

Birding Trip to Guatemala with Nigel Marven 2021
Trip Leaders: Daniel Aldana & John Cahill

Trip Size

Trip operates with minimum of 7 participants, maximum of 10.

Extension to Tikal operates with minimum of 6 participants, maximum of 10.

Dates

Arrive: December 1, 2021 Guatemala City (**GUA**) with arrival by 1:00pm

Depart: December 9, 2021 Guatemala City (**GUA**) with departure at any time of day.

Note: for Tikal extension participants departure will be December 13 Mundo Maya-Flores International Airport (**FRS**), at any time of day.

Inquiries & Registration

Sign up by emailing John Cahill (xikanel@gmail.com) or Daniel Aldana (daniaaldana2009@gmail.com)

Or call +502 4066-6185 or +502 4166-3310 if you have any questions.

Cost

US\$2,700 for 8-day birding trip (9 nights) (December 1 to 9)

US\$4,050 for 8-day birding trip + 4-day Tikal Extension (December 1 to 13)

Trip Cost includes

- Airport curbside to airport curbside service,
- Accommodations in double occupancy rooms,
- Meals & snacks, drinking water,
- Ground transportation during the tour,
- Guide services of the tour leaders and local guides.

Not included in trip price: Alcoholic beverages and airfare.

Payment Policy

50% due at time of sign up.

50% due 3 months prior to trip start (Sep 1, 2021)

Checks should be made out to John Cahill with notation: Birding w/ Nigel Marven 2021.

Mail payment to: 4216 Zenith Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, 55410

For more payment options contact John Cahill (xikanel@gmail.com).

Single Supplement

Additional cost for single occupancy room is \$400 for main tour, \$200 for Tikal Extension.

Cancellation Policy

3-6 months prior to trip start: 50% refund (up to Dec 23, 2019)

0-3 months prior to trip start: 0% refund

If someone on waiting list takes your cancelled spot on this trip, you will get full refund minus \$100 processing fee.

If the trip does not run as a direct result of COVID-19 you will get a FULL REFUND.

Tipping

Tipping restaurants, porters, drivers, and hotels is included in trip cost.

Local guides can receive a tip if you feel they have provided exceptional services.

John Cahill & Daniel Aldana, your trip leaders, can accept tips if you find they have provided exceptional service & leadership.

Your Passport

Passports of visitors to Guatemala must be valid for 6 months past the end of their stay in Guatemala. No visa is required for US passports.

Airport Pick-up

Either John or Daniel will be at Guatemala City Airport for your arrival.

They will be waiting outside the building, with your van, as you exit the terminal.

Welcome Dinner

At Welcome Dinner on first night, you will receive a packet with a printed bird checklist for daily use during the trip.

Recommended field guides

- Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Northern Central America by Jesse Fagan and Oliver Komar.
- Princeton Field Guide to Birds of Central America by Andrew C. Vallely and Dale Dyer

Items to Pack

- In addition to gear for tropical birding (hat, insect repellent, etc.), some birders find a compact folding chair useful to have along.
- Flashlights.
- Water bottle with wide opening is recommended.
- Spotting scopes (optional), the tour leaders will have spotting scopes. Since most of this trip is forest birding, it is not recommended that you bring your scopes.

Van equipment

- We will have a water supply onboard
- Cooler with an assortment of drinks
- Snacks
- Maps
- Field guides
- Phone charger for your devices

Money Exchange

We recommend using the ATM machine inside Guatemala City airport, located just past passport control. Money can also be exchanged at local banks, with US\$200 maximum allowed per day. Let John or Daniel know you need a stop to change money or to use an ATM.

Special Dietary Needs

Please alert John Cahill (xikanel@gmail.com) of special dietary needs, such as vegetarian or lactose intolerant, prior to your trip.

In Case of Emergency

Your family can contact:

- John Cahill 011-502-4066-6185 johnpaulcahill@gmail.com
- Daniel Aldana 011-502-4166-3310 danieldana2009@gmail.com