



SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY PANAMA TRIP 2022

Are you ready to travel? Just a few spots left!

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Join Sarasota Audubon for a spectacular birding experience in Panama - Feb/March of 2022.

The trip will consist of two segments and depending on your wishes you could do one or both.

1. Canopy Lodge/Canopy Tower Combo

Canopy Lodge: February 23-27. This 4-night tour has the Canopy Lodge as the base. The lodge is located west of the Canal in El Valle de Anton, a valley at the base of mountains found in a protected area called Monumento Natural Cerra Central. Birding will be in several locations, including the grounds of the lodge. Other areas include Las Minas Trail and La Mesa Road, Cara Iguana Trail, Cerro Gaital, and Santa Clara and Anton Dry Forest. These include dry Pacific forest, mountain ridge line, secondary forests, pastures and riparian habitats.

Canopy Tower: February 27-March 5, 2022. Transfer to Canopy Tower for this 6-night tour located in the Panama Canal Zone near Balboa, the capital of Panama. We will bird areas in and around the Soberani National Park, including the famous Pipeline Road, Semaphore Hill, Ammo and Summit Ponds, Old Gamboa Road, Chagres River and Gamboa La Chuga Trail, as well as a boat trip on the Panama Canal and Lake Gatun. With this combo, there is a chance of seeing over 300 species of birds.

2. Canopy Camp Add On

Canopy Camp: March 5-10, 2022. An incredible extension for 5 nights to the Darien staying at the Canopy Camp. Here we will rough it a bit as we stay in safari-style tents each with showers and flush toilets and with electricity for fans provided by solar panels. The Darien is known to be the most diverse and biologically rich area in Central America as it is close to South America. This tour affords birders a chance to see the Harpy Eagle and other Darien bird specialties.

Prices:

Note: Airfare to/from Panama not included.

Canopy Lodge & Tower (Combined 10-night land package) = \$4,345.82/person based on double occupancy.

Canopy Camp 5-night package = \$2,418.57/person based on double occupancy.

Single supplement: \$181.50 per night.

This cost is based on a group of 8 people meeting in Panama City at the Tocumen International Airport.

Reservations:

Complete a reservation form and return it with a deposit of \$600/per person for the Canopy Lodge & Canopy Tower segment of the tour. Another \$300/per person is required for the Canopy Camp Darien. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure. The departures are limited to 8 people per trip, so reserve space soon.

Rooming Information:

Single rooms are available, however if you are a single person in a double room there will be an additional \$181.50 per night charge. If you do not have a roommate inform us and we will make every effort to provide you with one. We cannot guarantee finding a roommate so be advised that you may have to pay the supplemental charge.

The tour operator (Canopy Family) will give Sarasota Audubon a donation of \$200 per person for those signing up for the 10-day package (Canopy Lodge & Tower) and a donation of \$100 per person for those signing up for the Canopy Camp extension.

Includes:

Group transfers from and to the airport, lodging, all meals, all tours with bilingual guide service, snacks, beverages and entrances, wine with dinner and internet WiFi.

Not Included:

Airfare to/from Panama.

A departure tax of \$40, however this is usually included in the airfare. Check with the airline you book passage with to make sure it is included. Individual airport transfers are extra. Alcoholic beverages, extras at hotel or items of personal nature.

Tipping

The Canopy Family suggests that you may tip as much as you want--the more the better. However, a rule of thumb is between \$5 and \$10 per person per day for lodge staff, among whom tips are divided equally.

The driver who brings you from the airport or hotel, if he is not wearing a Canopy Tower shirt, is an independent contractor and does not share on the tips left for the staff. You may tip him directly--USD \$5 will be considered a good tip.

Bird guides are tipped individually. The Canopy Family recommends \$10 per person per day. This depends entirely on you. Give the tip directly to the guide.

So come along, have fabulous birding and raise money for Sarasota Audubon while you are doing it.

Documentation:

U.S and Canadian citizens need only a valid passport. Other nationalities please consult the nearest Panamanian Consular office. Your passport MUST HAVE at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date home.

Cancellations and Refunds

If notice of cancellation is received 7 days prior to arrival date or earlier, either all payments, not including the deposit, will be refunded, OR, if requested instead, a full or fully-transferable credit of all payments will be provided, to be used within 12 months of the arrival date of the original booking.

If notice of cancellation is received later than 7 days prior to arrival date, no refunds will be available, but a full or fully-transferable credit of all payments will be provided, to be used within 12 months of the arrival date of the original booking.

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