

BUSHMASTER ADVENTURES

PANAMA HERPING EXPEDITION
10 Night/11 Day Expedition: April 16-26, 2020
(deadline for deposit: 15 March)

PRICE: \$1900 USD per person

DESCRIPTION

Join us on this spectacular Herping expedition to Panama, the narrowest area in the Americas, where Northern and Southern American herp species meet! The biogeographic importance of Panama that land is amazing. Panama's size is 75.000 km² and is the most diverse country in the world in herp species by surface. Panama boasts 190 species of amphibians and 250 of reptiles. Panama is land of lush rainforests, high peaks surrounded by cloud forests and hot, dry lowlands. We intend to explore just a few locations to understand how diverse and important this country is for the conservation of amphibian and reptiles, among many more beings.

We will explore the lush highland forests of the center of the country, looking for endemic dendrobatids (poison frogs) such as blue, green and white morphs of *Dendrobates auratus*, the arboreal *Oophaga vicentei*, *Andinobates minutus*, *A. fulguritus*, maybe even some of the rarest toads in the world, the Harlequin toad *Atelopus varius* and *Atelopus limosus*. Also home of strange lizards like *Echinosaura panamensis* and beautiful transparent frogs such *Hyloscirtus palmeri* and many glassfrogs. In two more locations we can also look after several snakes like vine snakes (*Oxybelis aeneus*, *brevirostris* and *fulgidus*), bird snakes (*Phrynonax poecilonotus* and *P. shroepshirei*), tiger rat snakes (*Spilotes pullatus*) corals like *Micrurus mosquitensis*, and viper like the eyelash, *Bothriechis schlegeli*, the terciopelo or X (*Bothrops asper*) or even the magnificent bushmaster (*Lachesis stenophrys* and/or *L. acrochorda*).

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

Abel Batista

Panamanian leading herpetologist. Herping Tour leader and Photographer.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Pick up from the airport on day 1 at midday
- Transport to all our destinations
- Guide specialist in herpetology and photography
- Local guides specialists
- Stay at hotels (in doubles or triples), lodges and/or rooms (single supplement charges are not included if you want a room to yourself, there will be extra charges)
- All entrances to National Parks and private reserves
- MEALS: 3 meals per day with beverage. Lunch and dinner on day 1. Only breakfast included on Day 11.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Flights into/out of Panama
- Extra night before or after the Expedition
- Breakfast on day 1, before the Expedition begins mid-day
- Last day lunch or supper after the Expedition ends
- Travel insurance (obligatory)
- Optional activity on day 9
- Tips
- Alcoholics not included
- Airport transfers

ESSENTIALS YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU

- Waterproof trekking boots or rubber boots (you can buy them in Panama)
- 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
- 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

Note: *If the flight from your country arrives to Panama city in the evening, we recommend to arrive one day in advance and stay in a hotel close to the airport (better if they have pick up service from the airport). The tour will start picking up everybody at the Airport on Midday of day 1.

READY TO BOOK? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us, we're happy to help!

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