



## **Tico Tours**

### **Trinidad and Tobago: Autumn (Fall) Birding Tour**

**Duration- 10 Days**

Expect around 250+ species

Dates to be confirmed through August and September

For 6 participants (+Tour Leader/Guide/Driver)

This 10-day tour has one base in Trinidad and one in Tobago allowing a full and thorough exploration of the countries varied habitats and associated avifauna – and wide range of other animals and interesting plants. The timing of the tour, in August and September will allow us to observe the very many resident species but will also allow us to connect with several North American migrants that will be on their southbound autumn migration, there may also be a few South American migrants still present too, though there may potentially be less seabirds present.

In Trinidad we will visit the many birding hotspots throughout the islands such as Asa Wright Nature Centre, Pax Guesthouse Area, Blanchisseuse Road, Arima Valley, Wallerfield, Aripo Savannah, Arena Forest and Dam, Nariva Swamp, Trincity Ponds and the spectacular Caroni Swamp and rice fields, while in Tobago we will visit the mangrove swamps in the south, the central highlands, Bon Accord, Buccoo Marsh, Hillsborough Dam and Little Tobago Island.

Key species we will target during our stay on the islands include *Little Tinamou, Pinnated Bittern, Scarlet Ibis, White-cheeked Pintail, Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Trinidad Piping-guan, Azure Gallinule, Sungrebe, Limpkin, Black Skimmer, Red-bellied Macaw, Oilbird, White-tailed Sabrewing, Tufted Coquette, Blue-crowned Motmot, Collared Trogon, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Channel-billed Toucan, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Bearded Bellbird, Golden-headed Manakin, White-bearded Manakin, Blue-backed Manakin, Bicoloured Conebill, Grey Kingbird, Venezuelan Flycatcher, White-winged Becard, Black-tailed Tityra, Yellow-legged Thrush, White-necked Thrush, Tropical Parula, Silver-beaked Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Trinidad Euphonia, Streaked Saltator, Red-capped Cardinal, Saffron Finch, Moriche Oriole and Crested Oropendola.*

Furthermore, we will seek out some of the following non-passerine species: *Least Grebe, Brown Booby, Red-footed Booby, Brown Pelican, Neotropic Cormorant, Anhinga, Stripe-backed Bittern, Least Bittern, Cocoli Heron, Green Heron, Striated Heron, Boat-billed Heron, Glossy Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Masked Duck, King Vulture, Grey-headed Kite, Hook-billed Kite, Pearl Kite, White-tailed Kite, Double-toothed Kite, Long-winged Harrier, White Hawk, Common Black-Hawk, Great Black-Hawk, Savannah Hawk, Black-collared Hawk, Short-tailed Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, Ornate Hawk-eagle, Yellow-headed Caracara, Bat Falcon, Clapper Rail, Grey-necked Wood-rail, Sora, Yellow-breasted Crake, Spotted Rail, American Purple Gallinule, Southern Lapwing, a wide range of southbound Nearctic migrant waders, Yellow-billed Tern, Bridled Tern, Sooty Tern, Large-billed Tern, Brown Noddy, Pale-vented Pigeon, Scaled Pigeon, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Blue-headed Parrot, Mangrove Cuckoo, Little Cuckoo, Greater Ani, Spectacled Owl, Short-tailed Nighthawk, Nacunda Nighthawk, Common Parakeet, White-tailed Nightjar, Common Potoo, Chestnut-collared Swift, Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, Fork-tailed Palm Swift, Brown Violet-ear, Black-throated Mango, White-tailed Goldenthrush, Long-billed Starthroat, Rufous-breasted Hermit, Green Hermit, Violaceous Trogon, White-tailed Trogon, American Pygmy-Kingfisher and Crimson-crested Woodpecker.*

In addition to the above, we will also aim to see as many of the following as possible: *Black-crested Antshrike, Silvered Antbird, Black-faced Antthrush, Blue-and-White Swallow, Caribbean Martin, Pied Water-Tyrant, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, Euler's Flycatcher, Swainson's Flycatcher, Sulphury Flycatcher, Piratic Flycatcher, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Long-billed Gnatwren, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Cocoa Thrush, Rufous-breasted Wren, Chivi Vireo, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Scrub Greenlet, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Masked Yellowthroat, Golden-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, American Redstart, Speckled Tanager, Golden-rumped Euphonia, Bay-headed Tanager, White-shouldered Tanager, White-lined Tanager, Purple Honeycreeper, Green Honeycreeper, Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, Giant Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird and Yellow-rumped Cacique.*

As if all of the above (and likely a lot more) are not enough, the following no less impressive common species will be encountered with little effort: *Cattle Egret, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Ruddy Ground-dove, Orange-winged Parrot, Smooth-billed Ani, Short-tailed Swift, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Tropical Pewee, Great Kiskadee, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Bare-eyed Thrush,*

***Tropical Mockingbird, Bananaquit, Blue-grey Tanager, Palm Tanager, Carib Grackle, Blue-black Grassquit and Yellow Oriole.***

**Price:** £2,700.00/\$4,210.00 (based on 6 people)

**Single Supplement:** £600.00/\$935.00

**Price includes:** All accommodation, all meals, all guiding, all transport (and fuel) when in Trinidad and Tobago, all reserve entrance fees.

**Price does not include:** International flights to/from Trinidad and internal flight between Trinidad and Tobago, items of personal nature, travel insurance, optional extra drinks, gratuities.