



Snowcap



Yellow-throated Toucan



King Vulture



Resplendent Quetzal

The Universal Language of Birds Artist Workshop Series: Costa Rica with Christina Baal



Artist/Instructor: Christina Baal

Cost: \$2795

Deposit: \$550

8 Days / 7 Nights

Participants:

Minimum 6 / Maximum 10

Single Supplement: \$505

Detailed itinerary available

**Prices & dates subject to change

**Price based on double occupancy

Included in this tour:

- *Art Instruction by Christina Baal
- *Professional guided services
- *Two Yoga Sessions
- *Transportation during tour
- *Lodging
- *Breakfast, lunch and Dinners
- *Water & light snacks

Not included in this tour:

- *Airlines or transfers
- *Art supplies
- *Alcoholic beverages
- *Items of personal nature
- *Travel Insurance

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Artist Workshop Series:

Costa Rica



White-nosed Coati



Montezuma Oropendola



Three-toed Sloth

Day 1 - April 12th - Arrival Day & Orientation

Meet at arrivals gate at Juan Santa Maria International Airport in San Jose. Transfer to Hotel Bougainvillea. Once settled, we'll go birding on the grounds of the lodge. After dinner we'll discuss the itinerary and logistics for the next day.

Target species: *Great Kiskadee, Rufous-naped Wren, Crimson-fronted Parakeet, Red-billed Pigeon*

Day 2 - April 13th - Transfer to highlands - Ujarras Ruins - Field art workshop

Early morning birding on the gardens of Hotel Bougainvillea, before transfer to the highlands of the country's central region. On our way to the Talamanca Mountain Range, we'll stop in the Orosi Valley to visit the Ruins of Ujarras, the site of Costa Rica's oldest colonial church. The first artist workshop will be held after lunch, followed by our arrival at Savegre Lodge.

Target species: *Lesson's Motmot, Green-breasted Mango, Brown Jay, Montezuma Oropendola*

Day 3 - April 14th - Birding the highlands - Field art workshop - Yoga Session

Early morning birding for Resplendent Quetzal, followed by breakfast and a hummingbird study. After lunch we'll enjoy our second field art workshop at Paraiso de Quetzales' Hummingbird Feeders. The day wraps up birding the gardens of the Savegre Lodge.

Target species: *Resplendent Quetzal, Fiery-throated Hummingbird, Talamanca Hummingbird, Long-tailed Silky-Flycatcher*

Day 4 - April 15th - Batzu Gardens and Feeders - Field art workshop

Morning birding on the waterfall trail, followed by breakfast and a visit to the Batzu Gardens and Feeders. Here we will conduct a field art workshop. Lunch at a local restaurant, where bird feeders guarantee lots of action. Back at the lodge, a second art workshop will be held.

Target species: *Flame-colored Tanager, Golden-browed Chlorophonia, Flame-throated Warbler, Silver-throated Tanager*

Day 5 - April 16th - Cerro de La Muerte - Transfer to Arenal

After breakfast we will drive up to the summit of Cerro de La Muerte to explore the Paramo, here we will search for endemic species in this unique ecosystem. Today we will travel to the Arenal, where birding is fantastic! We will have lunch on the way, arriving to the Arenal Observatory Lodge by mid-afternoon. An artist workshop will be conducted before dinner.

Target species: *Volcano Hummingbird, Volcano Junco, Timberline Wren, Silver-throated Tanager*

Day 6 - April 17th - Birding the lodge - Field art workshop - Observation Tower

Today we will start our day birding from the lodge deck where we'll have amazing views of Arenal Lake and the Arenal Volcano. We will explore the lodge grounds in search of artist inspiration in the form of hummingbirds, tanagers, trogons, toucans and more! A field art workshop will be conducted mid-morning, followed by lunch and a second art workshop. In the afternoon we will bird from the observation tower and along the trails of the lodge. We'll enjoy a beautiful sunset from the deck of the lodge, before dinner.

Target species: *Emerald Tanager, Bay-headed Tanager, Great Curassow, Black-crested Coquette*

Day 7 - April 18th - Birding the lodge - Art Workshop - Bogarin Trail

Today we will start our day birding the trails of the lodge, followed by a field art workshop. Lunch at La Fortuna, before we visit a local artist home where we'll collaborate for an art workshop. The afternoon will be spent birding the Bogarin Trail.

Target species: *Passerini's Tanager, Red-Legged Honeycreeper, Collared Aracari, Broad-billed Motmot*

Day 8 - April 19th - Birding the lodge - Transfer to airport

We will spend the early morning birding the observation deck and gardens before breakfast. After breakfast we will begin to make our way back to San Jose to catch our flights back home.

Target species: *White-throated Magpie-Jay, White-crowned Parrot, Keel-billed Toucan, Black-cowl Oriole*