







Panama Adventure @ Canopy Tower & Lodge



Cost: \$3,550**

Deposit: \$500 Length of tour: 11 Days / 10 nights Dates TBA: 2019

Included in this tour: *Lodging in Double Occupancy *All meals *Group Airport transfers *Bilingual professional guides *All tours mentioned in itinerary *Natural Fruit Juices & Wine at Dinner *Snacks & Beverages during all outings *Sunscreen *All taxes

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Not included: *Tips *Airfare to and from Panama *Departure Tax *Alcoholic Beverages *Personal Items or Laundry *Private Airport Transfers *Long Distance Phone Calls *Single Supplement **Prices & dates subject to change

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On the first half of this adventure we will be staying at the world-famous Canopy Tower where toucans, tanagers, two and three-toed sloths and even howler and tamarin monkeys can be seen right from your bedroom windows! WOW! Our five night stay at the tower will be the perfect home base for daily explorations of Panama's lowland forests in the Canal Zone. The tower features an observation deck with an incredible 360° view of the forest canopy where tanagers, toucans, cotingas, honeycreepers and more come to forage. What a way to start each day!

The next five days are filled with exciting birding opportunities as we explore hotspots in the lowland forest, including the world-famous Pipeline Road! With a species list boasting over 400 species, this old service road offers some of the best birding in the Americas. Pipeline Road held the record for most species recorded during a Christmas bird Count for 17 consecutive years! Here we will look for antpittas, manakins, trogons, toucans, hawk-eagle, forest falcon and much more. We won't want to leave!

We also explore popular hotspots such as <u>Semaphore Hill Road</u> where we enter the world of understory species. Antbirds, antshrikes, antwrens, antthrush and puffbird! Let's not forget about raptors; White, Tiny and Bicolored Hawks are possible here. <u>Ammo Dump Ponds</u> and <u>Summit Ponds</u> will be a switch in gears as we begin our study of wetland birds. White-throated Crake is high on the target list along with the elegant Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Capped Heron and Boat-billed Heron. The edge habitat at these sites often yield Greater and Smooth-billed Ani along with Black-striped Sparrow, three species of seedeaters and the possibility of five kingfisher species—American Pygmy, Amazon, Green, Ringed and the rare Green-and-rufous Kingfisher! <u>Old Gamboa Road</u>, another wonderful hotspot, this site features an array of different habitats which will help us pad our trip list with area specialties such as Blue Ground-Dove, Great Antshrike, Jet Antbird, Black-tailed & Royal Flycatchers, Lance-tailed & Golden-collared Manakins and Rosy Thrush-Tanager are a few of the possible highlights. After five days of birding the Canopy Tower's best birding sites, we transfer to Canopy Lodge in the cloud forest!

The beautiful, relaxing and award-winning Canopy Lodge will be our home for the second half of tour. The lodge features a veranda that almost touches the surrounding cloud forest, here we will spend our mornings surrounded by hummingbirds and tanagers! From the comfort of the lodge, we set out for daily explorations of the foothills and cloud forests of El Valle de Anton – the home of motmots, tanagers, hummingbirds, antpittas and the mythical Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo!

A full list of activities are set up for the second half of the tour, from explorations to the mountains of El Valle 's cloud forest, to the beaches of the Pacific Ocean. Birding sites such as the highlands of the <u>Cerro Gaital National Monument</u>, and the valley and rivers of <u>Valle Chiquito</u>. We'll visit the tablelands via <u>La Mesa Road</u> where secondary forest and scrubby pastures yield amazing birds such as Spot-crowned Barbet, Cinnamon Becard and hummingbirds–Rufous-crested Coquette, Crowned Woodnymph and Black-throated Mango, oh and Blue-throated Toucanet happen to be resident species here! At <u>Cara Iguana Trail</u> we explore some of the last remaining examples of quality Dry Pacific Forest in search of specialties such as Panama Flycatcher, Lance-tailed Manakins and Whooping Motmot. Some other highlights we hope for will be, Common Potoo, Tropical Screech-Owl and Bat Falcon! <u>Las</u> <u>Minas Road</u> will give us a view of both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, here we'll be in search of tanagers, tyrant flycatchers, euphonias and antvireos among other great birds such as Grayheaded Kite, Barred Hawk and Ornate Hawk-Eagle! From raptors to hummingbirds, we hope to locate Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer, White-tipped Sicklebill and Green Thorntail. Explorations from the lodge will be full of adventure and excitement and the staff at Canopy Family will make your stay a memorable experience that will have you coming back! So what are you waiting for?



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