitude for the shared experiences. From Puerto Carreño we will take off with a heart full of memories and the hope of returning one day to this magical corner of Colombia to continue exploring its amazing nature and rich biodiversity. Once we arrive at the Bogotá airport, we will be taken back to the hotel. The next day, you can take your flight back home.







DAY 8 (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. (Bogotá-Puerto Careño) (Puerto Carreño-Bogotá).
- 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.

4-6 PAX
\$4.000 USD
\$17.000.000 COP (Diecisiete millones)

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Important Note: The dollar values mentioned in this document are referential and correspond to the current conversion value of the Colombian peso (TRM), which is 4.073,00 COP per dollar. It is important to note that this conversion value (TRM) can fluctuate. Therefore, the amount expressed in Colombian pesos will always be considered as the base. For the payment process in dollars, the TRM of the payment day must be used.



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.

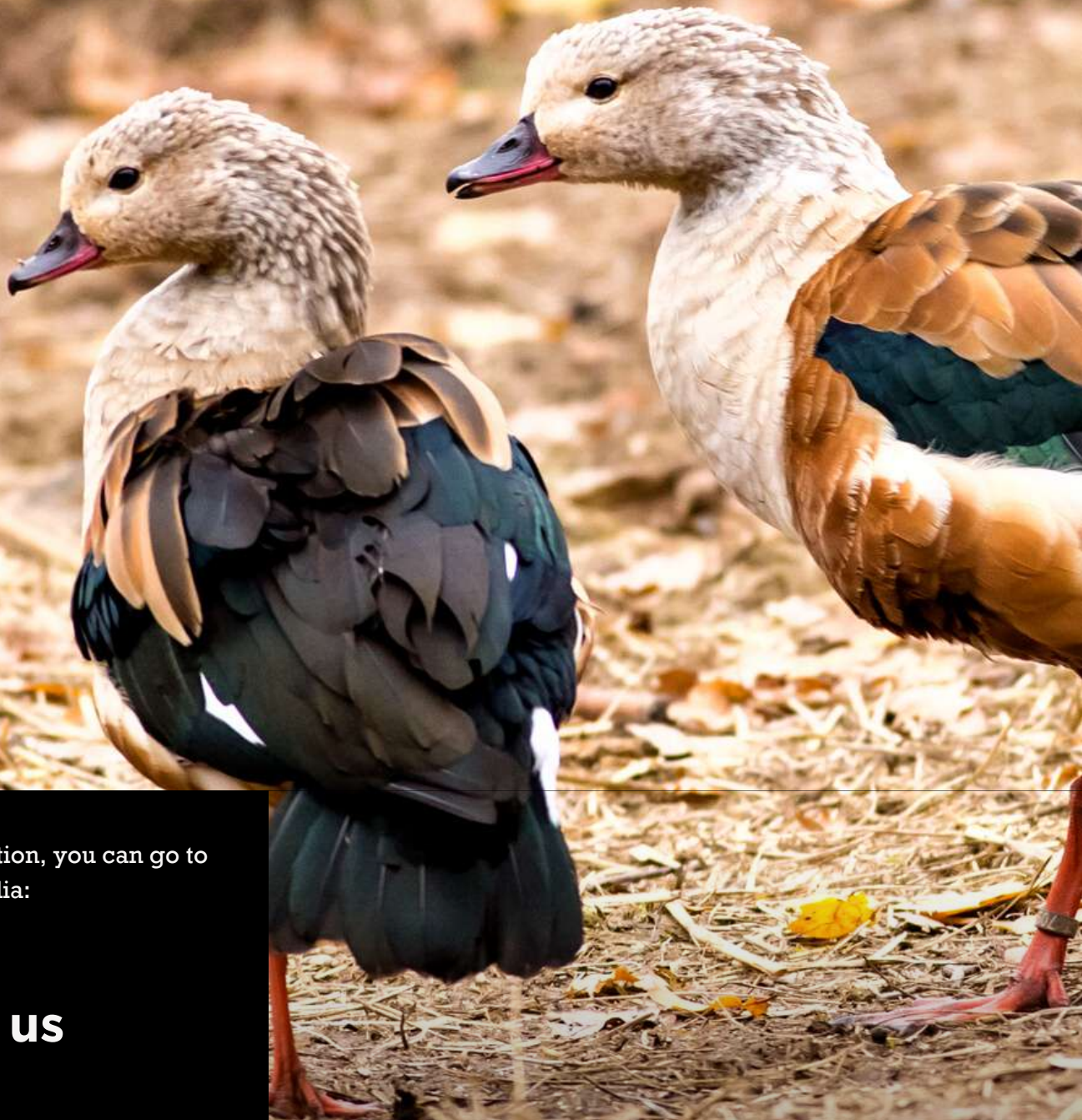


PRICE INCREASES

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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