

# Cave Creek Ranch

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## Trinidad & Tobago

June 12 - 19, 2015

with optional extension to Tobago, June 20-23

Join your friends at the Cave Creek Ranch on a special tour to the world-famous Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad & Tobago! Take in hundreds of acres of forest and a kaleidoscope of birds from the historic veranda. Explore natural wonders across the islands - from Caroni Marsh's spectacular Scarlet Ibis to the enigmatic Oilbirds of Dunston Cave.

After 5 nights at AWNC, we enjoy a night on Trinidad's northern coast at Mt. Plaisir Estate Hotel in Grande Riviere. After dark, we'll find intimate views of nesting Leatherback Turtles just feet away from our lodge.

Then, discover a more Caribbean environment on an optional extension to Tobago. Savor 3 nights at the remote Cuffie River Nature Retreat, where private open-air balconies overlook magnificent rainforests and busy feeders.

This special departure is for guests and friends of Cave Creek Ranch. Reed Peters personally hosts this tour, joined by the Centre's expert local guides. Alongside amazing birdwatching, this is part of a program designed as a *Lodge to Lodge Exchange*.

Book your tour today by calling 800.426.7781 or e-mailing [info@caligo.com](mailto:info@caligo.com)

### Amazing Tropical Birdwatching

Discover the best introduction to neotropical birding in Trinidad & Tobago.

The islands boast a unique mix of Caribbean and South American birds due to its proximity to both.

Explore the rich Arima Valley in Trinidad's northern range to find a diverse array of habitats at different elevations.

Survey the Aripo Savanna for Southern Lapwing, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Green-rumped Parrotlet, and Bat Falcon.

On forest trails, uncover active manakin leks, thunderous bellbird, frantic antbird, and fabulous parrots.



### The Asa Wright Nature Centre

Experience the best birding and nature Trinidad has to offer from the comfort and seclusion the Asa Wright Nature Centre.

Relax on the famed veranda overlooking a lush valley teeming with life. Delight as hummingbirds zip past your face from feeder to feeder. A rainbow of species congregate on fresh fruit below.

Visitors to Cave Creek Ranch will appreciate AWNC's comfortable rooms, friendly hospitality, amazing views, and marvelous birdwatching.

### The Pawi & Leatherback Turtles

The village of Grande Riviere, where we spend a night, is home to two of Trinidad's greatest natural treasures.

The endemic Trinidad Piping Guan, or the "Pawi", can be found almost exclusively in nutmeg trees just outside of Grande Riviere. Experts estimate fewer than 500 remain on Earth.

Grand Riviere also hosts the 2nd largest Leatherback Turtle nesting site in the world. You'll discover intimate views of this pre-historic creature's entire life cycle.

### Field Trips

Beyond AWNC's extensive grounds, you'll explore the captivating birding and nature destinations across Trinidad & Tobago.

Expert local guides lead travelers on tours through Trinidad's rich habitats to discover diverse species.

On Tobago, a very Caribbean island, travelers uncover the world's oldest legally protected forest and amazing seabirds.



# Tour Itinerary

## *Day One*

Arrive at Piarco International Airport in Port of Spain and transfer to AWCN.

## *Day Two*

Awake to raucous oropendula, thunderous bellbirds, and the signature flashes of dozens of hummingbirds.

Spend the day birding from the famed veranda. Expert guides and fantastic birds are at arms length.

Tonight, we visit Matura beach to witness Leatherback Turtles nest and hatch.

## *Day Three*

Today, we bird a long ribbon of road that spans the lush Arima Valley.

We search elusive flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Bat Falcon, Collared Trogon, and more.

Enjoy a community-prepared lunch with local flair in Brasso Seco. We'll keep watch as parrots pass overhead.

We return to the Centre to indulge in rum punch and great birding on the verandah.

## *Day Four*

After breakfast, we embark for the famous Nariva Swamp on Trinidad's east coast.

We arrive at Nariva Swamp, where islands of palm trees tower overhead. We seek out Limpkin, kingfisher, Pearl Kite, caracara, and Red-bellied Macaw.

## *Day Five*

We spend the morning amongst *hundreds* of mesmerizing hummingbirds at Yeretté, a site in the Arima Valley.

Next, we visit the legendary Caroni Marsh, where we witness the roosting of hundreds of Scarlet Ibis, one of Earth's most dramatic natural moments.

## *Day Six*

Today, we take a short hike to the world's most accessible Oilbird cave.

Then we depart AWCN for Grande Riviere and our next beautiful ecolodge, beachfront Mt. Plaisir Estate Hotel.

As the sun sets, we watch the sea as colossal leatherback turtles emerge to lay their eggs on the beach.

## *Day Seven*

We rise early to search for the Trinidad Piping Guan, one of the rarest birds on Earth.

The afternoon is free for you to walk the beach, enjoy Mt Plaisir's incredible cuisine, or simply relax.

## *Day Eight*

We return to Port of Spain to depart for home or to Tobago.

## *Tobago Extension Days Eight - Eleven*

*In Tobago, we'll immerse ourselves in the secluded Cuffie River Nature Retreat. Take in the rainforest from your private balcony overlooking abundant feeders.*

*Explore the Cuffie River Trail in mountain forests to search for rare White-tailed Sabrewing.*

*Discover Little Tobago Island to find yourself eye-to-eye with seabirds like tropicbird, shearwater, booby, and tern.*

Cost of Trinidad tour is \$1795 from Port of Spain based on double occupancy. Tobago extension is \$795.

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