

-MB502 IGUAZU FALLS AND IBERA MARSHES-



<u>Day 1:</u> Transfer from the IGU airport to the hotel. Visit to the Hummingbird Gardens, a private garden with feeders where it is possible to see up to 7 different species of wild hummingbirds, such as Black Jacobin, Scale-throated Hermit, Violet-capped Woodnymph, etc. Birding in a reserve area, around the town.



<u>Day 2:</u> Full day birding tour: Early in the morning, when the National Park is still closed, we will visit the best birding areas in the Park, Some of them closed to the general visitor, in order to find local species of the Atlantic Forest, such as Surucua Trogon, Rufous-capped Motmot, Creamy-bellied Gnatcacher, White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Robust Woodpecker and Spot-backed Antshrike, among others. Afternoon: visit to the Argentinian side of the falls. Transfer to the hotel.



<u>Day 3:</u> Birding tour in a different area at the National Park trying to find other target birds, such as Tufted Antshrike, the little Ochre–collared Piculet woodpecker, Southern Antpipit, Blue Manakin, Chesnut-bellied Euphonia, Green-headed Tanager, etc. 11:30 hs. Return to the hotel.

<u>In the afternoon:</u> Birding along the route 101, good place to look for species associated with the bamboo forest as Yellow Tyrannulet, Chesnut-headed Tanager, Rufous Gnateater, etc



<u>Day 4:</u> Full day tour visiting the Urugua-i Provincial Park. This protected area is situated 100 km south and east from Puerto Iguazu but it is a pristine section of Planalto forest not to be missed for here we can find some birds extremely rare in Iguazu, such as Planalto Tapaculo, Grey-bellied Spinetail, Dusky-tailed Antbird, Large-tailed Antshrike, and Ochrefaced Tody-Flycatcher. Box lunch at the camping area. Transfer to San Pedro village, birding in the Araucaria Reserve, some target birds in this area Vinaceous-breasted Parrot, Araucaria Tit-Spintail. Night in San Pedro town

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<u>Day 5:</u> From San Pedro, full day visiting the Cruce Caballero Provincial Reserve. Some target birds, Helmeted Woodpecker, Greenish Tyrannulet. Night in San Pedro.



<u>Da 6:</u> transfer by 4WD (400 km) with a birding guide car to Carlos Pellegrini (lunch in route) to visit the Ibera Marshes. This site is a vast wetland of around 13,000 square kilometers, the second largest wetland in South America. It is renowned for its diversity of water birds such as the Jabiru stork, roseate spoonbill, plumbeous ibis, giant wood rail, black-and-white monjita, strange-tailed tyrant, white-headed marsh-tyrant, rusty-collared seedeater, Great pampa finch, scarlet-headed blackbird and white-browed blackbird among the 300 plus species that can be found there. Arrival in the evening and accommodation at one of the guest houses.



<u>Day 7:</u> Full day birdwatching (lunch included at the Inn). During the outings you will visit different habitats like grasslands, forests, and palms groves. Target birds: yellow cardinal, strange-tailed tyrant, marsh seedeater, scimitar-billed woodcreeper.



<u>Day 8</u>: AM half day birding tour with a birding guide (lunch included at the Inn). PM Boat trip to observe the local fauna: birds, reptiles (caymans) and mammals such as marsh deer, capybaras and otters



<u>Day 9:</u> AM Transfer to the Posadas airport (251 km) by 4 WD cars, to catch the airplane to Buenos Aires town.





