

# BRAZIL MAY 2023 ATLANTIC RAINFOREST ENDANGERED AMAZON TOUR

On this trip to the Atlantic Rainforest in Brazil we will be travelling to encounter the roosting sites of the **Red Spectacled, Red Tailed and Vinaceous Amazons** which are mostly found in this region of Brazil only.

As well as all the other usual parrots and birds associated with the Atlantic Rainforest.

It is not often that chances are available to see 3 magnificent Amazon Parrots in large numbers without going on a trip like this at this time of year.

The average number of bird species seen on a trip like this is 150-200 as well as monkeys, sloths and other wildlife.



## ITINERARY

**1<sup>st</sup> May – International Flight into Sao Paulo** followed by an internal flight to Florianopolis where we will be met at the airport for a transfer to our hotel with an evening meal for the full group to introduce everyone.

Overnight Florianopolis.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May – AM Visit to the Rehabilitation area for Vinaceous Amazons at Florianópolis** with a talk about the conservation project by Vanessa Kanaan.

Transfer from Florianopolis to Urupema for an afternoon with the **Red-spectacled Amazons**. These parrots arrive here on their migration from Rio Grande do Sul to feed on the pinhão seeds. During this period thousands of these birds adorn the skies of Urupema.

Overnight at Eco Pousada Rio dos Touros



## **3<sup>rd</sup> May – Urupema - All day Red-spectacled Amazons.**

Today we will be moving around this area to find these **Amazons** whilst they are eating and flying trying to get as close as possible for the very best views for photos and video.

You will be delighted with the show provided by the flight of **Charões (local name for the Red-spectacled Amazons)**, after all there are more than 20,000 individuals who come here every year to enjoy the seeds of the araucaria.



*Summary: besides the **Red-spectacled Amazon (Amazona pretrei)**, the other birds in this location are Striolated Tit-Spintail (*Leptasthenura striolata*), Long tailed Cinclodes (*Cinclodes pabsti*), Freckle breasted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus striaticollis*), Gray-throated Warbling-Finch (*Microspingus cabanisi*), Planalto Tapaculo (*Scytalopus pachecoi*), Mottled Piculet (*Picumnus nebulosus*), Hellmayr's Pipit (*Anthus hellmayri*), Chestnut-backed Tanager (*Tangara preciosa*), Black and White Monjita (*Xolmis dominicanus*), Saffron cowled Blackbird (*Xanthopsar flavus*) and more.*

Overnight at Eco Pousada Rio dos Touros

#### 4<sup>th</sup> May – Urupema to Ponte Serrada

Once again we will take in the spectacle of the **Red-spectacled Amazons** (pun intended) during the morning.

Afternoon transfer to Ponte Serrada.

Overnight near Ponte Serrada



#### 5<sup>th</sup> May – Ponte Serrada

##### All day Vinaceous Amazons

We will be joining **Vanessa Kanaan, Project Leader for the Vinaceous Amazon Project.**

This time we will be in the habitat for these **Parrots** to see them in the wild.

Overnight near Ponte Serrada



#### 6<sup>th</sup> May – Ponte Serrada to Joinville

During our transfer to Joinville we will have chances to stop en-route if we see any wildlife along the roads.

Late afternoon **Golden Conures.**

The natural habitat for the **Golden Conure** is lowland rainforest in northern Brazil however there is a small population in this area of the Atlantic Rainforest. Possibly released birds after a confiscation by authorities of illegally held birds but that is only a theory. To our advantage it means that we have another species of parrot to photograph or observe, and what a special parrot this is.

Overnight Joinville



Summary: Other birds in Joinville are the shy Yellow-legged Tinamou (*Crypturellus noctivagus*), Brown Tinamou (*Crypturellus obsoletus*) and Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*). We will also look for the Hooded Berryeater (*Carpornis cucullata*), the spectacular Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*), Restinga Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes kronei*), Brassy-breasted Tanager (*Tangara desmaresti*) and two bamboo specialists; White-collared Foliage-gleaner (*Anabazenops fuscus*) and Bertoni's Antbird (*Drymophila rubricollis*).



### 7<sup>th</sup> May – All day Golden Conures and possibly Red-capped Parrots

Today we have more opportunities with the **Golden Conures** although we will also now be concentrating on spotting the **Red-capped Parrots**.



This is one of my favourite species. I used to keep and breed these little **Parrots** and it was these that started my quest for parrots in the wild when I first went to Brazil. Not easy to find but when you do they are adorable little birds.

### Overnight Joinville



### 8<sup>th</sup> May – Joinville to PETAR State Park

A morning transfer to the PETAR State Park where the main parrot species we will be looking for are the **Red-capped** and also the **Blue-bellied Parrots**.

The **Blue-bellied Parrot** is another special parrot that comes high on my appreciation list.



### Overnight near PETAR State Park

## 9<sup>th</sup> May – Full day at PETAR State Park

Once again we will be looking for the **Blue-bellied and Red-capped Parrots**.

Both these parrots are sexually dimorphic, meaning that males and females are differently coloured making it easy to tell the sexes of all the ones we see.

*The male Red-capped has a red band across his forehead into his eye whereas the female does not have any red on her at all and the male Blue-bellied has a blue belly and the female all green as in the Red-capped so both species pretty much as their names imply, Red-capped and Blue-bellied but only the males.*



## 10<sup>th</sup> May –PETAR State Park to Tapiraí

Here there are 5 trails, each with different characteristics such as Stream, lake, bridge, forest house, in addition to the deck with bird feeders and drinkers.

We will be exploring the trails looking for the parrots and other birds.



There are more than 350 different species of birds on this reserve including a number of parrots such as **White-eyed Conure, Maroon-bellied Conure, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Plain Parakeet, Brown-backed Parrotlet, Red-capped Parrot, Scaly-headed Parrot and Blue-bellied Parrot.**

Overnight near the PETAR State Park.

Many birds including the **Maroon-bellied Conures** and **Plain Parakeets** come down to the feeders directly outside the balcony of the lodge so we will be able to get some really close up views and photos.

**The Plain parakeet looks very similar (size and colour) to the female Red-capped Parrot.**

Overnight at Trilha dos Tucanos.



## 11<sup>th</sup> May – Tapiraí to Guaraú

We will again explore the local trails looking for the elusive species.

It would be nice to find both Parrotlet species (Blue-winged and Brown-backed) here.



After lunch we will transfer to Guaraú where we will overnight.

**12<sup>th</sup> May – Full Day with the Red-tailed Amazons.**

As with the **Spectacled Amazon** this is the best time of year to see the larger groups of the **Red-tailed Amazons** so we will take advantage to observe, photo and video these Parrots as they feed, fly and roost.

Overnight Guaraú



**13<sup>th</sup> May – Guaraú to Campos do Jordão**

Here we have chances of some better views of **Vinaceous Amazons and Red-capped Parrot.**

We can also see many other bird species including *Channel-billed Toucan*, *Red-breasted Toucan*, *Spot-billed Toucanet*, *Saffron Toucanet*, *Azure jay*, *Golden-chevroned Tanager*, *Azure-shouldered Tanager*, *Green-headed Tanager*, *Black-backed Tanager*, *Chestnut-backed Tanager*, *Green Honeycreeper*, *Diademed Tanager*, *Hepatic Tanager*, *Blue-and-Yellow Tanager*, *Violaceous Euphonia*, *Chestnut-bellied Euphonia*, *Thick-billed Saltator* and much more!

Overnight Campos do Jordão

**14<sup>th</sup> May – Campos do Jordão to Sao Paulo.**

Morning for Trails again with afternoon transfer to Sao Paulo for the International Airport for flights home





**PRICE - All costs are in US Dollars**

**\$6450 per person** sharing a double/twin room based on maximum of 8 people on the trip

**\$550 single supplement** (if you do not mind sharing a room I can sometimes organise this to avoid paying the supplement)

**DEPOSIT**

**\$1500 per person**

Maximum 8 people on this trip

**All prices include** accommodation, meals, English speaking guide, drivers and/or boatmen, ground transport within the trip specification, bottled water, entry fees to National Parks and/or Conservation Projects within the itinerary.

**Prices do not include** flights, insurance, alcoholic drinks, tips, souvenirs, anything of a personal nature including laundry, any additional activities not listed in the itinerary.

**Itinerary may change due to weather or local information about Parrots and other wildlife sightings to make the most of the trip.**

**PARROTS TO BE SEEN ON THIS TRIP**

Blue-winged Macaw (Illiger's)	<i>Primolius maracana</i>	
Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>	
Golden Conure	<i>Guaruba guarouba</i>	
White-eyed Conure	<i>Psittacara leucophthalma</i>	
Golden-capped Conure	<i>Aratinga auricapillus</i>	
Peach-fronted Conure	<i>Eupsittula aurea</i>	
Maroon-bellied Conure	<i>Pyrrhura frontalis chiripepe</i>	
Blue-winged Parrotlet	<i>Forpus xanthopterygius</i>	
Brown-backed Parrotlet	<i>Touit melanonotus</i>	
Golden-tailed Parrotlet	<i>Touit surdus</i>	
Plain Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris tirica</i>	
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>	
Red-capped Parrot	<i>Pionopsitta pileata</i>	
Blue-bellied Parrot	<i>Triclaria malachitacea</i>	
Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>	
Mealy Amazon	<i>Amazona farinose farinosa</i>	
Red-spectacled Amazon	<i>Amazona pretei</i>	
Vinaceous Amazon	<i>Amazona vinacea</i>	
Red-tailed Amazon	<i>Amazona brasiliensis</i>	

