

# BUSHMASTER ADVENTURES

**VIPER EXPEDITION COSTA RICA**  
**14 Night/15 Day: 11-25 AUGUST 2020**  
**(deadline for deposit: 15 June)**

**PRICE: \$3500 USD per person**

## DESCRIPTION

This expedition is strictly planned to have the maximum amount of probabilities to encounter 21 of the 23 species of vipers and coral snakes of the country. It is going to be long and exhausting, but probably one of the most adventurous and spectacular ways to see those snakes, among many other species of reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals.

We will explore rainforest in the Pacific and Caribbean, lower and upper cloud forests and dry forests to offer one of the most exciting and complete herping experiences ever. This is not an expedition for everybody, we believe there are few people in the world able to walk so hard to achieve all possible targets.

The accommodation varies from quite luxurious lodges to very basic dorms in biological stations. The food will be good but this is not a gastronomic tour. The main and only reason we are here is for herping and looking for those vipers and corals.

Your guide, César Barrio-Amorós is one of the most knowledgeable and renowned herpetologist in the Neotropics, and has more than 22 years living and exploring this realm.

One of his specialties, aside the research and teaching about herps, is to conduct expeditions to remote areas to look for new species. In his years as herpetologist he traveled almost all Latin American countries. He published more than 200 papers, discovered 87 new species and described already 51. You are in good hands!

## IMPORTANT NOTES

1. You must be physically fit to do this tour. If you go on the tour and cannot keep up, leaving the tour will be at your own cost and no refunds will be given.
2. The only species we are not looking for are two vipers: *Porthidium volcanicum*, which has not been seen in years, and the area is not easy to access, and *Bothriechis supraciliaris*, which is not so difficult to see (50% probabilities) but the area is a long way to reach and out of the route.

3. Handling of any species is forbidden by Costa Rican laws.

## YOUR GUIDES

### Cesar Barrio-Amoros

Scientific director and photographer Spanish herpetologist who dedicated his life to the understanding and conservation of nature.

### Cristian Porras Ramirez

Founder, Managing Director and Photography Director

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Pick up at the airport at 12 noon. Transportation to all our destinations and return to San José or Alajuela leaving you at your hotel
- Guide specialist in herpetology and photography
- Local guides
- Stay at hotels (in double or triple rooms), lodges and/ or dorms (single supplements costs are extra if you want a private room)
- All entrances to National Parks and private reserves
- 3 meals per day with beverage

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Flights into/out of COSTA RICA
- Alcoholic beverages
- Last day lunch, supper and hotel if you need to stay an additional night before your flight
- Travel insurance (obligatory)
- Tips

## ESSENTIALS YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU

- Waterproof trekking boots or rubber boots (you can buy them in CR)
- Head lamps or a good flashlight, with extra batteries
- Your own camera gear and equipment, waterproof housing or rain gear for camera is a good idea
- Insect repellent (preferable not based on DEET)
- Raincoat or pancho
- Refillable water bottle
- **Travel insurance (this is an obligatory requirement)**, you'll be required to show proof of insurance before tour begins
- Any Medications you may need you must bring with you

READY TO BOOK? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us, we're happy to help!

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